

## Pre-Health & Public Health: Opportunities for Engagement & Service

### Active Community Partners in the Fox Cities:

#### Appleton Housing Authority

The mission of the Appleton Housing Authority is to promote equal access to affordable housing that is decent, safe and sanitary to all citizens, especially low-income families, seniors and people with disabilities.

**Primary Point of Contact:** Kim Esselman; [KimE@appletonhousing.org](mailto:KimE@appletonhousing.org); 920-739-6811 x 108

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#### Ascension St. Elizabeth Hospital

Rooted in the loving ministry of Jesus as healer, we commit ourselves to serving all persons with a special attention to those who are poor and vulnerable. Our Catholic health ministry is dedicated to spiritually centered, holistic care which sustains and improves the health of individuals and communities.

**Primary Point of Contact:** <https://healthcare.ascension.org/locations/wisconsin/wiapa/appleton-ascension-ne-wisconsin-st-elizabeth-campus/volunteer-overview>

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#### Aurora Health Care

Our purpose is to help people live well. We are a not for profit, who opened its doors on Oct. 27th, 2003. Our philosophy is that everyone is a Caregiver and we focus on patient centered care. We offer a wide-range of opportunities for anyone age 15 and older. WE utilize volunteers as Lobby Ambassadors, Gift Shop, Pet Therapy, Spiritual Services, Office, ER Angels, Knitters Nook, Entertainers, and special events.

**Primary Point of Contact:** <https://www.aurorahealthcare.org/patients-visitors/volunteer/>

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#### B.A.B.E.S., Inc.

B.A.B.E.S., Inc. is committed to the prevention of child abuse and neglect by providing safe, no-cost respite care, educational support and services, and counseling to young families. B.A.B.E.S., Inc. exists to mitigate negative situations; to support young families. All programs and services are free.

**Primary Point of Contact:** <https://babeshelp.org/contact/>

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#### Brewster Village

Brewster Village provides short and long-term nursing home services to create person-directed, residential experiences that are designed to meet individuals' social and medical needs.

**Primary Point of Contact:** Lisa Pingel; [lisa.pingel@outagamie.org](mailto:lisa.pingel@outagamie.org); 920-832-5409

### Community Benefit Tree

Community Benefit Tree is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that empowers local families fighting with a medical debt by equipping them with the right tools such as financial assistance and guidance, fundraising planning, education and emotional support, along with resources.

**Primary Point of Contact:** Heidi Frederickson; [info@communitybenefittree.org](mailto:info@communitybenefittree.org); 920-422-1919

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### Community Blood Center

The CBC is about connecting lives and sharing life. As a local nonprofit, area hospitals rely on us to provide a safe and steady blood supply. And we rely on a community of volunteer blood donors to do so.

**Primary Point of Contact:** <https://www.communityblood.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

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### Community Child Care Center

For over 50 years, the CCCC has been teaching children and supporting families. We are located in the heart of Kimberly. We serve families looking for high-quality early childhood education, including families that are low-income and children that have special needs.

**Primary Point of Contact:** <https://communitychildcare.org/volunteer-at-cccc/>

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### Compassus (Hospice & Palliative Care)

At Compassus, our mission is to provide hospice care to terminally ill patients and their families with Compassion, Integrity, and Excellence.

**Primary Point of Contact:** <https://www.compassus.com/volunteers>

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### Covey

Covey provides resources that empower people with disabilities and their families. Through short-term care, social events, and skill-building programs, Covey helps adults move toward greater independence. We also provide the relief and ongoing support that caregivers need.

**Primary Point of Contact:** <https://covey.org/how-to-help/>

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### Fox Cities Victim Crisis Response Team

The Victim Crisis Response Team is a dedicated group of trained volunteers who assist local law enforcement agencies in responding to the immediate needs of victims and those in crisis. It is our goal to ensure that victims and witnesses of crime are treated with dignity, respect, fairness, compassion, courtesy, and sensitivity.

**Primary Point of Contact:** <https://victimcrisisresponse.org/volunteer-application/>

### Fox Valley Memory Project

Fox Valley Memory Project works to create dementia-friendly communities where the fear and isolation often associated with dementia are eased by connecting people with one another and with resources to live well with dementia.

**Primary Point of Contact:** <https://www.foxvalleymemoryproject.org/volunteering/>

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### Harbor House

Our mission is to empower communities to be free from domestic violence through safety, knowledge, and engagement.

**Primary Point of Contact:** Lara Reddin; [lara.reddin@harborhousewi.org](mailto:lara.reddin@harborhousewi.org); 920-832-1667

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### Make-A-Wish

Make-A-Wish Wisconsin is a 501(c)3 non-profit charitable organization. Make-A-Wish Wisconsin grants the wishes of children battling life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength, and joy.

**Primary Point of Contact:** <https://wish.org/volunteer>

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### NAMI

Our mission is to support and empower those affected by mental illness and the vision to live in a stigma-free community, and society, that supports and promotes mental health and recovery. Serving Calumet, Outagamie, Waupaca and northern Winnebago counties, NAMI Fox Valley works tirelessly to raise awareness and provide essential education, advocacy, outreach and support programs for people living with mental illness and their loved ones.

**Primary Point of Contact:** <https://www.namifoxvalley.org/volunteer/>

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### Outagamie County Nutrition Program

The Outagamie County Nutrition Program takes great strides in reducing malnutrition, food insecurity, and promoting the well-being of seniors. The Outagamie Nutrition Program offers midday Congregate and Home Delivered Meal Service to individuals 60 years and older, on a donation basis.

**Primary Point of Contact:**  
<https://www.outagamie.org/home/showpublisheddocument/84046/637660000589070000>

## Pillars

From homelessness to coming home, Pillars provides shelter, support, and solutions to address the housing needs in our community. Pillars has five locations throughout the Fox Valley and serves men, women, and children. Through its programming, Pillars provides over 48,000 nights of shelter and over 150 affordable homes in our community each year.

**Primary Point of Contact:** <https://pillarsinc.org/volunteer/>

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## Prevent Suicide Fox Cities

PSFC is a 501(c)3 nonprofit volunteer organization run by a governing 10-member board of directors. Our mission is to reduce suicide and its toll on survivors. WE work in three areas: prevention, intervention, and postvention.

**Primary Point of Contact:** Cindy Reffke; [cindy@preventsuicidefoxcities.org](mailto:cindy@preventsuicidefoxcities.org); 920-996-0563

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## Reach Counseling Services

Reach Counseling provides mental health care committed to the understanding of and response to emotional, sexual and physical abuse. Since 1976, Reach has worked to heal lives of abuse victims and hold perpetrators accountable through innovative programs in education and outreach, victim advocacy, outpatient therapy, counseling and sex offender treatment.

**Primary Point of Contact:** Alexandria Black; 920-722-8150

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## Salvation Army

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to meet human needs in His Name without discrimination.

**Primary Point of Contact:** Allie Oravec; [Allison\\_oravec@usc.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Allison_oravec@usc.salvationarmy.org); 920-955-1230;  
<https://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/foxcities/volunteer/>

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## SOAR Fox Cities

SOAR Fox Cities empowers youth and adults with differing abilities through social, recreational, and educational programs, advocacy and support groups, camps, family programs, community education, and Special Olympics. We provide programming for over 1,000 individuals with developmental disabilities.

**Primary Point of Contact:** <https://soarfoxcities.com/volunteer/>

### ThedaCare (Appleton)

ThedaCare's mission is to improve the health of the communities we serve. Our vision is to deliver peace of mind for all we serve. To leave no doubt... whenever someone has the anxiety of thinking they or a loved one may have a serious illness, ThedaCare is the name they trust.

**Primary Point of Contact:** <https://thedacare.org/about-us/volunteers/>

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### ThedaCare Cherry Meadows Hospice (Appleton)

Cherry Meadows is a 10-bed inpatient hospice unit. Volunteers who work at Cherry Meadows have the benefit of working alongside ThedaCare staff, whereas other volunteers often sit with patients in their own homes without anyone else present. In the past, students have completed an abbreviated orientation, rather than the 12 hour full training provided long-term volunteers.

**Primary Point of Contact:** Jane Shea, jane.shea@thedacare.org

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### YMCA

The Y is a nonprofit organization, offering health, hope and opportunity. For over 130 years, the YMCA of the Fox Cities has been a unifying force in the Fox Valley. The Y links individuals from diverse social and economic backgrounds with an inclusive, collaborative spirit, guided by Christian principles. The Y positively impacts the quality of life for more than 69,000 people each year, giving children skills and values which protect the integrity of family life and neighborhoods.

**Primary Point of Contact:** <https://www.ymcafoxcities.org/volunteer-opportunities>