



## 2017 Sioux Empire Holiday Volunteer Guide

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### Active Generations - Deck the Halls Volunteers

2300 W. 46th Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57105-6528

Website: <http://actgen.org/>

Date(s): Monday, November 27 - Thursday, November 30, 2017

Time(s): 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Description: Groups can adopt a room at Active Generations to decorate for the holidays.

Main Contact: Jenny Centra, Activity Director, [jcentra@activegen.org](mailto:jcentra@activegen.org), (605) 336-6722

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### Active Generations - Tree of Love Helpers

2300 W. 46th Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57105-6528

Website: <http://actgen.org/>

Ornaments need to be made/returned by: Monday, November 20, 2017

Trees are up: Wednesday, November 22 - Tuesday, December 12, 2017

Description: Each year, Trees of Love are decorated with ornaments which describe a requested gift that will be given to a resident at a local nursing home. Volunteers are needed to help make the ornaments.

Main Contact: Jenny Centra, Activity Director, [jcentra@activegen.org](mailto:jcentra@activegen.org), (605) 336-6722

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### Arthritis Foundation - Jingle Bell Run

Mailing Address: PO Box 90445, Sioux Falls, SD 57109

Website: [www.arthritis.org](http://www.arthritis.org)

Date(s): Saturday, November 25, 2017

Time(s): Registration starts at 8:00am with Race at 9:00am

Description: Volunteers will stand along to 5K route to help guide the runners/walkers and be available to call one of the coordinators if a runner/walker needs help.

Main Contact: Darci Hustrulid, Executive Director, [dhustrulid@arthritis.org](mailto:dhustrulid@arthritis.org), (605) 201-7973

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### Augustana Lutheran Church - Thanksgiving Meal Volunteers

235 N. Prairie Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Date(s): Sunday, November 12, 2017

Time(s): Meal served 11:30am - 1:30pm

Phone Number: (605) 338-1672

Description: Volunteers needed to before, during, and after the Thanksgiving meal.

Main Contact: [alcsf@augustanasioxfalls.com](mailto:alcsf@augustanasioxfalls.com)

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### The Banquet - Run for Food

900 E. 8th Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57103

Date: Thursday, November 23, 2017, Thanksgiving Day

Time(s): Route Volunteers - arrive at 7:15am and done at 9:15am

Time(s): Parking Volunteers - arrive at 7:15am and done at 8:15am

Phone Number: (605) 335-7066

Description: The Run for Food event on Thanksgiving Day that benefits The Banquet. 15 volunteers needed to help along the route and 10 volunteers are needed to help with parking. Volunteers should park in the north lot and enter through the north volunteer entrance. Sign in and receive a yellow volunteer vest. Instructions of where to stand along the route or in the parking lots will be given at that time.

Main Contact: Madeline Shields, Development & Marketing Director, [madeline@thebanquetsf.org](mailto:madeline@thebanquetsf.org)

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### The Banquet - Thanksgiving Meal Volunteers

900 E. 8th Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57103

Hours of Operation: Date(s): Thursday, November 23, 2017

Time(s): 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Description: Volunteers needed to help serve the Thanksgiving meal.

Eligibility: Individuals or Groups. Minimum age: 13

Main Contact: Dakotah, Volunteer Recruitment Coordinator, [dakotah@thebanquetsf.org](mailto:dakotah@thebanquetsf.org), (605) 335-7066

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### The Banquet - Christmas Meal Volunteers

900 E. 8th Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57103

Hours of Operation: Date(s): TBD

Time(s): TBD

Description: Volunteers needed to help serve the Christmas meal.

Eligibility: Individuals or Groups. Minimum age: 13

Main Contact: Dakotah, Volunteer Recruitment Coordinator, [dakotah@thebanquetsf.org](mailto:dakotah@thebanquetsf.org), (605) 335-7066

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### Bowden Youth Center - Thanksgiving Meal Volunteers

430 W. 11th Street, Bowden Youth Center Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Date(s): Friday November 17, 2017

Time(s): Help needed 4:00pm - 7:00pm

Phone Number: (605) 444-6330

Description: Volunteers needed to help serve the Thanksgiving meal.

Eligibility: Individuals and Groups.

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### Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sioux Empire - Holiday Helpers

700 South Sneve Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57103

Phone Number: (605) 338-8061

Description: Volunteer as Santa or an elf and stop by to read, help create holiday crafts with our kids and more.

Main Contact: Allene Flora, [aflora@bgcsiouxempire.org](mailto:aflora@bgcsiouxempire.org)

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### Bright Start - Christmas Party

Date(s): Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Time(s): 4:30pm - 7:30pm Sign-up deadline: Monday, November 27, 2017

Phone Number: (605) 274-0233

Description: Volunteers needed to help at the Bright Start Christmas party. Roughly 4 - 6 volunteers will help with serving the meal provided, assisting with games with the children, and helping with pictures with Santa.

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Eligibility: Individuals and small groups welcome. Minimum age: 12 years old.

Main Contact: Kathy Schneider, RN [kathy.schneider@chssd.org](mailto:kathy.schneider@chssd.org)

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### Center of Hope and Community Outreach - Sharing Christmas Volunteers

Hours of Operation: See description

Phone Number: (605) 334-9789 Center of Hope

Description: Sharing Christmas matches families who need help at the holidays with individuals or businesses who are willing to help. Volunteer a couple of hours of your time and to have fun and help with these important volunteer opportunities:

- Data entry - collecting and entering donor and recipient applications into database  
Volunteer for at least 1 hour shifts between 9:00am - 9:00pm, October 15 - November 22, 2017
- Gift distribution help - 7:30am - 6:00pm, Thursday, December 7; 8:00am - 6:00pm, Friday, December 8;  
9:00am - 11:30am, Saturday, December 9
- Help with phone - make phone calls to families to help with applications and/or help with mailings  
6:00pm - 7:00pm, Thursday, December 7; 5:00pm - 6:00pm, Friday, December 8

Eligibility: Individuals or small groups welcome. Minimum age: 14-16 year olds must be with adult supervision

Main Contact: Randi Helder [randi@centerofhopesf.org](mailto:randi@centerofhopesf.org) or Peter Nord [peter@thecommunityoutreach.org](mailto:peter@thecommunityoutreach.org)

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### Children's Inn - Gift Wrap Booth at the Empire Mall

5000 W. Empire Mall, Sioux Falls, SD 57106

Mailing Address: 409 N. Western Avenue, Children's Inn Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Date(s): Friday, December 1 - December 24, 2017

Time(s): During Mall hours

Phone Number: (605) 338-0116

Description: Volunteers use the supplies provided to wrap gifts for mall-goers who then give a suggested donation to support the work of Children's Inn. Volunteers are asked to sign up for a minimum of a 2 hour shift.

Eligibility: Individuals or groups welcome. Minimum age: 16 (under 18 should have adult supervision)

Main Contact: Melissa Jenkins, Volunteer Coordinator, [melissa.jenkins@chssd.org](mailto:melissa.jenkins@chssd.org)

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### Downtown Sioux Falls - Parade of Lights Helpers

Date(s): Friday, November 24, 2017

Time(s): 8:15pm - 10:00pm

Phone Number: (605) 338-4009, Ext. 11 Main Phone

Description: A group of 8 to 15 is needed to clean up after the Parade of Lights. Families will gather to view a dazzling lighted holiday parade along Phillips Avenue from 14th to 5th Street. The cleanup group will throw away cups or other litter left behind.

Main Contact: Steven Dahlmeier, [steven@dtsf.com](mailto:steven@dtsf.com)

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### Good Samaritan Society - Christmas Decorating Volunteers

Good Samaritan Society locations: Luther Manor, Sioux Falls Village, Sioux Falls Center, and Prairie Creek

Website: [www.good-sam.com/siouxfalls](http://www.good-sam.com/siouxfalls)

Date(s): Starting November 27, 2017

Phone Number: (605) 929-1242

Description: Help residents get in the spirit of Christmas by decking the halls and Christmas trees in skilled nursing and senior living centers. Adult groups and individuals are welcome!

Main Contact: Tiffany Geveshausen, Community Relations Director, [tgevesha@good-sam.com](mailto:tgevesha@good-sam.com)

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### Goodwill of the Great Plains - Set up for Sioux Falls Shoe and Mitten Party

Mailing Address: 3400 S. Norton Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57106

Date: Friday, December 15, 2017

Time: Shifts available between 9:00am - 7:00pm

Phone Number: (877) 608-7775

Description: Volunteers are needed to help set up for the party so it is ready for the children the following day.

Eligibility: Individuals or groups. Minimum age: 14

Email: [marketing@goodwillgreatplains.org](mailto:marketing@goodwillgreatplains.org)

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### Goodwill of the Great Plains - Shoe and Mitten Party Volunteers

Date: Saturday, December 16, 2017

Time: 9:30am - 3:00pm

Deadline to sign up: Friday, December 8, 2017

Phone Number: (877) 608-7775

Description: Volunteers are needed to help guide children through the party and/or hand out the items they will be receiving. This day is often one of the children's most special times during the Christmas Season. Up to 1,000 children will benefit from this special event.

Eligibility: Individuals or groups. Minimum age: 14

Email: [marketing@goodwillgreatplains.org](mailto:marketing@goodwillgreatplains.org)

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### Great Plains Zoo - Breakfast with Santa

Date: Saturday, December 2, 2017

Time: 10:00am - 1:00pm

Phone Number: (605) 367-8381

Description: Kids of all ages come to the Zoo to see Mr. and Mrs. Claus. There will be crafts for the kids to do. Volunteers are needed to help with this special event.

Eligibility: Individuals or groups. Minimum age: 13

Main Contact: Brittany Bandstra [bbandstra@gpzoo.org](mailto:bbandstra@gpzoo.org)

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### LifeScape - Concert Ushers

Date(s): Sunday, December 17, 2017

Time(s): 3:00pm - 6:00pm Sign-up deadline: Monday, December 4, 2017

Description: Ushers look professional as they escort guests to their seats. Be ready to share your shining personality as you greet and seat guests for concert.

Eligibility: Individuals or groups. Minimum age: 14 (younger volunteers may be accepted with parental guidance)

Main Contact: Becky Sluiter [rebecca.sluiter@lifescapesd.org](mailto:rebecca.sluiter@lifescapesd.org), (605) 444-9621

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### LifeScape - Strong Volunteers Needed for Holiday Concert

Orpheum Theatre - 315 N. Phillips Avenue, Sioux Falls

Date of Holiday Jam Fundraiser: Sunday, December 17, 2017

2 volunteer times required: Morning time TBA and tear down time 7:30pm

Description: 6-8 strong volunteers needed to lift 30+lbs of stage equipment to prepare for LifeScape's Holiday Jam Fundraiser Concert held at the Sioux Falls Orpheum. Volunteers are needed for two separate time frames. Volunteers will help carry and lift stage equipment to stage in the morning and then remove stage equipment after 7:30pm. Volunteers help to keep costs low for this fundraiser to continue to support children and adults with disabilities supported by LifeScape to achieve their goals and dreams!

Eligibility: Individuals or groups; must be able to lift and carry 30+lbs safely.

Main Contact: Becky Sluiter, Volunteer Coordinator, [rebecca.sluiter@lifescapesd.org](mailto:rebecca.sluiter@lifescapesd.org), (605) 444-9621

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### Memorial Lutheran Church - Thanksgiving Dinner Volunteers

5000 S. Western Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57108

Website: [www.memoriallutheran.net](http://www.memoriallutheran.net)

Date(s): November 22 and 23, 2017

Time(s): Early morning to afternoon hours

Description: Volunteers needed for set up, serving, and cleaning the Thanksgiving meal.

Main Contact: Aaron Asmus, Pastor - [info@memoriallutheran.net](mailto:info@memoriallutheran.net) or (605) 334-7133

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### FILLED - Museum of Visual Materials - Kids Holiday Party

500 N. Main Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Date: Thursday, December 14, 2017 **VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION IS CLOSED.**

Pizza and volunteer registration: 5:00pm - 5:30pm Event Time: 5:30pm - 7:00pm Clean up: 7:00pm - 7:30pm

Description: Help spread some holiday cheer to the community with special crafts, games and photos with Santa. Volunteers are needed to help with various craft stations, monitor games, help with Santa photo line.

Eligibility: Individual volunteers, families or small groups welcomed. Minimum age: 14 years old.

Main Contact: Miranda Ochocki [miranda@sfmvm.com](mailto:miranda@sfmvm.com), (605) 271-9500

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### New Directions Down Syndrome Association - Christmas Party Volunteers

Brandon Valley Assembly of God - 201 S. Sioux Blvd, Brandon, SD 57005

Date(s): Saturday, December 2, 2017

Time(s): 10:30am - 2:00pm

Description: Volunteers are needed to help with various activities at the annual Christmas Party. There will be a photo booth, sugar cookie decorating, Christmas tree ornament making. Volunteers will also help with set up and tear down.

Main Contact: Kylie Hodge [kyliehodge1005@gmail.com](mailto:kyliehodge1005@gmail.com), (605) 770-0071

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### Project Warm Up - Volunteers

1510 S. Lake Avenue, Sonia Sotomayor Elementary School Sioux Falls, SD

Website: <http://www.projectwarmup.org/>

Date(s): Saturday, December 9, 2017

Time(s): 10:00am - 3:00pm

Sign-up deadline: No need to sign up. Just show up on the day of the event or host a blanket making party of your own and drop the blankets off at Sonia Sotomayor Elementary when complete.

Description: Project Warm-Up began making blankets for local homeless children in 2006. Since that time, over 18,000 blankets have been given to children who were homeless, in foster care, lost their homes due to fire/flood/tornado, dealing with the loss of a parent, fighting serious illnesses and more. Come and join the biggest blanket making party ever! Make a tie-blanket and help provide students in need with a warm fleece blanket to have as their very own. Or, host a blanket making party yourself. Gather friends, co-workers, club, team, and/or youth group!

Eligibility: Individuals or Groups. No minimum or maximum age to volunteer. There is something for everyone to do to help!

Main Contact: Tracy Vik Organizer, [tracy.vik@k12.sd.us](mailto:tracy.vik@k12.sd.us), (605) 367-4655

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### Salvation Army Sioux Falls - Angel Tree

Empire Mall, Sioux Falls, SD 57106

Date(s): Friday, November 24 - Sunday, December 24, 2017

Time(s): During Mall hours

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Description: The Angel tree is located in the Empire Mall, by Macy's. Volunteers are needed to man the Angel Tree table, greet donors, answer questions, hand out Angel Tree gift suggestion sheets and monitor the gift donations. The Salvation Army is required to have someone at the table from the time the mall opens until it closes each day. At least a two hour time commitment is required. This is a great small group activity. Larger groups could sponsor a whole day.

Main Contact: Emily Wehde, [Emily\\_Wehde@usc.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Emily_Wehde@usc.salvationarmy.org), (605) 338-6649

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### Salvation Army Sioux Falls - Angel Tree Toy Pick Up Driver

Empire Mall, Sioux Falls, SD 57106

Date(s): Friday, November 24 - Sunday, December 24, 2017

Time(s): During Mall hours

Description: The Salvation Army is in need of a volunteer or volunteers to assist with the pick-up of Angel Tree gifts from the Empire Mall and deliver them to the warehouse site. The Salvation Army Angel Tree starts the day after Thanksgiving and runs until Christmas Eve. The Salvation Army is required to pick up donated gifts on a daily basis from the Empire Mall. It would be ideal to have a team of volunteers who could assist with this daily task so that each person is only responsible for one pick up day a week. Due to the high volume of activities taking place at The Salvation Army during the holiday season, partners are needed to assist with this vital task.

Eligibility: Individuals with valid driver's license.

Main Contact: Marcie Priestley, [Marcie\\_Priestley@USC.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Marcie_Priestley@USC.salvationarmy.org), (605) 338-6649

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### Salvation Army Sioux Falls - Christmas Basket/Toy Town

First United Methodist Church - 401 S Spring Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Date(s): December 19 - December 20, 2017

Time(s): TBD

Description: The Salvation Army annual Christmas Basket/Toy Town Distribution will take place at First UMC. Volunteers are needed to assist individuals in taking their Christmas food and gifts items for their children to their vehicles.

Main Contact: Marcie Priestley, [Marcie\\_Priestley@USC.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Marcie_Priestley@USC.salvationarmy.org), (605) 338-6649

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### Salvation Army Sioux Falls - Christmas Basket/Toy Town Interviews

The Salvation Army Family Services - 900 N. Cliff Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57103

Date(s): November 27 - December 2, 2017

Time(s): Monday - Friday - 9:30am - 12:00pm, 1:00pm - 4:00pm, 6:00pm - 8:00pm.  
Saturday - 9:00am - 12:00pm.

Description: The Salvation Army annual Christmas Basket and Toy Town provides gifts and food for individuals, families, and seniors. Volunteers are needed to assist with client interviews and scheduling. Volunteers are asked to sign up for at least one shift; multiple shifts are appreciated. This is a great volunteer opportunity for a small group or team experience. 2 schedulers and 5 interviewers are needed for each shift.

Main Contact: Roger Priestley, [roger\\_priestley@usc.salvationarmy.org](mailto:roger_priestley@usc.salvationarmy.org), (605) 338-6649

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### Salvation Army Sioux Falls - Night at the Stampede

Denny Sanford Premier Center - 1201 West Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Date(s): Saturday, December 16, 2017

Time(s): Game starts at 7:05pm - doors open at 6:00pm

Description: There will be a special Sioux Falls Stampede Jersey Auction to benefit the Salvation Army. The players will wear specially designed Ugly Sweater that will be auctioned off during the game. All proceeds will benefit The Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign. Volunteers are also needed to ring a bell within the Denny Sanford Premier Center during this game, assist with the gift give a way as fans enter the game and help at the Chuck a Puck table during the first two periods of the game.

Main Contact: Marcie Priestley, [Marcie\\_Priestley@USC.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Marcie_Priestley@USC.salvationarmy.org), (605) 338-6649

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### Salvation Army Sioux Falls - Red Kettle Campaign Volunteers

Date(s): Campaign begins Friday, November 10 and runs until Saturday, December 23, 2017.

Time(s): Various times available

Description: During the holiday season, help the Salvation Army raise money for the people they serve. Volunteer as a bell ringer at shopping locations in Sioux Falls. Volunteers are asked to commit to a 2 hour time frame.

Main Contact: Marcie Priestley, [Marcie\\_Priestley@USC.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Marcie_Priestley@USC.salvationarmy.org), (605) 338-6649

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### Salvation Army Sioux Falls - Sallie's Table Christmas Eve Dinner

The Salvation Army - 800 N. Cliff Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57103

Date(s): Sunday, December 24, 2017

Time(s): 2:00pm - 4:45pm and 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Description: Meal is served from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. Volunteers needed from 2:00 pm to 4:45 pm for meal preparation. From 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm for meal service. And from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm for meal clean up.

Eligibility: Individuals and Groups. Children may volunteer with a parent.

Main Contact: Marcie Priestley, [Marcie\\_Priestley@USC.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Marcie_Priestley@USC.salvationarmy.org), (605) 338-6649

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### Sioux Falls Cares – Deliver Gifts

EXPO Building at the W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds - 100 N Lyon Blvd, Sioux Falls, SD 57107

Dates: Wednesday, December 6 and Thursday, December 7, 2017.

Description: Volunteers are needed to help deliver gifts. You will transport items that can be heavy and/or bulky. Included in the boxes will be food, toys, and clothing. Each volunteer can make anywhere from 1 to 4 deliveries a night. All deliveries require a minimum of 2 people.

Main Contact: Joan Millage, (605) 679-0164, [info@siouxfallscares.org](mailto:info@siouxfallscares.org), Website: [siouxfallscares.org](http://siouxfallscares.org)

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### Toys for Tots - Behind the Scenes

Website: [www.siuox-falls-sd.toysfortots.org](http://www.siuox-falls-sd.toysfortots.org)

Dates: December 9 and 10, 2017 from 8am to 8pm

Description: There are a variety of behind the scenes projects that could be done to support Toys for Tots.

Main Contact: Melissa Jungemann, Coordinator, [siouxfallstoysfortots@yahoo.com](mailto:siouxfallstoysfortots@yahoo.com)

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### Toys for Tots - Distribution Volunteers

Website: [www.siuox-falls-sd.toysfortots.org](http://www.siuox-falls-sd.toysfortots.org)

Dates: December 16 and 17, 2017 from 8am to 8pm

Description: Help distribute gifts to area children and their families.

Main Contact: Melissa Jungemann, Coordinator, [siouxfallstoysfortots@yahoo.com](mailto:siouxfallstoysfortots@yahoo.com)

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### Union Gospel Mission - Christmas Meal Volunteers

220 N. Weber Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57103

Date(s): Monday, December 25, 2017

Time(s): Doors open at 11:30am, meal served at 12:00pm

Phone Number: (605) 334-6732 Ask for Rory

Description: Volunteers needed to help serve the Christmas meal.

Main Contact: Rory

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### Union Gospel Mission - Thanksgiving Meal Volunteers

220 N. Weber Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57103

Date(s): Volunteers needed November 23 and 24, 2017

Time(s): Early morning to afternoon hours

Phone Number: (605) 334-6732 Ask for Rory

Description: Volunteers needed to help set up, serve, and clean for the Thanksgiving meal.

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### Volunteers of America, Dakotas - Christmas Spirit Tree Helpers

1309 W. 51st Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57105

Website: [www.voa-dakotas.org](http://www.voa-dakotas.org)

Deadline for helping with tags: Monday, November 13, 2017

Deadline for picking up gifts: Monday, December 18, 2017

Phone Number: (605) 444-6317

Description: Volunteers of America's Christmas Spirit Trees are placed around the community to provide the opportunity for people to donate items to be given to VOA program participants. Volunteer help is needed with tag preparation, which includes tying ribbons on tags (in order to hang them on trees) and putting mailing labels with specific wishes, names, etc. on each tag. Also, looking for a couple of volunteers interested in picking up gifts at retail locations.

Main Contact: Meg Hentges, [m.hentges@voa-dakotas.org](mailto:m.hentges@voa-dakotas.org), (605) 480-2147

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