



Happy New Year!

I hope that everyone is well rested from the Holiday Break, I know I am!

This last December we had elves running amok throughout the city delivering goodies and some keeping things together in the office. 12 Days of Cheer and Adopt-a-Family deliveries were a massive success this year. We spread joy to over 60 families through the holiday season thanks to the family sponsors and our volunteer drivers.

A story from this season that I wanted to share: Christina and I were discussing who we could pull for a delivery to a family that lives in Pahrump when we happened to overhear the group volunteering in the office talking. They were a team that worked from home and one of them had driven an hour to get here from Pahrump. It was a match made in heaven! The family lived just down the street from our volunteer. When the group left for the day, we packed up her car with presents and a successful delivery was made!

As we are rounding out the year, please make sure that your hours in the Volgistics Volunteer Portal are accurate. I have input all volunteer hours I have record of. Please post your hours or email me to update them no later than the 10th. During the month of January, we will be conducting a clean-up of the Volunteer Database so that it reflects Candlelighters core volunteer force, more details below.

Who's Who from 2022?

I wanted to take a moment to highlight a handful of really wonderful volunteers! These volunteers have spent upwards of 40 hours in the service of our Candlelighters families this year.

- Ellen B. (92.42 hours)
- Robin F. (43.65 hours)
- Jacqueline G. (79 hours)
- Jeff H. (84 hours)
- Eric L. (46.83 hours)
- Rhona M. (60.8 hours)
- Blake Q. (49.2 hours)
- Kenny R. (89 hours)
- Emilio R. (181.5 hours - he's our rockstar intern from Cristo Rey!)

Thank you all for your dedication to our kids and their families!

▼ Let's take a look at what January has in store! ▼



Window Decoration Cleaning

1st or 2nd Week of January availability

We love what Credit One did to our windows and we cannot wait to see what the next group has in store! We do need someone to come in and clean off the Holiday paint so we can make room for the next designs. Please email the Volunteer Manager if you are available during the week (Monday through Friday during business hours). Feel free to bring friends!

[Email the Volunteer Manager](#)

Volunteer Task Force (Camp Focused)

Meeting Availability TBD

I am looking to start a volunteer task force whose main mission will be to plan and execute the strategic recruitment, interviewing, and onboarding of potential Camp Firefly Counselors, Utilities Specialists, Activities Specialists, and other important camp volunteers. Prior experience with Camp will be beneficial, but definitely not required!

Volunteers must be able to:

- Meet either bi-weekly or monthly (TBD) with the task force either virtually or in person.
- Execute duties that might fall under recruitment & public speaking, event planning & logistics, volunteer interviewing & onboarding.

Please take the Volunteer Task Force Survey if you are interested in helping!

[Volunteer Task Force Survey](#)

Flexible Opportunities

Hospital Goodie Bags:

Being admitted into the hospital is never fun. Help our kiddos pass the time by creating different themed goodie bags that we deliver to the hospital during our Family Services visits! Bags must follow the chosen theme and be dropped off at the office by the specified date.

Please note that rather than being scheduled on the 15th and 30th of every month, we have switched the dates to the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month.

- **January (2nd Wed of the month):** To the Future! (Sci-Fi)
- **January (4th Wed of the month):** The Sound of Music (Natl. Kazoo Day is Jan 28)
- February (2nd Wed): Lovely!

Birthday Card Club

This is one of our popular monthly positions. You can pick up cards from our office, write birthday messages, attach labels and then return them to our office for shipping. Sign up on the portal, but if you do not see an orange help wanted flag, it generally means the position has been filled.

Angel Cards

We also celebrate the lives of our angel children by sending a card to their family during their birthday month. Like the birthday club, these can be picked up from the office, completed at home at returned. Sign up available on the portal.

[Volunteer Portal](#)

Volunteer Database Cleanup Criteria

Since Volgistics has been implemented, it has been used in a variety of ways. In order to utilize our database effectively, we will be conducting a cleanup during the month of January.

The following volunteers will receive an email survey asking if they plan on continuing as a Recurring and Long-Term volunteer in our database and must respond by January 31:

- Volunteers that have no hours recorded in 2022.
- Volunteers that have no activity recorded in Volgistics since December 31, 2021.

Volunteers who meet the criteria will be sent an email survey to determine if they would like to be kept in the Volunteer Database. **Action must be taken by January 31.**



Quote of the Month:

"Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right."

- Oprah Winfrey

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