

AGENCY SITES

The following is a list of agencies that have requested volunteers. You are not limited to this list, but can choose another agency of your choice with approval of the instructor. For more information, visit the Delta State University Volunteer Center located in the Delta Center, Ewing 130. 846-4702.

- After School Programs at Elementary Schools and Head Start
- Cleveland Health and Rehab
- Bolivar County Library
- Bolivar County Literacy Council
- Bolivar Health & Rehabilitation Center
- Bolivar Medical Center & Long Term Care Facility
- Mississippi Reads Tutoring Program
- Cleveland Public Schools
- Community Mental Health
- CAP Community Service Center
- Council on Aging
- DSU Day Care Center
- DSU Academic Support Lab
- Department of Human Services (Social Services & Child Support)
- CAP Energy Crisis (Weatherization)
- Habitat for Humanity
- Head Start
- Helping Hands, Inc.
- Community Hospice
- Destiny Hospice
- Mississippi Delta Community College (Displaced Homemakers Program)
- Public Health Department
- Southern Christian Services for Children and Youth
(tutoring program at Greenville residential program)
- Shelby Public Schools
- Cleveland Personal Care Community
- West Bolivar Christian Youth Center (Rosedale)
- West Bolivar Middle School

DELTA VOLUNTEERS

Delta Volunteers functions as a clearinghouse for Delta State University students working as volunteers in local human service agencies and projects. Funded by the United Way of Cleveland/Bolivar County, Delta Volunteers is coordinated through the Department of Social Work. The mission of Delta Volunteers is to support volunteer projects and volunteer service in agencies that address poverty-related issues, promote positive social change, and develop cross-cultural understanding. While empowering both students and community members to take action, service projects educate volunteers about pressing social issues. These projects develop a sense of civic responsibility in the participants and strengthening ties between the university and the community.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

(partial listing)

Help for the Poor and in Emergency Situations

Bolivar County Community Action Program

Community Service Center

Assist staff with clerical work, help interview clients, work with food pantry and clothing distribution. Visit senior adults with the Senior Companion Program, work with issuing senior citizen discount cards.

Department of Human Services (Cleveland, Rosedale, elsewhere)

Assist social workers with protective services, clerical work, transporting Medicaid-eligible clients to medical services, completing applications for emergency needs, working with foster children, working with commodity food distribution.

Energy Crisis Assistance Center

The Center administers a Weatherization program throughout Bolivar County, assisting the disabled and those over 60 to make needed improvements to increase the energy efficiency of their homes. Volunteers may assist in surveying houses for weatherization repairs, posting lists of materials required, and inspecting completed repairs.

The Center also has a Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) program. Volunteers are needed here to answer the telephone, do clerical work and deal with clients.

Helping Hands

A joint ministry of 18 area churches, Helping Hands provides food, used clothing, and some monetary aid to those in need of emergency assistance. Volunteers are needed to work in interviewing clients, work in the clothes closet, do clerical work and to become involved in special projects.

Children

Cleveland School District

Assist teachers, engage in individual tutoring, participate in Mentoring Program, or after-school programs

Delta State University Day Care Center

Assist with childcare and recreational and educational activities

Department of Human Services (Child Support Division)

Assist with clerical work – typing, filing, and answering telephone

Senior Citizens

Bolivar County Community Action Program

Community Service Center

Visit senior adults with the Senior Companion Program, work with issuing senior citizen discount cards

Council on Aging

Assist at nutrition sites in Cleveland, Mound Bayou, Rosedale, Shelby, or Winstonville. Help deliver home-delivered meals. Lead activities at the nutrition sites. Visit senior citizens.

Bolivar Medical Center Long Term Care Facility

Visit residents, assist in activities.

Cleveland Nursing and Rehab

Visit residents, assist in activities.

Bolivar Health & Rehabilitation Center

Visit residents, assist in activities.

Health Care

Bolivar Medical Center

Work with the Hospital Volunteer Auxiliary, work with the book cart, assist patients in completing menus, assist in operating the information booth, assist in activities for children being treated in Pediatrics, assist in special projects (such as cholesterol screenings and health fairs), assist in surveys, etc., with the Marketing Department, work in any department in which the volunteer is interested.

Public Health Department

Do clerical work; assist in clinics and with home visiting.

Mental Health

Delta Community Mental Health Services (Cleveland, Greenville)

Assist in activities with patients in the chronically-mentally-ill day care program, work with Delta House (developmentally delayed children).

Housing

Habitat for Humanity

Work on home construction or renovation. Assist with clerical tasks and publicity.

Literacy and Adult Education

Bolivar County Literacy Council

Assist with record-keeping, clerical work, the newsletter, event planning, after school tutoring, and reading to Head Start children.

Mississippi Delta Community College (Displaced Homemakers Program)

Tutor women studying basic skills to for GED preparation.

Library Services

Bolivar County Library

Assist with shelving books, book mending, clerical work. Experienced volunteers will receive training in operating circulation computers.

Delta Volunteers

The student, in cooperation with Delta Volunteers staff, may develop other opportunities. The Delta Volunteers office is located in Ewing 130. Many community-wide projects in which students can participate are sponsored through the Volunteer Center.

