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## Volunteer Opportunities

### Administration

Provide general support for staff, such as answering calls, providing referrals and documenting information, as well as filing, writing thank-you notes and sorting, arranging and bagging food for clients.

### Food Drive Coordinator

Initiate, organize and manage a food drive for the food pantry.

### Facility Support

Sort donations of food and other items and transport donations to/from Greer Relief and client homes. May perform general maintenance, such as yard work and minor home repairs.

### Special Events

Provide assistance for special events/fundraisers. Duties may vary.

### Group Opportunities

We often have group opportunities available, such as landscaping, cleanup and organizing.

**Age Requirement:** To work alone, volunteers must be over 16 years old. Those 16 and under must be supervised by an authorized adult volunteer.

Contact:

Michelle Biron, Program Associate, at  
(864) 848-5355 or [volunteer@greerrelief.org](mailto:volunteer@greerrelief.org)

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## Special Event Programs

Greer Relief holds special events and programs throughout the year, including an Annual Gala, Golf Tournament and other holiday programs.

### Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

This national program provides free tax return preparation and filing to clients with low to moderate incomes. The program runs from February through April.

### Easter Basket "Be A Bunny"

Greer Relief offers special assistance, services and events during Easter to make the celebration more enjoyable for clients and their families.

### School Supply Giveaway

This program provides essential educational supplies at no cost for students whose families cannot afford to purchase them.

### Thanksgiving Meal

Greer Relief provides a Thanksgiving meal for low-income and homeless individuals who might otherwise have no opportunity to celebrate the holiday.

### Christmas Programs

The Christmas Adopt-A-Family program matches people who want to provide personalized assistance (gifts, food basket, etc.) with a client or family who might otherwise be unable to celebrate. In addition, the "Spirit of Christmas" party is hosted for children ages 1-12.



# GREER RELIEF

EVERY NEIGHBOR MATTERS

*Serving residents of Greer, Taylors, Duncan,  
Lyman and Wellford*

Greer Relief was organized in the early 1930s to help neighbors in crisis during the Great Depression. It was officially chartered in May 1936 by a group of caring and concerned citizens, city officials and business people to continue to meet neighbors' needs during difficult times. The agency's mission is to serve the community by preventing hunger and homelessness in the Greater Greer area. Greer Relief receives funding from the United Way of Greenville County, United Way of the Piedmont, FEMA, CPW, Duke Energy and the community.



### Client Services Available:

**Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.**

**Monday, Tuesday and Thursday  
from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Located in the J. Verne Smith Center  
202 Victoria Street • Greer, SC 29652  
P (864) 848-5355 • F (864) 801-2014  
[info@geerrelief.org](mailto:info@geerrelief.org)**

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## Emergency Assistance Programs & Resources

### Emergency Assistance

Greer Relief's Emergency Assistance program provides immediate, short-term assistance to individuals in crisis. The program evaluates the individual's or family's need for assistance on a case-by-case basis for rent/mortgage, heat/utilities and pre-scripted medications. Non-perishable food and household items may be available as donated.

A Case Manager is assigned to clients to provide them with individual attention and match them with additional resources and agencies that can further assist them.

### Case Management

The Case Management program assesses client's needs, coordinates services and, as possible, follows up with client to determine whether services are having a beneficial impact.

#### *What is Emergency Assistance?*

Emergency assistance helps people who are experiencing sudden and unexpected problems with life's basic needs.

### Food Pantry Box and Voucher

Greer Relief acquires food products through donations, canned food drives, food bank programs or direct purchase and distributes to clients in emergency situations. Food vouchers for perishable items are given as available.



### Referrals

The Referral program links clients who need assistance with appropriate service providers. The process involves assessing the client's long- and short-term needs, identifying resources and providing referrals to community organizations.

### Emergency Phone

Greer Relief collects cellular phones with discontinued service and provides them to clients to be used for 911 emergency calls. Clients do not have to pay monthly service fees.

### Transportation

The Transportation program provides gasoline gift cards/vouchers to clients who need their automobile for necessary local travel but cannot afford to operate the vehicle without assistance. Greer Relief also receives donated vehicles and then distributes them to clients in need at no cost. *If you would like to make a vehicle donation, please contact us at (864) 848-5355.*

### *I Want to Help Neighbors in Need*

Greer Relief does not charge fees for services, making your donation of time and money a vital link in our mission to provide assistance to individuals in crisis.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

#### *I have enclosed a contribution of:*

☐ \$25   ☐ \$50   ☐ \$100   ☐ Other

☐ Visa   ☐ MasterCard

# \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

#### *Please put my donation toward:*

☐ Program: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Event: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ General Budget

*My donation is in* ☐ Memory ☐ Honor of:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*I want to make a difference. I am interested in the following:*

☐ Receiving the Greer Relief Newsletter

☐ Information about sponsoring a fundraiser

☐ Volunteering (see opportunities on back)

**Send to: P.O. Box 1303, Greer, SC 29652**