



# Junior Volunteer Opportunities

## Volunteering at Humble Area Assistance Ministries

Many students volunteer at HAAM throughout the year and are able to bring wonderful, youthful enthusiasm to the HAAM community. Whether a student is volunteering as an individual or if you are a group leader, it is important that you know a few about our Junior Volunteer Program:

1. For the safety of the junior volunteer please do not drop off your child to volunteer without calling to schedule a time for them to volunteer or they will not be allowed to stay.
2. If the volunteer is under the age of 16 they may not volunteer at the resale store without a parent or legal guardian attending with them.
3. If the volunteer is under the age of 16 they may not volunteer at the social service building without a parent or legal guardian attending with them, unless they have been assigned to a special project that will be supervised by a department manager and has been pre-approved.
4. All Junior Volunteers and groups must schedule a time to come volunteer at HAAM.
5. All groups must have 1 supervising adult for every 5 junior volunteers.
6. All Junior Volunteers must complete a Junior Volunteer Packet.

HAAM hopes that we can make all of our junior volunteers' experience a meaningful one. If you would like to sign up to volunteer as an individual or a group for any of the volunteer opportunities in this newsletter please contact Victoria Garcia, Volunteer Coordinator at 281-446-3663 x120 or email at [vgarcia@haaministries.org](mailto:vgarcia@haaministries.org). All volunteer opportunities offer a proof of volunteer hours letter. When signing up to volunteer notify the volunteer coordinator if your time needs to be documented.

## Year-round Volunteer Project

HAAM's Food Pantry is always in need of diapers, rice and beans. Any individual or group can complete this project for community service hours, you don't even have to come in to participate. Please call the volunteer coordinator to register your project. We enjoy knowing who is working to help families in our community. Just follow the simple instructions below to complete your project.

### Diapers

- Purchase or collect large packages of diapers.
- You will also need large brown paper lunch bags.
- Split up the diaper packages.
- Put 12 diapers in each bag.
- Mark sizes on the bag using a black sharpie (ex. Size 1,2,3,4,5,6 or Pull-ups).



### Rice and Beans



- Purchase or collect rice and beans.
- You will also need quart size freezer bags.
- Put 2 cups of either rice or beans in each bag.
- Seal bags tightly.



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## Enjoy baking?

HAAM has almost 100 volunteers that volunteer weekly. Each day brings a new group of volunteers. These dedicated volunteers arrive week after week to assist HAAM's many departments such as the Food Pantry, Social Services, Job Center, Education, Special Projects and the Resale Store. We would not be able to run the day to day operations without them.



In an effort to recognize our volunteers for their continued dedication we enjoy providing refreshments to them on special recognized holidays. We welcome junior volunteers to bake up a batch of cookies, cupcakes or whatever your favorite baked good is.

Valentines week	February 9th - 12th
Volunteer Appreciation week	April 20th - 23rd
Halloween week	October 26th - 29th
Thanksgiving	November 24th
Christmas	December 21st

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## Story Time



Here at HAAM we see approximately 65 clients a day. It is a first come first serve basis and wait times can sometimes be long especially for little ones. During spring break and summer HAAM offers a story time for children that are waiting with their family in the lobby. Each child that participates will receive a free book courtesy of our Resale Store and a coloring sheet. Junior Volunteer Readers are needed Monday -Thursday from 11:00 am - 1:00 p.m.. At least 4 readers are needed each day.

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## Food Drive

The food pantry feeds an average of 3,000 people per month. In 2007 12,500 families received food from HAAM. We welcome you or your group to host a food drive to collect canned goods and non-perishable food items. This is a service project that can be done throughout the year.



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## Boy and Girl Scouts

HAAM has had Scouts working towards particular awards and badges volunteer to build items such as book shelves and organizers. Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator for questions.

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## Back to School



HAAM's Back to School drive provides basic school supplies for school aged children from families needing assistance. You or your group can collect school supplies or participate in the sorting, sacking and distribution of the supplies.

Distribution isn't until August but we begin collecting supplies in June. Sign up early if you want to volunteer since we have a limited number of junior volunteer spots available.

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## Summer Opportunities for High School Students

We offer a limited number of opportunities for High School Students to volunteer in our Social Service department. Some duties include filing, making copies, mailings and assisting in the food pantry as needed.

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## Seasons of Sharing



Seasons of Sharing provides food baskets and toys during Thanksgiving and Christmas to families in need. Ways you can help:

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### Seasons of Sharing Thanksgiving

- Collect and donate selected food menu items
- Sign up for sorting, sacking and distribution of food baskets.

### Giving Tree at Deerbrook Mall

- Sign up your group to host the Giving Tree. Mall shoppers select an Angel(s) from the tree that has a child's name and age printed on it, purchase a toy and return it to the table. Volunteers are needed daily for 14 days beginning the Day after Thanksgiving. Host times are noon - 8:00 p.m. Most volunteer groups work in rotating shifts.

### Seasons of Sharing Christmas

- Sign up for sorting, sacking and distribution of food baskets and toys.
- 2009 will be the 2nd year HAAM is having a Seasons of Sharing Youth Challenge. Local groups collect one each of the menu items, a \$5 gift card to a grocery store, a gift for a middle school boy and girl and a gift for a high school boy and girl. The group that collects the most Family Baskets wins up to a \$200 party. In 2008 a student council group in HISD won first place for collecting 26 baskets and a local church youth group won second place for collecting 25 baskets.