

## Community Involvement

Getting involved in the community is an effective and easy way to add skills and experience to your resume. River Falls and the surrounding areas have many volunteer activities available, a lot of them even in walking distance from campus. There are activities to fit into every type of lifestyle and every area of interest. For a larger list of volunteer activities, or for more information on the ones listed, visit [www.uwrf.edu/career/svc-learning/welcome](http://www.uwrf.edu/career/svc-learning/welcome) or [sa.uwrf.edu/sa/studentlife/community-service](http://sa.uwrf.edu/sa/studentlife/community-service).

### Youth and Adolescence

#### **HOPE Adoption and Family Services International Inc.**

**Phone Number:** 651-439-2446

**Volunteer Descriptions:** Clerical help, child care, and annual appeal mailings.

#### **Hudson Community Action, Inc.**

**Phone Number:** 715.386.9803

**Volunteer Descriptions:** Mentors

#### **Lutheran Home Campus-Skilled Nursing Facility, WellHaven Apartments and Kids Care**

**Phone Number:** 715-425-8085

**Volunteer Descriptions:** One to one visits, assist with parties and activities, adopt a grandparent, and working with the Kids Care daycare facilities.

#### **Meyer Middle School**

**Phone Number:** 715-425-1820

**Volunteer Descriptions:** Tutoring, chaperoning special events, assistance with various Phy. Ed. units, guest speakers, keyboarding assistance, mentoring, and assisting with various special groups.

#### **Positive Alternatives**

**Phone Number:** 715-426-2224

**Volunteer Descriptions:** Working with adolescence. We have 16 different opportunities available and can place up to 70 volunteers at a time.

#### **River Falls Area YMCA**

**Phone Number:** 715-425-9778

**Volunteer Descriptions:** Various available - child care, fitness, marketing.

#### **River Falls High School**

**Phone Number:** 715-425-1830

**Volunteer Descriptions:** Tutoring, office support, mentoring, web-site updates, sell tickets for student events and athletic related activities.

#### **Rocky Branch Elementary School**

**Phone Number:** 715-425-1819

**Volunteer Descriptions:** Small group attention to students and general classroom assistance.

#### **St. Croix Valley Restorative Justice Program**

**Phone Number:** 715-425-1100

**Volunteer Descriptions:** Rotating projects. Assist with programs that promote offender accountability, needs of victims and repairing community.

#### **St. Bridget's Parish School**

**Phone Number:** 715-425-1872

**Volunteer Descriptions:** Reading stories, tutoring, and general upkeep.

#### **St. Bridget's Religious Education**

**Phone Number:** 715-425-1870

**Volunteer Descriptions:** Working with children, on retreats, and chaperone trips.

#### **TeenCare Program**

**Phone Number:** 715-235-9552

**Volunteer Descriptions:** Provide transportation and fund-raising projects

#### **Westside Elementary School**

**Phone Number:** 715-425-1815

**Volunteer Descriptions:** Assist teachers, playground supervision, special projects, and working with children. (Works with Big Brothers, Big Sisters Program.)

### Hospital and Hospice Care

#### **ADORAY Home Health and Hospice**

**Phone Number:** 715-684-5020

**Volunteer Descriptions:** Office work, support services, and hospice volunteer.

#### **Faith in Action/Interfaith Caregivers of St. Croix County**

**Phone:** 715-381-4360

**Volunteer Description:** People who are sensitive to the aging, able to befriend a senior and listen, respect confidentiality, promote dignity and self-esteem and have some time. Tasks vary depending on the need of the senior.

#### **Healthy Communities and Recovery Network**

**Phone Number:** 715-425-0433

**Volunteer Descriptions:** Youth program services.

#### **Kinnic Long Term Care**

**Phone Number:** 715-426-6000

**Volunteer Descriptions:** Assisting with recreational activities, assisting on outings, visiting residents one-on-one, assisting residents with independent activities, serving as a mealtime host/hostess, clerical assistance, outdoor garden care, and indoor bird aviary care.

**River Falls Area Hospital  
Auxiliary**  
**Phone Number:** 715-425-6155  
**Volunteer Descriptions:** Working in the emergency room.

**River Falls Area Hospital**  
**Phone Number:** 715-425-6155  
**Volunteer Descriptions:** Clerical, secretarial, reception, meeting/greeting, cleaning/laundry, resource library, and data entry work. Possible internships in the wellness and rehabilitation center.

## **Area Clubs and Organizations**

**American Red Cross, Pierce County Chapter**  
**Phone Number:** 715-425-9091  
**Volunteer Descriptions:** Helping with local fires and other disasters, as well as assisting with major disaster sites around the country.

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**Phone Number:** 651-439-0031  
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**FamilyMeans**  
**Phone Number:** 1-800-327-3203  
**Volunteer Descriptions:** Provide a break for the primary caregiver for person caring for child, or adult under age 60 with a chronic illness or disability. Provide companionship (no nursing or medical services).

**Girl Scout Council of St. Croix Valley**  
**Phone Number:** 651-251-1221  
**Volunteer Descriptions:** Assistant leaders for troops, service leaders, Internships, and more.

**Have-A-Heart Farm**  
**Phone Number:** 715-425-7754  
**Volunteer Descriptions:** Stuffing envelopes, artwork, repair work, cleanup, working with the children, etc.

**Hudson Area Joint Library**  
**Phone Number:** 715-386-3101 ext. 4  
**Volunteer Descriptions:** Assist with mending and repairing books, shelving, preparing books for checkout, copying, book covering, and repairing audio/visual materials.  
**Website:** Hudsonpubliclibrary.org

**Humane Society of St. Croix and Pierce Counties**  
**Phone Number:** 715-386-8532  
**Volunteer Descriptions:** Dog and cat socialization, educational programming, newsletter, mailings, website, fundraises, special events, adoption outreach, ground care, office and clerical work.

**Kinnickinnic River Land Trust**  
**Phone Number:** 715-425-5738  
**Volunteer Descriptions:** Mailing Newsletters, Assembling and distributing brochures, Office support , Technical Support (Computer hardware & software), Land management activities (assembling signs, clearing brush, etc...).

**League of Women Voters of Pierce and St. Croix Counties**  
**Contact Info:** <http://www.lwv.org/Election2008/index.html>  
**Volunteer Descriptions:** Voter registration, working at the poles, and working at candidate forums.

**Lutheran Social Services**  
**Phone Number:** 715-834-2046  
**Volunteer Descriptions:** Community based programming

**Pierce County Economic Development**  
**Phone Number:** 253-798-6150  
**Volunteer Descriptions:** Assist with meetings, mailings, marketing of materials, and surveying.

**St. Croix Valley Job Center**  
**Phone Number:** 715-426-0388  
**Volunteer Descriptions:** Career counseling, receptionist, computer training, and assisting clients in resource room.

**Pierce County Historical Society**  
**Phone Number:** 715-273-6611  
**Volunteer Descriptions:** Assist with office work typing, indexing, filing, etc.

**Pierce County Land Conservation**  
**Phone Number:** 715-273-6763  
**Volunteer Descriptions:** Office work or field work (assist with surveying projects).

**Pierce County Reproductive Health**  
**Phone Number:** 715-425-8003

**Pierce County UWEX Cooperative Extension**  
**Phone Number:** 715-273-6781  
**Volunteer Descriptions:** Leadership development, community projects, youth development, family issues, horticulture, 4 H, family living, agriculture, community development, tourism, etc.

**River Falls Garden Club**  
**Phone Number:** 715-425-0905  
**Volunteer Descriptions:** Planting, upkeep, trimming, and weeding

**River Falls Housing Authority**  
**Phone Number:** 715-425-7640  
**Volunteer Descriptions:** General up keep, social activities, kids programming, providing transportation, and literacy programs.

**River Falls Kiwanis Club**  
**Contact:** Joleen Larson  
**Phone Number:** 715-426-7776  
**Volunteer Descriptions:** Fund-raising and working with special events (Easter egg hunt, Special Olympics, River Falls Days).

**River Falls Lions Club**  
**Volunteer Descriptions:** Highway cleanup and fund-raising events, sight and hearing, and diabetic events.

**River Falls Main Street 2000 Project**  
**Website:** [rfmainstreet.com](http://rfmainstreet.com)  
**Volunteer Descriptions:** Office work, gardening downtown, pathway and Kinnickinnic River upkeep, and other projects.

**River Falls Park and Recreation Department**

**Phone Number:** 715-425-0924

**Volunteer Descriptions:**

Coaching (softball, tennis, basketball, volleyball, gymnastics, swimming, etc.) and general maintenance.

**River Falls Public Library**

**Phone Number:** 715-425-0905

**Volunteer Descriptions:** Internet guide, shelving books, assisting in library programming, fund-raising, story time, and other library activities.

**River Falls Senior Citizens Inc.**

**Phone Number:** 715-425-9932

**Volunteer Descriptions:**

Answering phones.

**River Falls Rotary Club**

**EMAIL:** kevin@thewestwind.com

**Volunteer Descriptions:** Civic projects in parks, highway clean-up, youth recreation and reading programs, fund-raising events, working for polio eradication and other global health and peace efforts.

**Salvation Army of Pierce County**

**Phone Number:** 715-273-3275

**Volunteer Descriptions:**

Mentoring program, volunteer drivers, and more.

**Sierra Club's St. Croix Valley Interstate Group**

**Phone Number:** 715-386-7032

**Volunteer Descriptions:** Clean-up parks, roadways, etc.

**Spice of Life**

**Phone Number:** 715-425-9881

**Area Served:** River Falls and surrounding areas

**Volunteer Descriptions:**

Babysitting.

**St. Croix County Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health**

**Phone Number:** 715-246-8263

**Volunteer Descriptions:**

Calming children (vaccinations), receptionist, mentor programs, working with teen moms, and more.

**St. Croix County Health and Human Services, Activities Department**

**Phone Number:** 715-246-6991/8277

**Volunteer Descriptions:** One-to-one time, reading, outdoor walks, sharing times, and assisting with outdoor outings and activities.

**St. Croix Historical Society**

**Phone Number:** 715-386-2654

**Volunteer Descriptions:** Tour guides, computer work, grounds work, etc.

**St. Croix County Government Center and Victim Witness Assistant**

**Phone Number:** 715-386-4666

**Volunteer Descriptions:** Legal advocacy program: application process, court support, and follow-up duties. Possible internships.

**St. Croix Valley YMCA**

**Phone Number:** 715-386-1616

**Volunteer Descriptions:** Work with programming, special events and general upkeep.

**Stroke Club**

**Phone Number:** 715-426-4594

**Area Served:** West Central Wisconsin

**Volunteer Descriptions:** Assist with transportation and other assistance.

**Tuesday Club**

**Phone Number:** 715-425-6912

**Area Served:** River Falls area

**Volunteer Descriptions:** Work with elderly, fund-raising, and court watch programs.

**Turningpoint for Victims of Domestic and Sexual Abuse, Inc.**

**Phone Number:** 715-425-6751

**Hotline:** 800-345-5104

**Volunteer Descriptions:** General upkeep, answering phones, transporting clients, co-facilitating support groups, running support groups and children activities, advocate positions, and supervising the shelter.

**USDA Farm Service Center**

**Phone Number:** 715-684-2874

**Volunteer Descriptions:** General office work (data entry, filing, customer service).

**Willow River State Park and Nature Center**

**Phone Number:** 715-386-9340

**Volunteer Descriptions:**

Candlelight Ski Program, painting, service hours, ski patrol, trail work, prairie maintenance, and special projects.

**Wisconsin-Nicarague Partners, River Falls/Hudson Chapter**

**Website:** <http://wpm.uwsp.edu>

**Volunteer Descriptions:**

Preparing shipments, travel opportunities, fund-raising, and working with the international bazaar.