

Resale Stores

Time Needed: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday - Friday

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday



Opportunities include cashier, sorting donations, decorating and/or arranging floor displays. Donations are welcome. Stores are located at 899 West Main Street, Avon Park, (863) 453-6072 or 1010 South Sixth Avenue, Wauchula, (863) 773-0140. Volunteer applications also can be picked up at either of these stores.

Special Events

Fundraisers

Time Needed: As Events Occur



Opportunities include assisting with fundraisers such as Arc's Ball, Kokomo, 5K & 10K Walk/Run and other events.

Special STARS & Aktion Club

Time Needed: As Events Occur

Opportunities include helping with sports events such as softball, basketball, swimming, bowling, billiards, track and field, cycling, tennis, golf, horseshoes, bocce and shuffleboard. Special STARS Recreation Club hosts parties, picnics, trips and dances.



Aktion Club does various projects to help the community.

Natural Supports

Supported Living & Employment

Time Needed: Varied



Opportunities include natural support for church services, visits, shopping, holidays, special events, movies or any other activity in the community.

Other Ways To Help

Serve on the Ridge Area Arc Board or Arc Foundation Board; make monetary or in-kind donations; or donate items for programs.



Achieve with us.

Volunteer Opportunities



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Welcome



Thank you for your interest in volunteering at Ridge Area Arc where adults with developmental and physical disabilities receive services to help them reach their goals. You can make a difference in their lives.

Volunteers determine the hours they want to donate in whichever program fits their expertise or interest. A volunteer needs to be friendly, outgoing, motivated and enthusiastic.

Volunteers can assist in these areas: Direct Care, Special Events or Natural Supports.

Direct Care includes areas in the Adult Day Training Program such as art, computer and recreational classes; Group Homes; Resale Stores; and Administration.

Special Events include fundraisers, Special STARS sports and recreational activities, and Aktion Club.

Natural Supports include helping individuals in the community.

Requirements



Volunteers are needed for several types of work. Persons must meet the following criteria:

- Must be at least 16 years old if working in Direct Care or Natural Supports.
- Groups (4-H, schools, churches, etc.) with youth younger than age 16 must have adult supervision and can only work in Special Events.
- Must have transportation to and from volunteer workplace.
- Must fill out an application at main campus or at Resale Stores, except for one-time event participants.
- Must have written consent from parent/guardian or group sponsor.
- Must pass law enforcement screenings. Groups helping with one-time events do not have to do law enforcement screenings.
- If in location where high school students have classes or if volunteering more than 40 hours per month, must pass Level II background screenings (fingerprinting).
- Must be physically able to meet the position essential requirements for this volunteer job description.
- Should attend a 30-minute Sensitivity Training to understand how to work with people with disabilities.
- Court ordered applicants are taken on a case by case basis.

Direct Care



Adult Day Training Program

**Time Needed: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Monday - Friday**

Opportunities include sign language, dancing lessons, specific training topics, computer, cooking, recreation and any arts and crafts. Craft supplies are also available for anyone wishing to make items to donate back to Ridge Area Arc to sell.

Group Homes

**Time Needed: Evenings or
Weekends**



Opportunities include cards, board games or recreational activities with residents, assist in cookouts, visit with residents and attend special outings.

Administration

**Time Needed: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday - Friday**

Opportunities include filing, shredding, answering phones and receptionist duties.