

2015 Fall/Thanksgiving/Holiday Resource Guide

Prepared by United Appeal for Athens County

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October & Halloween Events

Airline Church of Christ

4477 Route 681, Albany, Ohio October 24, 2015 8 am-1 pm

The Airline Church of Christ will host an annual Clothing Give-Away on October 24 from 8 am to 1 pm for adults and children. For more information, please contact the Airline Church of Christ at **(740) 698-7041**.

Athens Community Center

701 East State Street, Athens, Ohio October 29, 2015 6:30 pm-9 pm

The Athens Community Center will host an all ages, free Halloween parade and party on the last Thursday before Halloween - October 29. The event begins at the pool parking lot at 6:30 pm with a parade along the Community Center grounds followed by a costume contest and a party from 7 pm-9 pm at the Community Center, featuring games, prizes, candy, and dancing. For more information, or to confirm date and time, please contact the Athens Community Center at **(740) 592-3325**.

Athens County Children Services – Kids and Teens Writing and Artwork Contest

18 Stony Brook Drive, Building 14, Athens, Ohio deadline: October 30, 2015

Athens County Children Services is hosting a Kids and Teens Writing and Artwork Contest to actively engage the community and bring awareness of the bonds between siblings and peer relationships from a child's perspective. Participants will be grouped by age: 4-6, 7-12, and 13-18, and must be living in or attending schools in Athens County. The contest rules, essay writing prompts, and artwork ideas are included on the required entry form. Children ages 7-18 are encouraged to submit both essay and artwork. All contest entries must be submitted with the proper entry forms no later than October 30, 2015. Entry forms are available on the website. Members of the Athens County Community will judge the contest and the winner of each age group will be awarded a cash/gift card prize. For more information, call **(740) 592-3061** or visit the website www.athenschildrenservices.com.

Athens County Fairgrounds Halloween Parking

286 West Union Street, Athens, Ohio October 30, 2015 – November 2, 2015

The Athens County Agricultural Society will allow people to park on the fairgrounds at \$10.00 per car for the weekend of October 30, 2015 into November 2, 2015. For more information, visit www.athenscofair.org.

Community Food Initiatives

94 Columbus Road, Athens, Ohio Date(s) to be announced

Community Food Initiatives offers many workshops, including a Healthy Holidays Cooking, breadmaking, cheesemaking, and gardening. Usually, there is a \$5 fee for non-members. Annual CFI membership is \$25. For more information on planned workshops, visit the Facebook events page <https://www.facebook.com/CommunityFoodInitiatives/events?key=events>.

The Dairy Barn – Pumpkin Fest

701 East State Street, Athens, Ohio October 24, 2015 1 pm-5 pm

The Dairy Barn Arts Center will host Pumpkin Fest on Saturday, October 24. Admission is free to this family friendly celebration. Bring your own pre-scooped pumpkin or buy one at the door for \$5 or less. Volunteers will clean out the pumpkins and the innards will be composted by Rural Action. Guests can carve, paint and decorate their pumpkin. Then, bring the little ones over to the art room to make a project. Members from Alpha Phi Omega will be there to lend a hand with games and will pitch in to makes things run smooth. For more information, please contact the Dairy Barn at **(740) 592-4981**.

Fall Wine Express Fundraiser October 9, 2015 7 pm

Stuart's Opera House, 46 Public Square, Nelsonville, Ohio

Stuart's Opera House is hosting a Fall Wine Express Fundraiser (October 9) to raise funds for the Stuart's Opera House. The tickets are \$35.00 for coach and \$45.00 for first class (\$5 discount if purchased in advance). The train departs at 7:00 pm from the Nelsonville Depot. The ride lasts about 1-1½ hours. For more information, check the Stuart's Opera House website (www.stuartsoperahouse.org) or call **(740) 753-1924** between 10 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday.

Halloween Costume Exchange

Baker First Floor, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio October 6, 2015 2 pm-5 pm

The Ohio University Office of Sustainability is hosting a Halloween Costume Exchange on October 6, from 2 pm to 5 pm in the Bobcat Student Lounge (Baker First Floor). Donate an unwanted Halloween costume and pick up a new-to-you costume for free. If just donating, a donation box will be placed next to the second floor escalators in Baker Student Center. For more information, visit www.ohio.edu/sustainability.

Hocking College Community Halloween

3301 Hocking Parkway, Nelsonville, Ohio Tentatively October 29, 2015 6 pm-9 pm

Hocking College will be hosting their annual public Halloween Party for children. The free event follows Nelsonville's Trick or Treat evening and features games, entertainment including a magician, a costume contest, prizes, and a showcase of animals from the Hocking Woods Nature Center. Free cotton candy and popcorn will also be available. This year's event will be Thursday, October 29 from 6 pm-9 pm. For more information, or to confirm date and time, contact Hocking College at **(740) 753-7004**.

Nelsonville Tire Drop Off Event

211 Lake Hope Drive, Nelsonville, Ohio October 10, 2015 8 am-2 pm

Hosted by Bern Township Trustees, Athens County/City Health Department, Athens County Prosecutor's Office, and Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. Athens County residents only may drop off tires to be recycled at the City of Nelsonville Service Building. Tires must not exceed 54 inches in height and/or be more than 16 inches wide, and must be free of water, dirt and mud. For more information, including tire and hauling restrictions, call AC/CHD at (740) 592-4431x248 or Athens County Solid Waste District at (740) 797-4208.

Ohio University Homecoming

Athens, Ohio October 5 – 11, 2015

Ohio University Homecoming Week festivities include the Pack the Pantry canned food drive sponsored by the Student Alumni Board. Official Homecoming schedule and information available at www.ohio.edu/homecoming/schedule.cfm.

Smoke Detector Installations

Albany, Ohio October 24, 2015 10 am-3 pm

The American Red Cross of Southeast Ohio is partnering with Athens County volunteer fire departments to offer free smoke detectors and fire safety information. Red Cross volunteers will visit homes in areas covered by the Albany Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday, October 25. Volunteers will check with occupants to find

out whether they have a working smoke alarm. If there is none, the volunteer firefighters will install a free smoke alarm for the family.

Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure – Athens October 25, 2015 12 noon

Walter Fieldhouse, 50 South Green Drive, Athens, Ohio

Susan G. Komen Columbus and Ohio University School of Nursing are joining together for the first-ever Athens Race for the Cure! The race will support programs in the 18 counties in the southeastern Ohio region: Athens, Fairfield, Gallia, Guernsey, Hocking, Jackson, Lawrence, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Vinton, and Washington. To register or donate, visit the website:

http://columbus.info-komen.org/site/TR?fr_id=5785&pg=entry.

Area Trick or Treat Dates and Times For most – October 29, 2015

For latest updates, visit the website: <http://athensohio.com/where-to-play/family-fun/athens-county-trick-or-treat-2015/>.

Albany: 10/29/2015 from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm

Amesville: TBA

Athens (city): 10/29/2015 from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm (time may vary)

Athens (Uptown Business Association): 10/26/2015 from 5:30 pm-7:00 pm (subject to change)

Buchtel: 10/29/2015 from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm

Chauncey: TBA

Coolville: TBA

Glouster: TBA

Guysville: TBA

Jacksonville: TBA

Market on State Street: TBA

Millfield: TBA

Nelsonville: 10/29/2015 from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm

New Marshfield: TBA

Stewart: TBA

The Plains: TBA

Trimble: TBA

Waterloo: TBA

November & Thanksgiving Events/Giveaways/Meals

4-H Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Athens Extension Office, Athens, Ohio November 7, 2015 5 pm-8 pm

The Athens County 4-H Committee is hosting a fundraiser spaghetti dinner on November 7 from 6 pm-8 pm at the Christ Community Wesleyan Church in Albany, Ohio. The menu includes spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, and dessert. Gluten-free and vegetarian options will be available. Animals from the Columbus Zoo will be present from 5 pm-6pm. Tickets can be purchased at the Athens Extension Office for \$8.00 each or at the event for \$10.00 each. Youth tickets will be \$5.00 each. All proceeds benefit camp, judgments, and other events. For information, visit www.athens.osu.edu.

Amesville Elementary – Empty Bowls

State Route 329 North, Amesville November 10, 2015 5 pm-7 pm

Tuesday, November 10 from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm, Amesville Elementary students will be hosting an art show and soup supper, and selling pottery (bowls and cups) to benefit the Athens County Food Pantry. There will be silent auction items as well as a simple soup supper and macaroni and cheese. Supper is \$1 for children and \$2

for adults. Pottery made by students is \$3 for each item purchased. For more information, call **(740) 448-2501** or email kpearce@fedhock.com.

Athens Church of Christ

785 West Union Street, Athens, Ohio November 24, 2015 5:30 pm-6:30 pm

Athens Church of Christ is providing a free Thanksgiving meal on November 24 (the Tuesday before Thanksgiving). The meal will run from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm or until they run out of food. This event is open to the public. For more information, please contact the church at **(740) 593-7414**.

Athens City Veterans Parade

Court Street, Athens, Ohio November 11, 2015

This event is open to the public on November 11. For information, call **(740) 592-3340**.

Athens County Children Services – Santa Tree Gift Recipients

18 Stony Brook Drive, Building 14, Athens, Ohio Application available November 2-9, 2015

Athens County Children Services will be running the annual Santa Tree program again for 2015. This program provides gifts for children of Athens County ages birth to 17 years of age. Applications can be filled out by guardian of the child at Athens County Children Services, Building 14 between November 2 and November 9, between 9:00 am and 3:30 pm. Applicants must be the legal guardian of the child and bring a social security number for each child, proof of income, and a photo ID. For more information, please contact Athens County Children Services at **(740) 592-3061**.

Gingerbread House Display and Competition

65 North Court Street, Athens, Ohio Entry Deadline: November 2, 2015

The 2015 Uptown for the Holidays Gingerbread House Display and Competition is accepting entries forms and \$25.00 fee (checks made payable to Athens Gingerbread) at the Athens County Convention and Visitors Bureau, 667 East State Street, Athens, OH 45701 until November 2, 2015. The houses should be delivered to the Athens County Historical Society and Museum, 65 North Court Street, Athens on December 1 between 5 pm and 8 pm. The houses will be displayed to the public at the Athens County Historical Society and Museum, 65 North Court Street, Athens from December 2-30, 2015. Entry forms and more details are available at www.athensgingerbread.com.

Lighting of the Evergreens Community Open House November 20, 2015 5:30 pm-7 pm

OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital's WillowView Cafe, 55 Hospital Drive, Athens, Ohio

Community members are invited to attend the Lighting of the Evergreens Community Open House on November 20, 2015 from 5:30 pm to 7 pm.. The trees outside the cafeteria will be lit at 6 pm, followed by a Holiday Tree Silent Auction to benefit the Guild of OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital. Love Lights to decorate a tree at the hospital can be purchased as a gift to honor or remember a loved one. There also will be free refreshments and entertainment. For current information, please call **(740) 592-9270**.

Salvation Army – Christmas Assistance Program

900 East State Street, Unit 3, Athens, Ohio Apply: November 2 - 30, 2015

The Salvation Army will be accepting applications between November 2 and November 30, 2015 from low income Athens and Meigs County families with children. Required documents include proof of id, social security cards for all family members, proof of income, proof of residency, and proof of custody. For more information, contact the Salvation Army at **(740) 593-7082** Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am-2:00 pm.

Scrap Metal Recycling Drop-Off

Athens County Fairgrounds, Athens, Ohio November 7, 2015 9 am-1 pm

The Faith Build Coalition will hold a scrap metal recycling drop-off at the Athens County Fairgrounds to benefit Habitat for Humanity in Athens County. Materials accepted include all large metal appliances, old lawn mowers, bicycles, metal roofing, gutters, and nearly any other kind of metal junk. Items containing brass, copper, and aluminum are especially welcome. Volunteers will be on hand to help unload scrap from vehicles. For more information, call **(740) 592-0032 x102**.

Smoke Detector Installations

Athens, Ohio tentatively November 14, 2015 10 am-3 pm

The American Red Cross of Southeast Ohio is partnering with Athens County volunteer fire departments to offer free smoke detectors and fire safety information. Red Cross volunteers will visit homes in areas covered by the Richland Area Fire Department on Saturday, November 14 (tentatively). Volunteers will check with occupants to find out whether they have a working smoke alarm. If there is none, the volunteer firefighters will install a free smoke alarm for the family.

Taste of Southeast Ohio November 7, 2015 6:30 pm

Hocking College Student Center, 3301 Hocking Parkway, Nelsonville, Ohio

Taste of Southeast Ohio on November 7 will be a Habitat for Humanity fundraiser. All proceeds will go directly to funding projects throughout Southeast Ohio. Restaurants and chefs from Southeast Ohio will supply samples for the 300+ attendees who will then vote on who has the "Best Food of Southeast Ohio." There will also be a Live and Silent Auction, provided by Shamrock Auction Services. Tickets are available for \$35 per person and must be purchased in advance at the Habitat for Humanity office (525 West Union Street, Athens, or by calling 740-592-0032 x102. For more information, please call **(740) 592-0032 x102**.

The Plains United Methodist Church

3 North Plains Road, The Plains, Ohio Applications available November 1, 2015

The Plains United Methodist Church is providing free Thanksgiving food boxes for people in need living in Chauncey, Millfield, New Marshfield, or The Plains. Applications for the boxes will be available November 1 to be filled out at the church. Applicants must provide a photo ID and utility bill with current address. Distribution date and time will be announced when the applications are approved. For information, call the church at **(740) 797-4163** (Mon-Fri 9 am-1 pm.).

United Appeal for Athens County

396 Richland Avenue, Athens, Ohio November 14, 2015 5pm-9 pm

United Appeal for Athens County is hosting *Pay It Forward*, a fund-raising event featuring Kiser's BBQ buffet and music. All donations go directly to help people meet their basic needs. The event takes place on Saturday, November 14 at Kiser's BBQ @ Eclipse on Jackson Drive in The Plains. Tickets will be available ahead or at the door for \$20.00 each or six for \$100.00. Each ticket purchased will qualify as a drawing entry for two tickets to the Ohio State vs. Michigan football game combined with a two night stay in Columbus. For more information, check the United Appeal for Athens County facebook page (www.facebook.com/UnitedAppealAthensCounty) or call **(740) 592-1293** between 9 am and 1 pm Monday through Friday.

United Campus Ministry

18 North College Street, Athens, Ohio November 26, 2015 5:30 pm

United Campus Ministry is providing a free Thanksgiving meal on November 26 starting at 5:30 pm to Athens County residents and Ohio University students. For more information, call United Campus Ministry at **(740) 593-7301**.

December & Christmas Events/Giveaways/Meals

Athena Cinema**20 South Court Street, Athens** Saturdays, November 28-December 19, 2015

The Athena Cinema is hosting a series of screenings of Christmas films. The cost of admission per person will be a minimum donation of one **non-perishable** food item, which will be donated to area food pantries. Tickets are limited and available one week before each show. Donations may be dropped off in exchange for tickets during regular lobby hours (Monday-Friday 4pm-10pm and Saturday-Sunday 2pm-10pm). Dates will be November 28, December 5, December 12, and December 19. For more information, contact Athena Cinema at **(740) 592-5106** or www.athenacinema.com/.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Athens County**449 East State Street, Athens, Ohio** December 19, 2015

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Athens County will be hosting their annual Holiday Party on a Saturday, December 19 at the Athens Community Center. This event is open to any child who has participated in a BBBS activity in 2015. There will be a meal provided, gifts for children, and various other fun activities. For more information about attending or volunteering at the Holiday Party, please contact Big Brothers Big Sisters at **(740) 797-0037**.

Gingerbread House Display and Competition**65 North Court Street, Athens, Ohio** Display: December 2-30, 2015

The 2015 Uptown for the Holidays Gingerbread House Display and Competition houses will be displayed to the public at the Athens County Historical Society and Museum, 65 North Court Street, Athens from December 2-30, 2015. More details are available at www.athensgingerbread.com.

Nelsonville City Government – Fire Department**211 Lake Hope Drive, Nelsonville, Ohio** November 27-December 5, 2015 (apply)

Nelsonville City Government Fire Department is providing free food boxes to low income Nelsonville-York area residents. Applications will be available between November 27 and December 5. Baskets will be delivered around December 19. For more information, please contact the Fire Department at **(740) 753-1244** or Nelsonville City Government at **(740) 753-1314**.

Reindeer Run December 5, 2015**Athens West State Street Park, 398 West State Street, Athens, Ohio**

Athens CASA's annual event is a wacky, fun-filled fun run featuring 3.2ish miles of jingle-bell rockin' fun for reindeer runners of all ages, sizes and levels on December 5. Strollers and leashed, polite 4-legged friends are welcome. Santa and hot chocolate at after-party. 100% of the proceeds go to the Athens CASA/GAL Program to support the advocacy of local children impacted by abuse and neglect. For more information and to register, visit the website www.athenscasa.org.

Smoke Detector Installations**Chauncey, Ohio** December 5, 2015 10 am-3 pm

The American Red Cross of Southeast Ohio is partnering with Athens County volunteer fire departments to offer free smoke detectors and fire safety information. Red Cross volunteers will visit homes in areas covered by the Chauncey Dover Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday, December 5. Volunteers will check with occupants to find out whether they have a working smoke alarm. If there is none, the volunteer firefighters will install a free smoke alarm for the family.

The Plains United Methodist Church**3 North Plains Road, The Plains, Ohio** Applications available December 1, 2015

The Plains United Methodist Church is providing free Christmas food boxes for people in need living in Chauncey, Millfield, New Marshfield, or The Plains. Applications for the boxes will be available December 1 to

be filled out at the church. Applicants must provide a photo ID and utility bill with current address. Distribution date and time will be announced when the applications are approved. Limited number of boxes available. For more information, please contact the church at **(740) 797-4163** Mon-Fri 9 am-1 pm.

United Campus Ministry

18 North College Street, Athens, Ohio December 24, 2015 5:30 pm

United Campus Ministry is providing free Christmas meal on December 24 starting at 5:30 pm to Athens County residents and Ohio University students. For more information, please contact the United Campus Ministry at **(740) 593-7301**.

New Years Eve Meal

United Campus Ministry

18 North College Street, Athens, Ohio December 31, 2015 5:30 pm

United Campus Ministry is providing a free meal on December 31 (New Years Eve) to Athens County residents and Ohio University students. The meal will begin at 5:30 pm. For information, contact United Campus Ministry at **(740) 593-7301**.

Seasonal Flu Shots

Athens City-County Health Department

278 West Union Street, Athens, Ohio

Seasonal flu vaccinations are available at the Athens City-County Health Department. Call between 8:00 am-11:00 am or 1:00 pm-3:00 pm to schedule an appointment. Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian and have their immunization record present. For more information, please call **(740) 592-4431**.

Donation Opportunities

American Red Cross of Southeast Ohio

100 South May Avenue, Athens, Ohio The Red Cross conducts blood drives at various locations and dates. For information, call **(740) 593-5273** or visit www.redcross.org/blood .

Airline Church of Christ

477 Route 681, Albany, Ohio through November 15, 2015

Airline Church of Christ is collecting donations of personal care boxes for veterans at the VA Hospital in Chillicothe. This annual project, "Box for Vet," provides permanent residents of the facility with toiletries and other items. Members of the community can participate by filling a large shoebox-sized container with appropriate items. For more information on how to assist with the project, call Minister Willard Love at **(740) 698-7041**.

Athens County Children Services

18 Stony Brook Drive, Building 14, Athens, Ohio November 23 - December 12, 2015

Athens County Children Services is holding their annual Santa Tree program again this year for low-income children in Athens County. Individuals and organizations are encouraged to donate by selecting a child's ornament from the "Santa Tree" in The Market on State or a variety of other locations beginning November 23, and drop off the gifts at the Present Return Box at The Market on State by December 12. Individuals and organizations who have questions, or who are interested in "adopting" or donating to an entire family, should contact Athens County Children Services at **(740) 592-3061**. The agency is also in need of toy donations for these children, along with donations of money and sealed gift wrap.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Athens County – Pumpkin Event**449 East State Street, Athens, Ohio** through October 23, 2015

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Athens County is hosting an event on October 28 (tentatively) for children enrolled in Big Brothers Big Sisters or who have participated in at least one Big Brothers Big Sisters event in 2015. Through October 23, they are accepting small and medium pumpkins suitable for painting by the children. They are also accepting donations to purchase pumpkins. For information, please contact Big Brothers Big Sisters at **(740) 797-0037**.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Athens County – Gifts for Holiday Party**449 East State Street, Athens, Ohio** through mid-December, 2015

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Athens County will be hosting their annual Holiday Party on December 19 for children enrolled in Big Brothers Big Sisters or who have participated in at least one Big Brothers Big Sisters event in 2015. They will be collecting wish lists from eligible children and posting the lists on a Christmas tree at Wal-Mart. Individuals who are interested in sponsoring a BBBS child may pick a wish list off of the tree and turn gifts in at customer service at Wal-Mart by mid-December. For more information, please contact Big Brothers Big Sisters at **(740) 797-0037**.

Community Bank – Amesville, Glouster, and Nelsonville branches**Amesville: 25 State Street, Amesville, Ohio (740) 448-2212****Glouster: 88 High Street, Glouster, Ohio (740) 753-4343****Nelsonville: 873 Chestnut Street, Nelsonville, Ohio (740) 753-4313**

Community Bank is collecting donations of new and gently used coats, gloves and hats(new), and money. Donations may be dropped off in designated boxes during business hours until mid-October. For more information, please contact Community Bank at **(740) 753-4313**.

Ohio University Student Social Work Association**416 Morton Hall, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio**

The Ohio University Student Social Work Association is raising funds to purchase Thanksgiving meals for Hopewell Health Center clients in need. Financial donations will be accepted between 8 am and 4:30 pm Monday through Friday at, or may be mailed to, 416 Morton Hall, Ohio University. For more information, please call **(740) 597-1602**.

OhioHealth Home Care (formerly Appalachian Community Visiting Nurse Association, Hospice and Health Services) **444 West Union Street Suite C, Athens, Ohio**

OhioHealth Home Care is accepting donations of canned chicken, tuna, black beans, and cream of mushroom soup, boxes of penne pasta, bags of rice, and jars of meatless pasta sauce. These will be used by community volunteers to prepare casseroles in the ACEnet kitchen on a monthly basis for hospice clients and their families. Donations will be accepted between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. For more information, please call **(740) 331-7040**.

Salvation Army**900 East State Street, Unit 3, Athens, Ohio**

Through December 10, the Salvation Army is accepting new toys for children up to high school age, food for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and monetary donations for these items. For more information, please contact the Salvation Army at **(740) 593-7082** Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am-3:30 pm.

Starlight Ball December 5, 2015**Baker Center Ballroom, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio**

The Annual Starlight Ball, is a fundraiser hosted by the Child Conservation League (CCL) and benefits local

children's organizations and causes. This year's event is December 5. Details to be announced.

The Plains United Methodist Church

3 North Plains Road, The Plains, Ohio

The Plains United Methodist Church is accepting monetary donations to sponsor Thanksgiving and Christmas food boxes for people in need living in Chauncey, Millfield, New Marshfield, or The Plains. For information on making a donation, please contact the church at **(740) 797-4163** Mon-Fri 9 am-1 pm.

United Campus Ministry

18 North College Street, Athens, Ohio

United Campus Ministry is accepting non-perishable food donations or money to buy food for meals for Athens County residents and Ohio University students. The meals begin at 5:30 pm on Thursdays and 1:00 pm on Saturdays. For more information, please contact the United Campus Ministry at **(740) 593-7301** between 10 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday.

Volunteer Opportunities

Athens CASA/GAL Program

1 South Court Street, Athens, Ohio

The Athens CASA/GAL Program is a group of ordinary people doing extraordinary work. Every day citizens train to become Court Appointed Special Advocates. Once trained, CASAs are appointed to look out for the best interests of children involved in juvenile court because of abuse or neglect. The CASAs build relationships with their assigned child and any important adults in the child's life to gather information about the case. The CASA uses this information to make recommendations to juvenile court. There are more children than there are CASAs. This is unfortunate as research shows that children experience better outcomes when they have a CASA. Applications from interested community members are always accepted. No special background or education is required. All the training needed to become a CASA is provided. Interested community members should email: info@athenscasa.org , call: **(740) 592-3255** or visit: www.athenscasa.org.

Athens County Children Services

18 Stony Brook Drive, Athens, Ohio

Athens County Children Services needs volunteers to assist with the Santa Tree project through November 17. Volunteers are required to complete a volunteer application; submit to a police, fingerprinting, reference, and driving check; and an interview. For more information, call Katherine Marshall, at **(740) 592-3061**.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Athens County

449 East State Street, Athens, Ohio

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Athens County will be hosting their annual Holiday Party for children who participate in or are involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters, which means they are looking for volunteers to help out. The Holiday Party will be Saturday, December 19 at the Athens Community Center. They will need volunteers during the event with things such as, helping prepare and serve food, run activity stations, clean up, etc. They also need help wrapping presents in the weeks before the event. This is a great opportunity for student groups, or just persons who want to volunteer. For more information, please contact Big Brothers Big Sisters at **(740) 797-0037**.

Hickory Creek Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

51 East Fourth Street, The Plains, Ohio

Hickory Creek Nursing and Rehabilitation Center is looking for volunteers to interact with residents for several events including a Halloween Dance. For more information on volunteering, please contact Hickory Creek at

(740) 797-4561.

Salvation Army

900 East State Street, Unit 3, Athens, Ohio

The Salvation Army is looking for volunteers to collect funds with the Salvation Army **red kettle** throughout the holiday season at various locations between November 15 and December 24. Call to apply. For more information, please contact the Salvation Army at **(740) 593-7082** Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am-3:30 pm.

United Campus Ministry

18 North College Street, Athens, Ohio Thursdays and Saturdays

United Campus Ministry is looking for volunteers to help prepare meals and raise funds to buy meals for Athens County residents and Ohio University students. Meal volunteers are needed on Thursdays from 3:30 pm to 7:30 pm and on Saturdays from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. For more information, please contact the United Campus Ministry at **(740) 593-7301** between 10 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday.

Dial 2-1-1 from any local phone, (866) 784-3132 from any location, or visit www.211athenscounty.org for updates and additional resources.

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