

Adopt-a-Longview EPC Family

Description: We have several members in our church that for a variety of reasons could use your help around their house. This could be sweeping patios, mowing lawns, weed-eating or a variety of other chores. Don't worry, we aren't going to put you on a ladder or roof!

Process:

1. Contact Brian Daugbjerg via text at 903-746-3834 or email at daugbjergb@yahoo.com and let him know your group would like to find a family to help.
2. A few details about when and what you might be interested in doing would be helpful.
3. Brian will reach out to several families and get back with you on the details. It's simple, fun and the kids will get more out of it than the family you are helping, I promise.
4. The goal is to make this blend as seamlessly as possible into your currently allotted meeting times.

Buckner Family Hope Center

Description: The Buckner Family Hope Center is a community-based place of hope where families go to find strength and empowerment to reach their fullest God-given potential. The key to the Family Hope Center is not merely programs but the passion-driven staff and volunteers who devote themselves to walking alongside families through trials and struggles and ultimately towards success as defined by that family. There are two primary ways your group can serve this Fall: Project HOPES Group Connection & Christmas Market.

Address: 1014 S High St, Longview, TX 75602

Phone: 903-757-9383

Volunteer Coordinator: Sarah Beasley (<mailto:sbeasley@buckner.org>)

Volunteer Page: <https://buckner.volunteerhub.com/lp/Longview/>

Involvement Options:

Project HOPES Group Connection Description: This ministry focuses on children ages 0-5 five years old. Parent Educators work with parents to prepare these children with developmental skills just in time to start Kindergarten. This service opportunity is a great way to interact with families and children. These connections usually take place on the last Thursday of each month. This is a great volunteer opportunity for all ages, including parents who want to volunteer with their own children!

Process:

1. Volunteers are needed to come and help serve a meal during these meetings.
2. Volunteers stay and visit with the families and participate in the crafts and activities after the meal.
3. Fall 2019 dates are as follows:
 - a. Thursday, October 24th from 5:45-8pm
 - b. Thursday, November 21st from 5:45-8pm
 - c. Thursday, December 19th from 5:45-8pm

4. Group leader should contact Sarah Beasley (see above) or fill out the online volunteer form (<https://buckner.volunteerhub.com/lp/Longview/>) to schedule this opportunity.

Christmas Market Description: As part of Buckner in Longview's mission to come alongside our clients and empower them to step out of poverty, we offer a Christmas Market to families as a means of helping parents who want the opportunity to earn and select the gifts that their children open on Christmas morning. Christmas Market shoppers have been participating in programs all year. They've taken classes, worked with a Parent Educator, met Family Coaching goals, and attended special events. Some have even earned bonus points for volunteering or having perfect attendance. Not one item at the market is a hand-out. Everything has been earned through diligence and commitment to provide for their families. You can participate in Buckner's Family Christmas in one or more of the following ways:

Process:

1. Purchase toys for vulnerable children of all ages:
 - a. NEW toys, for children of ALL AGES: think teenagers, preschool, and every age in between.
 - b. Plan for \$15-\$50 per item please; we'd rather receive one \$25 toy than five \$5 items.
 - c. Toys can be dropped off at the Buckner Family Hope Center through the first week of December.
 - d. Provide gift wrap and other supplies that make the Christmas Market possible can also be dropped off at the Buckner Family Hope Center through the first week of December.
2. Volunteer at the Christmas Market:
 - a. We need your help to set up and manage the Christmas Market the 2nd week of December.
 - b. Roles include: setup/cleanup, shoppers' assistants, cashiers, stockers, gift wrappers, etc.
 - c. Dates and times for the Christmas Market will be announced soon.
3. Group leader should contact Sarah Beasley or fill out the online volunteer form (<https://buckner.volunteerhub.com/lp/Longview/>) to schedule this opportunity.

Heartisans Marketplace

Description: Heartisans Marketplace is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and unique gift shop located in downtown Longview whose mission is to provide a customized job readiness program to unemployed women living in the local community. Profits generated from the sale of our products, along with community donations, provide training and employment opportunities for program participants.

Address: 112 W. Methvin St, Ste C, Longview, TX 75601

Phone: 903-431-1188

Volunteer Coordinator: Julie Lynn Ashley (julielynn@heartisansmarketplace.com)

Volunteer Page: <http://www.heartisansmarketplace.com/volunteer>

Involvement Options:

Process:

One-Time Projects

1. Best days to schedule projects are Saturdays (Hours: 10am-2pm)
2. Holiday projects are available in November & December but going fast!
3. Projects are for juniors in high school and above

4. Projects included in manufacturing kitchen to produce products to be sold in the retail store (i.e. soup mix, cookie mix, snack mix, candles, bath & body products, etc.)
5. Group leader should contact Julie Lynn Ashley or fill out the online volunteer form (<http://www.heartisansmarketplace.com/volunteer>) to schedule a project

Shopping Spree

1. Two-thirds of Heartisans funding comes from the retail store, so an important way to support this ministry is to shop it!
2. Groups can schedule a time with Julie Lynn Ashley for a brief (20-30 minutes) introduction to Heartisans and then shop the store together.
3. Retail store hours: M-Th 10-5, Fri-Sat 10-2, Closed Sunday
4. Group leader should contact Julie Lynn Ashley or fill out the online volunteer form (<http://www.heartisansmarketplace.com/volunteer>) to schedule an introduction to Heartisans during normal business hours

Individual Ongoing Service Options

1. Heartisans is always looking for committed, dependable volunteers (at least twice a month) who can work in one of their studios. They especially need volunteers in their manufacturing kitchen and sewing studio. View all studio options on their website: (<http://www.heartisansmarketplace.com/the-studios>)
2. Other ongoing options for service also include the following:
 - a. Volunteering in the retail store during normal business hours
 - b. Preparing meals for the job training & mentoring program participants on Saturdays (juniors in high school and above)
3. Individuals should contact Julie Lynn Ashley or fill out the online volunteer form (<http://www.heartisansmarketplace.com/volunteer>) to schedule an introduction to Heartisans and volunteer interview during normal business hours.

House of Hope

Description: Our mission is to be a place for women and their children to come in out of the weather, eat a hot meal, and rest as we minister the Word of God. It is our sincere desire to minister to the spiritual needs of women while meeting their physical needs. We pray the decisions they make today will be for a better life, based on the hope they have today, not based on yesterday's circumstances, where decisions were made from broken hearts, shattered dreams and lost hope.

Address: 3011 W Marshall Ave #5028, Longview, TX 75604

Phone: 903-295-0904

Process:

1. Longview EPC's scheduled night is the 2nd Tuesday of each month. This is subject to change.
2. Contact the House of Hope to set up a date to serve supper and get an approximate head count (usually 40-50).
3. Within your group discuss a menu, which will include both the meal and dessert.
4. Decide who will prepare what. (You may want to each bring something OR you may want to gather at church or someone's home and cook and bake together.)
5. Arrive with the food on the scheduled date at 4:40pm. (It's easiest to use the back door.)

6. Set up the food to serve and commence serving at 5pm following a prayer lead by one of your group members in the dining area.
7. After the women have been thru the line, call for seconds. Then leave the remaining food for those who work late.
8. Smile at the folks, say "good-bye" and they'll do any clean-up. You will most likely be out of there by 5:30.

Newgate Mission

Description: Newgate Mission is holistically rebuilding the lives of the homeless, low-income, and marginalized populations of Longview, Texas. A safe, Christ-centered community, Newgate is a day mission that is open to all, serving over 200 people every day, and providing compassion, hope, and renewed dignity. This monthly food serving requires five to six volunteers.

Address: 207 S Mobberly Ave, Longview, TX 75602

Phone: 903-757-6146

Process:

1. *** We need a contact person here
2. Longview EPC breakfast service is currently scheduled for the 3rd Saturday of each month (normally approximately 75+ people are served)
3. Arrive at 7:00 am (a Newgate staff person will have already started the eggs & pre-heated the ovens)
4. It is recommended that all volunteers wear closed-toed shoes and a hat (hair nets and aprons will be provided).
5. Breakfast preparation duties are as follows:
 - a. SAUSAGE: The sausage comes frozen in boxes. Prepare large flat pans for the sausage by lining with foil and coating with cooking spray. Place as many sausages on each pan with space to flip them. There are two ovens with two racks, so prepare a total of four pans. Use a big deep pan to collect the cooked sausage. This preparation will take time. One person is needed to get them in and out of the oven. Two people are needed to flip the sausages and brown on each side. Place cooked sausage in the warmer.
 - b. GRAVY: Prepare using a large pot. Follow instructions on the package(s). Start this before 7:30am. Gravy will be served out of the same pot.
 - c. BISCUITS: Prepare two large flat pans. Remove the plastic and place the cardboard flats (2 per pan) on each pan. When prepared this way, they will be ready to take the place of the sausage in the oven as soon as it is completely done. Use a deep pan to serve the biscuits and place in the warmer or on the steam table when ready.
 - d. MILK & JUICE: Prepare by filling cups of milk and juice as close to 8:00am as possible.
 - e. EGGS: A Newgate staff person will start the eggs before the group arrives to prepare the meal. The eggs come in big plastic bags and the bags are extremely hot. Prepare a large deep serving pan by cleaning & coating with cooking spray. Using heat resistant gloves, remove the bags from the water, open the bags, and prepare the eggs for serving.
6. Food is served at 8 am and led by a Newgate staff person.
7. Order of serving: Once ready to serve (upon Newgate staff person's direction): One server opens in prayer. Five servers will be needed in line: 1) Plates and eggs, 2) Sausage, 3) Biscuits, 4) Gravy 5) Milk & juice. The sixth volunteer will remain in the kitchen to begin clean up and help as needed to retrieve warming trays, wash pans, etc. Food service should be completed by 8:30-8:45am.
8. A Newgate staff person will direct who will be served, if seconds will be allowed and how many plates to prepare.

9. Make sure to smile and converse with people being served, but make sure to keep the line moving along briskly.
10. Ask those being served if they would like what you are serving (eggs, biscuits, gravy, etc.) rather than simply putting it on their plate.

(Weekday Lunch – serve on 3rd& 5th Tuesday, 11:00 – 12:00)