

Specialized Volunteer Opportunities

Blue Ridge Area Food Bank

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A Specialized Volunteer opportunity is one that asks you to draw upon your professional and general life skills to benefit the work of the Food Bank. These are in addition to more routine and scheduled opportunities listed on our [online calendar](#). We will update this document as our needs change.

If your skills and experience match our needs, you are looking for something long-term, and you want to help ensure that everyone has enough to eat, let us know! Contact **Jennifer Clark Robertson** at jclarkrobertson@brafb.org or (540) 213-8402. As part of the application process, an interview will be required to be sure your volunteer placement is fulfilling for you and meets our needs.

PEER COORDINATOR

Peer Coordinators work closely with staff to organize the work of other volunteers as well as orient groups of new volunteers to the Food Bank, our programs, and the work to be performed that day; they also supervise these groups in their activities and may lead tours of the Food Bank. These positions are ongoing. The timing of each shift is subject to availability (therefore the schedule is flexible). A Peer Coordinator will have demonstrated a commitment to the Food Bank's mission for a minimum of 6 months before accepting this lead volunteer position. Peer Coordinators combine their love of volunteering with their leadership skills and may work occasional evening and weekend hours to supervise warehouse work, special events, and some warehouse functions. **Work locations available: Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Winchester.**

PHOTOGRAPHER

Visual storytelling is a powerful way for the Food Bank to illustrate, communicate, and reinforce our culture and the impact of our work. Donate your photography skills to help document our events, programs, volunteers, and staff. The work can often be scheduled at your convenience. **Work location: Throughout service area.**

VIDEOGRAPHER AND VIDEO EDITOR

If you have an eye for capturing great moments through video, we'd love to have your help! Help us capture and tell the stories of people in our community who are food insecure. Put your video editing skills to work to provide us with tools we can use to communicate. The work can often be scheduled at your convenience. **Work location: Throughout service area.**

TRANSLATOR

As a volunteer translator with the Food Bank, use your skills and expertise to ensure people have access to vital nutrition information. The most-needed languages include Spanish, Arabic, and Russian; however, we may need help in other languages. The volunteer will serve as an interpreter for the Partner Engagement Coordinator and the pantry staff. Shifts are based on pantry hours. **Work location: Throughout service area at our partner agencies, as needs arise.**

CLIENT INSIGHTS DATA SUPPORT

Bring your technology expertise to the table and help support onboarding and training for Food Bank client-focused software called Link2Feed. You will work with new Food Bank partner agencies—in conjunction with the Partner Engagement and Programs team. The work will take place at partner food pantry sites. **Work location: Throughout service area at our partner agencies, as needs arise.**

Training and orientation will be provided for volunteers by the respective department. We ask that these volunteers commit to volunteering regularly, meaning a regularly scheduled time slot that is mutually beneficial.

STROLLING MUSICIAN

Donate your time and talent and celebrate your love of music at Mobile Food Pantry distributions. Help deliver the gift of human kindness by delivering music and joy to those in need. We are seeking guitarists, harpists, or other musicians who play portable, acoustic instruments to provide music to neighbors waiting in line for food during Mobile Food Pantry distributions (locations are rural in Albemarle, Nelson, Buckingham, Fluvanna, Bath, Highland, and Rockingham counties). **Work location: At Mobile Food Pantry sites (learn more at <https://www.brafb.org/about-us/how-we-work/programs/mobile-food-pantry/>).**



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