

Hello,

My name is Tammy Joslyn the Outreach Director for Operation Blessing and I direct Seacoast Adopt-A-Block and the Greenleaf Rec Center. I want to share my heart about serving our community. I desire a heart that engages God others and our community. God is after people who will wholeheartedly go "All In" and today is an opportunity to take the plunge in every area of our lives. God's greatest desire is that we would love Him and love others.

*Matthew 25:35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.*

I recognize that I have been given much and I believe that it is my responsibility to respond to the many needs in our community with the privileges and gifts that I have been given. I know this will be challenging but I am excited for this challenge. I want to walk with the people I encounter. My hope is to be able to "break bread" and to share moments of joy and gratitude but also moments of difficulty. In simply enjoying and being with people despite clear difference in culture, and life experiences I believe that we can discover that our hopes and desires are similar.

So here are some ways to get involve with outreach here in the Seacoast Area.

**Operation Blessing** would like to take this opportunity to update you on who we are and the needs we have for 2015. Operation Blessing has been around since 1987 and was founded by Rick and Rachel Sparkowich. The ministry began simply because Rachel saw a need that needed to be filled and decided to do something about it. This is reflected in our vision, "Find a need, and fill it. See a hurt, heal it." We accept many different kinds of donations from food, furniture, clothes and household items that are in reusable condition. Everything that is donated is sorted, cleaned, or fixed and then given away free of charge to those that are in need. We strive to provide our clients with an atmosphere of hope and love while providing the crucial assistance they need. Monetary donations are also a blessing and are tax deductible because Operation Blessing is a 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt non-denominational Christian ministry. Here is a list of volunteer opportunities at OB center.

We also need clothing, furniture, food and household items donations, which can be dropped off at OB 600 Lafayette Rd Portsmouth, NH 03801.

Wednesday-Fri day: 10am-4pm

- Answering Phones
- Sorting Donations
- Repair Shop
- Drivers
- Delivering Furniture
- Cooking Lunch for the Volunteers
- Food pantry workers

**Seacoast Adopt-A-Block** is one of our outreach ministries who help the elderly, disabled, widowed and single parent homes. Adopt-A-Block is here to help people any way we can. Over the past several years our volunteers have painted, raked, shoveled, trimmed bushes, cut down trees, cleaned gutters, mowed grass, planted flowers, cleaned houses, grocery shopped, delivered gifts, made crafts, sang Christmas carols, moved furniture, delivered food and medicine, provided bedding & clothing, cleaned up the city streets, helped in our city housing projects, and many other countless projects. Whether it is a college class requirement, a court ordered mandate, a business community outreach, or just someone wanting to serve their fellow man, people can find a place of service through Seacoast Adopt-A-Block. Here are some volunteer needs for Adopt-A-Block.

1. Saturday Outreaches 9am-12pm

- Community Services out in the Seacoast Area
  - One Day to Serve
  - Mobile Food Giveaway to the Elderly and disabled the last Saturday of every month
  - Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway
  - Christmas card writing for the elderly
  - Caroling in Nursing homes
  - Christmas Gift Giveaway
- Set up Dec 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Anytime at Greenleaf Rec Center

- 195 Greenleaf Ave Portsmouth, NH 03801 9am-6pm
- Gift Give Away Dec 18<sup>th</sup>,19<sup>th</sup>,20<sup>th</sup> 9am-6pm

- Runners
- Wrappers
- Table Monitors

We also need gift cards, gift wrap, tape, gift tags, scissors, and candy canes for the gift giveaway, all these items can be dropped off at Greenleaf Rec Center 195 Greenleaf Ave. Portsmouth, NH 03801

The Greenleaf Recreation Center is another outreach ministry here at OB. The Rec Center came out of a need for our kids in our communities to have a safe and inviting place to spend their time rather than playing in the streets or getting into trouble. God provided a facility at 195 Greenleaf Ave. The building has been completely repainted inside and out and we are continuing to make improvements. Our goal is to build a healthy relationship with our surrounding Portsmouth neighborhoods. We are currently running over 60 children thru our programs here at the rec.

**Greenleaf Rec Center Open Rec Volunteers Mon-Wed 3:30-7:30**

**We need volunteers for**

Homework Help, Playing Games, inside basketball etc.

1. Mon Night Cooking Class Leader
  - Someone who is willing to commit to at least one Monday a month
  - You can plan what you would like to cook with kids
  - We will provide the food
2. Anyone with a Passion or Hobby they would like to share with the kids
  - We can schedule a class or set of classes
  - If you need supplies we can help

\*For example we just finished 6 week set of Dance classes and Taekwondo and will be starting back up in Jan.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read this email and please call or email me with any questions.

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