Local Community Volunteer Opportunities, 2023–2024

AARP Tax Aide	Contact Kendal resident Phil Pritchett for tax-aide training, 310-754-6281.
Community Action to Save Strays (CATSS)	Organization devoted to special cat needs. Contact Kendal resident Nancy Garver, 440-665-1245.
Chalk Walk	Annual summer event in Oberlin. Contact Kendal resident Tom Taylor, 617-610-6287.
Churches	Many have outreach programs. Check with your local pastor to learn where assistance is welcome. For information on the Compassionate Carpets project at First United Methodist Church, contact Kendal resident Anne Elder, 440-774-2947.
Firelands Association for the Visual Arts (FAVA)	Staff galleries and special exhibits, educational events. Contact Erin McCarty, FAVA director of education and outreach, 440-774-7158, or Kendal resident Mary Van Nortwick, 440-935-4107.
Friends of Allen Art Museum	Members of the Allen Memorial Art Museum Volunteer Guild plan Tuesday Tea lectures, staff the information desk, and greet visitors. Contact Kendal residents Margaret Ann Ellis, 440-935-2185, or Mary Van Nortwick, 440-935-4107.
Friends of the Metroparks in Lorain County	Assist with programs, animal care, plant care, special events, and gift shops at various locations. Contact Mariah Deitz, public information officer, 440-458-5121, or Kendal resident Kay Rider, 440-935-9518.
Friends of the Oberlin Public Library (FOPL)	Assist with book sales, book cart, book donations, programs, and special projects. Contact Kendal resident Gerry Findlan, 440-724-3148.
Golden Retrievers in Need (GRIN)	Rescue and rehoming of goldens and mixed-breed dogs, letter writing, vet checks, applications reviews, and home visits. Contact Kendal resident Ann Findlan, 440-225-7374.
Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity	Assist at ReStore in Amherst, serve customers, place merchandise, process donations. Call 216-429-1299.
Hot Meals	Serve free meals at Christ Church parish house Monday–Friday evenings. Contact Mary McGill, 440-775-2501.
Meals on Wheels	Drivers, regular or substitute. Contact Meals on Wheels volunteer coordinator Rosa Gadsen, 440-774-6579.
Mercy Health Allen Hospital Auxiliary	Gift shop sales, hospital information desk, auxiliary special events, and other activities. Contact Kendal resident Ann Findlan, 440-225-7374.
Oberlin City	Serve on local boards and commissions by appoint-ment. See cityofoberlin.com or contact Belinda Anderson, clerk of council, 440-775-7203.
Oberlin Community Services Center	Food sorting, packing, and distribution. Contact Kendal resident Janet Bolland, 440-774-3444.
Oberlin Community Supporting Immigrants (OCSI)	English language instruction, childcare, transportation in Oberlin, community education. Contact Kendal resident Anne Elder, 440-774-2947.
Oberlin Heritage Center	Oberlin Heritage Center tour guides for historic houses; office help, clerical and newsletter; oral history, interviewing or transcribing interviews. Contact Liz Schultz, executive director, 440-774-1700.
Oberlin Public Schools	Volunteer readers for K–3 rd grade children at Oberlin Elementary School. Contact Kendal resident Anne Elder, 440-774-2947.
Salvation Army, Oberlin	Seasonal fundraising, disaster relief, special projects. Contact Stephanie Walker, 440-328-9060.
Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio	Distribute and repack food, deliver senior boxes, work in gardening corps, Contact Jenny Rivera, Director of Volunteers, 440-960-2265.

If you don't find the volunteer opportunity you want or would like to suggest a new opportunity, contact Kendal residents Anne Elder, Mailbox #121, or Ann Findlan, Mailbox #93, of Kendal's Volunteer Clearinghouse.