



November 2018

Volunteer for one day!

Sahuarita Food Bank—10/19 at Continental Shopping Center or 12/1 at Rancho Resort to staff collection stations, check expiration dates, sort food. jknovak62@gmail.com.

Sahuarita Food Bank needs help with shoppers on Market Days (Thursday afternoons, Saturday mornings), drivers to pick up food, set up & clean up on Market Days, people to host tables at upcoming community events. Kay, jknovak62@gmail.com.

Love books? Good at data entry? **Friends of Canoa Heritage Foundation** needs help cataloging books, maps and artifacts for the Salcido-Amarillas Western Research Library. Ellie, 520-398-2985, soporibell@msn.com.

Help organize and execute the **2019 Kids of Canoa OFF ROAD ROUND-UP** on January 5, 2019! Help with outreach, on site monitors, registration and judging. Dawn, 520-289-3940. www.VisitCanoa.com

Become a foster parent at **Paws Patrol** to care for kittens and older cats that need temporary housing, supplies provided. Socializers needed at the office a few hours a week to play with the kitties. Office workers needed one day a week from 10am-2pm to feed, clean, answer phones and greet customers. Patti, 520-207-4024.

Sahuarita Food Bank needs writers and editors to communicate the good work we do through our newsletter, annual reports, brochures, website and social media posts. Sherri, sherricadeaux@gmail.com.

The next **Sherriff's Auxiliary Volunteer (SAV) Academy** starts on February 26 with graduation on April 5. Recruits may live anywhere in Pima County. Register now! Allan, 520-351-6746, gvsavrecruiting@gmail.com.

Children's Clinics Holiday Toy Days: Shifts from 8am-12pm and 1pm-5pm on December 12 & 13 to pass out toys, run the Santa photo booth, work on crafts with kids. 40-50 volunteers needed per shift. Haley, 520-324-3055, haley.mccachern@childrensclinics.org.

B-26 Marauder Historical Society needs help fundraising. Melinda, 520-322-6226, admin@B-26MHS.org.

Ring bells for The **Salvation Army** this holiday season starting November 23 through December 24 in two hour shifts from 8am to 6pm. Esther, 602-50-8975 cell, 520-625-3888 office, esther.corrales@usw.salvationarmy.org

Amado-Green Valley Community Food Bank Resource Centers need volunteers as the holidays approach in the warehouse, receiving/sorting rescue food, produce, bread and stocking. Assist clients in the selection of their food items or the Resource Center Manager. Work one day per week for 2 ½ to 4 ½ hours. Lilia, 520 209-1904, ldawson@communityfoodbank.org.

Give two hours to **Joyner-Green Valley Library**. Volunteer in our computer lab and help with basic computer/internet/printing. Especially need help on Saturday mornings, Sunday afternoons. Deborah, 520-594-5295.

Hospice Family Care in Green Valley needs caring people to provide friendly visits, caregiver relief or run errands for those at the end of life. Training is provided. Donna, 520-499-3072, donna.moore@hfc-az.com.

Make the **Vensel Treasure Shoppe** a unique place to find quality pre-owned furniture or assorted treasures. Retail clerks or cashiers needed. Barbara, 520-648-7999.

Lend a listening ear to **Arista Community Hospice** patients. Rosy, rcunningham@aristahealthaz.com, 520-333-0333.

The Animal League of Green Valley needs help to keep the cat and dog areas clean plus drivers to help with pick-up and delivery and work our outside sales area or we could use your help walking some of our large, strong dogs. Kim, 520-223-3955, finallymrsmense@aol.com.

The Madera Company of The Arizona Rangers serves areas south of Tucson to Nogales. Provide law enforcement support to local law enforcement, security services for community and civic organizations, and support for youth organizations. Karl, 520-289-1448.

Volunteer for **Green Valley Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Centers** in Green Valley and at the Sahuarita Town Hall. Help with our special events and working our booth at the GVR Farmers' Market on Tuesdays. Cathy, info@greenvalleysahuarita.com.

Help with the **11th Annual MedianGreen Fashion Show and Luncheon** on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at Quail Creek—Assistant Chair, Reservations, Reception, Coordinator of Models. Decorations, Silent Auction. Judy Buckingham, 520-648-4371, rebjrm@ix.netcom.com.

Volunteer with Valor HospiceCare in Green Valley, Sahuarita, Arivaca, Amado, Tubac, Rio Rico, Nogales, Sonoita or Patagonia. Susie, 520-399-0200, smathews@valorhospicecare.com.

Give walking tours at **Titan Missile Museum and National Historic Landmark** and talk to groups for 45 minutes. We have an excellent self-paced training program. Yvonne, 520-625-4598, ymorris@titanmissilemuseum.org.

Volunteer at **Valley Assistance Services** as greeters, educators, drivers, friendly visitors, at outreach events/fundraisers like Empty Bowls. Flexible schedule. Chris, c.erickson@valleyassistanceservices.org.

Do you love cats? Volunteer at PAWS PATROL!

By Mike Touzeau , GVSVC Staff Writer



Cats are reclusive and very independent for the most part, she acknowledged, but it doesn't mean they won't be affectionate and openly grateful for their rescue. She recalls one she nursed back to normal. "I knew I'd saved its life, but I didn't expect the love back."

Paws Patrol handles about 50 cats per day on average, rescuing some from as far away as Benson, and they do everything they can to be a no kill shelter, generally only if the animal's health is too far gone. They screen the adopters and place about ten per month.

Danae recalls too well the struggle to provide attention and care for her dying husband. She says if she didn't have this work, she would sit home and think too much about it.

When you love cats it is a great opportunity for you to help control the cat population.

Paws Patrol has been working on the overpopulation problem with these mysterious creatures for about ten years now, and their work has saved countless cat lives, finding them places where they can thrive in safe and secure environments that allow them to be, well, cats.

Most volunteers spend a half day per week to care for the captured cats at their location on Camino Casa Verde, or make visits to newly adopted friends at local ranches, or help in the trap/rescue operations. Volunteers deal mostly with animals that have congregated in "colonies," either wild or dumped by owners. They usually trap them, bring them in to foster care, treat their health problems, with money from a grant, and then try to get them adapted to a secure place like a local ranch.

"There's always a risk with predators, so it is with trepidation that we let them go," Danae Michael, a retired RN explained, but they check on them frequently until it looks like they're going to be okay.

Volunteers learn to assess the animal's behavior in-house to see if they are socializing and have the potential to be adopted. Paws Patrol provides twice a year training sessions. They learn to observe, play, touch, clean and feed them, administer medications, and get them used to human contact.



Danae Michael found friends and felines make a fun place to volunteer!

Now this brings her joy and a sense of purpose. Her colleagues, mostly all cat owners, feel the same way about the work, she said. She also volunteers at the Animal League, so the bond with these creatures contributes to contentment in her life.

"When you see what these cats go through," she said, "it makes you really want to help."

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