



**Dear Supporter of Toco Hills Community Alliance,**



Every week is Volunteer Week at Toco Hills Community Alliance, where it takes about 100 volunteers every week to do what we do!



Volunteers spend their time here at THCA sorting and preparing food and clothes to share, cooking, cleaning, taking in deliveries, checking in those who come for service, distributing groceries and supplies, and so much more.

and moving; some volunteers remain seated while they work.



From every walk of life they come: retired folks and students, wealthy and low-income, from the US and immigrants, men and women and teens, Black and Latine and of Asian descent and White - these volunteers come and give of their time to serve our neighbors.

When asked why they come to serve, over and over again, the replies come down to one thing: community - quite appropriate for an agency with community right in its name!



Some volunteers remark how they want to give back, to make a positive difference in the neighborhood, to help strengthen the community that we all live in, so that it is better for everyone.

Some volunteers express how much they love meeting the people we serve, who are neighbors that they might not get to know otherwise; for them, it is gratifying to get to know their community.

And some volunteers talk about how the volunteers create community amongst themselves, getting to know one another as they all work toward the same goal: serving neighbors in need.



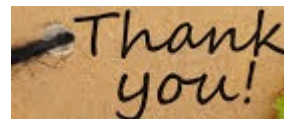
Every volunteer has their own story: the retired accountant who now counts cans of food, the amateur chef who now cooks meals with love, the business owner who wants to make good use of their days off, the former user of services who wants to be able to give to others what they received, the former volunteers who loved it so much they are on staff now...

a course requirement, but loved working here so much, she started coming every Tuesday, and has learned just about every job here. She enjoys it so much she came all throughout her Spring Break! And, all of her friends who have come to visit for Spring Break, she has brought them along, too. She says that she just "fell in love" with Toco Hills Community Alliance, that she loves that we don't just provide food and clothes, but an atmosphere of acceptance for all.

"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in."- author unknown



Whatever their story or walk of life, each volunteer comes and joins together in our mission to be Neighbors Helping Neighbors. Our volunteers are the backbone, the heart, the soul, of our service here and we need and appreciate them. If you want to write a few sentences of gratitude for our volunteers, feel free to email me at [lisa@toco hillsalliance.org](mailto:lisa@toco hillsalliance.org) and I will make sure to pass it along.



I know that some cannot volunteer with us for varied reasons. We are so grateful for all of the many kinds of support you give. But, if you have some time during the day Monday through Friday and want to explore coming to volunteer with us, you can sign up by going to our Better Impact volunteer platform: <http://bttr.im/po89m> For any questions about volunteering, email [volunteer@toco hillsalliance.org](mailto:volunteer@toco hillsalliance.org)

**COMMUNITY SERVICE  
OPPORTUNITY**

Many high school students must have community service hours and we can take volunteers who are 14 and older. We have had great experiences with high school students in the summer, and would be glad to have more this summer!

toward becoming the Beloved Community Dr. King spoke of.

In immense gratitude,



Rev. Dr. Lisa Heilig, Executive Director

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**We are so fortunate to have a number of interns and service learning students with us throughout the school year. As that year winds to a close, we will miss our eight interns from Candler School of Theology at Emory, our six service learning students from Emory Medical School, and our two Dekalb County vocational students as they finish their time with us.**



**We are also looking forward to having Emory School of Nursing students with us May through July.**



If you want to donate or coordinate a drive, here are the most needed items.

We are in **URGENT NEED** of **diapers sizes 4,5,6, & 7** and **baby wipes**.

The foods we are most in need of are:

- Canned Vegetables
- Rice
- Beans
- Shelf Stable Milk - Dairy or Non-Dairy
- "Pop-Top" Cans of Soup/Stew/Chili/Pasta
- Crackers

(PLEASE NO GLASS JARS)

We very much need **clean used cloth and plastic shopping bags.**

We can also use cleaning/office supplies, such as:

- Packing tape

Someone is available to take donations at Toco Hills Community Alliance building on Monday through Friday from 9am until noon. Drive up under the white tent and our volunteers will retrieve the items from your car.



**We can now accept donations of stock!  
If you have stock you would like to donate  
to THCA, you or your broker can go to:**

<https://donatestock.com/toco-hills-community-alliance-inc>

**Thank you all for your continued support!**

[Donate Now](#)

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Please "like" us at the link below so you can follow our activities.

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