

## Falls CRO Volunteer Opportunities 2019-2020 School Year

**This summarizes a variety of ways you can be involved in supporting the schools and programs which the Falls CRO Advisory Council has vetted and is involved.**

### **Programs at Tamassee Salem Elementary School (TSES)- 280 students**

#### **1:1 Mentoring**

**Volunteers are needed** to participate in a mentoring program that is part of Mentor Upstate ([www.mentorupstate.org](http://www.mentorupstate.org)) designed to help the students achieve their potential and discover their strengths. Many children need "an advocate, a guide, an advisor, a confidant, an encourager, a listener, and a friend." If you can spare 30 minutes a week for the school year to be a mentor to one child, it is possible to make a positive impact on that child for the rest of his/her life. The Falls CRO coordinator will walk you through the process of becoming a mentor and arrange for your training. The school will cover the cost for processing your online application and completing a background check so that you can work independently with the student.

To volunteer, contact the coordinator: Steve Sparks ([steve18@gmail.com](mailto:steve18@gmail.com)) ([sparkssteve18@gmail.com](mailto:sparkssteve18@gmail.com))

#### **Chew The Fat Fridays (CTFF) Lunchtime Reading/Mentoring Program at TSES**

Cliffs men are always welcomed to join current volunteers for CTFF, a program for 5th grade boys lead by a faculty of 11 diverse Cliffs men. Each volunteer is asked to participate **just once during the fall semester (and again in the spring)** as a discussion leader and role model. In addition to volunteering their time and sharing their personal experience, the volunteers provide a pizza lunch for the boys. The volunteers' aim is to provide a consistent message to the students of how they can achieve success through education and work ethics. This is facilitated through reading and group discussion of a book called "SOUP." The objectives of the program are:

- Introduce the boys to successful male role models
- Discuss Life: Choices; Consequences; Peer Pressure; Guilt; Bullying; Cheating; Discrimination; Stealing
- Encourage the boys to become voracious readers

To volunteer, contact the coordinator: Theron Wiggins ([tcwiggins702@yahoo.com](mailto:tcwiggins702@yahoo.com))

#### **Stargirls Lunchtime Reading/Mentoring Program at TSES**

Cliffs women are always welcomed to join current volunteers for Stargirls, a weekly book reading and discussion program for 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls running approximately 11 weeks each session. Volunteers are asked to sign up for just **one date each session (once in the fall and once in the spring)** to lead the discussion of assigned chapters. We are currently emphasizing the ramifications of bullying through a book, *Chrissa Sands Strong*. In addition to volunteering their time, the volunteers provide a pizza lunch for the girls. The program started in 2012 and currently we have 15 volunteers. The objectives of the program are:

- Introduce the girls to successful female role models
- Discuss Life: Bullying, Peer Pressure, Choices and Consequences, Recognizing Self-Worth, Friendship and social dilemmas aimed at helping the girls as they move toward Middle School
- Encourage a life-long love of reading and promote value of education

To volunteer, contact the coordinator: Cheryl Wiggins ([tcwiggins702@yahoo.com](mailto:tcwiggins702@yahoo.com))

### **Christmas Angel Tree**

As a community, about 30 gifts have historically been purchased each year by Cliffs members for students at TSES. The coordinator for this project works with the school guidance counselors to identify students in need, their wish list; seeks volunteers willing to purchase items for each child; and coordinates collection, wrapping and delivery of items to the school.

For information, contact: Cindy Lowery ([cindylowery@charter.net](mailto:cindylowery@charter.net)) *A volunteer coordinator is needed!*

### **Box Tops Program**

A collection box is located in the ladies' locker room at the Falls for Box Tops from grocery items which TSES can redeem (10 cents/box top) for purchasing school supplies. Check on-line at [BoxTops4Education.com](http://BoxTops4Education.com) to print out or review items.

For information, contact the coordinator: Kathy Kaufman ([kaufman.kathy@gmail.com](mailto:kaufman.kathy@gmail.com))

### **Tools for Schools**

By linking your Ingles Advantage™ Card to the TSES, when you make purchases using the Card, Ingles will give back to the school a portion of those sales with which they can purchase school supplies. You must re-register your card every school year at [Tools for Schools](http://ToolsforSchools.com) and select TSES; or use the forms available in the box in the women's lounge at the Clubhouse.

For information, contact the coordinator: Kathy Kaufman ([kaufman.kathy@gmail.com](mailto:kaufman.kathy@gmail.com))

### **Back-to-School Supplies Purchases**

One or two volunteers are needed in August each year to purchase school supplies during tax-free weekend (usually the 1st weekend in August). Funds are allocated in the CRO budget for this; the school provides the list of supplies and volunteers work with Walmart to purchase the items.

To volunteer, contact the coordinator: Sue McCafferty ([suelmccafferty@gmail.com](mailto:suelmccafferty@gmail.com))

**Grace's Closet** – The Graces Closet on school premises provides clothing, school supplies, hygiene items and food. Students are accompanied there by the Guidance Counselor or School Nurse. A volunteer coordinator straightens up, monitors and orders supplies and is the point person for coordination with the school administrators. *A backup volunteer would be welcomed* to assist the primary volunteer.

For information, contact the coordinator: Colleen Delahunty ([colleendel@comcast.net](mailto:colleendel@comcast.net))

### **Program at Tamasee Daughters of the Revolution (DAR) School – 60 students**

DAR Thrift store, 9565 SC-11, in Tamasee, accepts donations Tuesdays-Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Cliffs members are encouraged to donate items whose sale will benefit the School! Volunteers are needed to stock shelves and straighten items.

To volunteer, please contact: Dawn McGha, Manager, DAR Thrift Store (864.944.2660)

The DAR hosts an important annual Golf Fundraiser at the Cliffs Valley Course. Volunteers are needed to assist the tournament organizers or to register as a player/foursome. For more information, contact: Betty Vandeputte: ([bettyv121@gmail.com](mailto:bettyv121@gmail.com)) *A volunteer coordinator is needed!*

## Programs at NEXT School Eagle Ridge MS/HS – 110 students

**Powerful Amazing Little Sisters (PALS), Women on the Way (WOW) and Better Boys:** Be the role model that you wished you had in high school. Volunteers are needed who are willing to be part of a mentoring circle, be a 1:1 trusted advisor or be a guest speaker. Topics include (but are not limited to) careers, post-secondary school experience, personal finance, resumes, interviewing skills, networking, etiquette, etc.

**PALS, 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls** - To volunteer, contact the coordinator: Colleen Delahunty ([colleendel@comcast.net](mailto:colleendel@comcast.net))

**WOW, 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade girls** - To volunteer, contact the coordinator: Sara Holler ([sara.holler@nextschooleagleridge.org](mailto:sara.holler@nextschooleagleridge.org))

**Better Boys:** *Volunteers are needed* to develop this new program. For more information, contact the coordinator: Ronnie Franklin ([bamarsf@gmail.com](mailto:bamarsf@gmail.com))

### Classroom/School Projects Assistance:

- Literacy Assistance - help struggling readers, specifically 6th graders reading below grade level
- Math tutors – help struggling math students
- Role models – assist the faculty working with groups of students on special projects or events

Brief training is encouraged for any of the roles listed above if it involves tutoring specific students.

For more information, contact the school coordinator Ronnie Franklin ([bamarsf@gmail.com](mailto:bamarsf@gmail.com))

**Grace's Closet** – There is a Graces Closet on school premises that provides clothing, school supplies, hygiene items and food. It is open to students on Tuesday 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and *we need volunteers in the Closet to assist the students* in selecting items from the available inventory. For information, contact the coordinator: Colleen Delahunty ([colleendel@comcast.net](mailto:colleendel@comcast.net))

### Entrepreneurial Board

Join 15 Cliffs Members who have volunteered to be an occasional resource for high school students who are studying business and entrepreneurship as part of the schools' project-based learning approach. Successful adults are needed to be role models, help the students learn how to network and provide constructive feedback and encouragement to the students. Participation frequency is flexible.

For information, contact the coordinator: Sara Holler ([sara.holler@nextschooleagleridge.org](mailto:sara.holler@nextschooleagleridge.org))

## Walhalla High School “At Risk” Program – 145 students

**Grace's Closet** – The Graces Closet on school premises provides clothing, school supplies, hygiene items and food. It is open to students on Wednesday 8:10 -8:40 a.m. and Fridays 11:45 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. and *volunteers are needed to assist the students in selecting items* from the available inventory.

To volunteer, contact the coordinator: Colleen Delahunty ([colleendel@comcast.net](mailto:colleendel@comcast.net))

### Graduation Success Program (GSP)

Be the mentor that these “at risk” high school students need. *Volunteers are needed* who are willing to be part of a mentoring circle, be a 1:1 mentor or guest speaker. Topics include (but are not limited to) careers, post-secondary school experience, personal finance, resumes, interviewing skills, etiquette, etc. To volunteer, contact the coordinator: Sam Head ([samhead@me.com](mailto:samhead@me.com))

### **Collins Children's Home – 16 students**

Collins Children's Home Thrift Store, 504 West North First Street, in Seneca is open Tuesdays - Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Cliffs members are encouraged to donate items whose sale will benefit the Home!

The CRO provides annual support to enable the Home to provide "welcome" duffle bags for incoming children; as well as funds for other priority programs.

For information, contact the coordinator: Laurie Metzger ([lauri Metzger@aol.com](mailto:lauri Metzger@aol.com))

### **Grace's Closet District Office (Centralized Inventory)**

**Volunteers are needed** to help organize clothing and supplies received at the central inventory office for distribution to 19 Oconee County Schools. The inventory office is located at the Oconee County School District Office in Walhalla.

For information, contact Colleen Delahunty (([colleendel@comcast.net](mailto:colleendel@comcast.net)) or Judy Agerton ([judyag@bellsouth.net](mailto:judyag@bellsouth.net))

### **Falls CRO Advisory Council Members**

Please let us know if you have an interest in serving on the Advisory Council. The Council is currently comprised of around 10 volunteers who meet 4-5 times each year to oversee program support (stewardship of the financial support by our donors or the volunteer efforts of residents). In addition to an annual financial pledge, each member also volunteers to lead a program or facet of the Council's operations. Non-profit, volunteering, or fundraising experience is not required, but is a plus.

For information, contact Judy Agerton, Advisory Council Chair ([judyag@bellsouth.net](mailto:judyag@bellsouth.net))