



Christian Assistance Bridge

Volunteer Information

Our Mission

Christian Assistance Bridge is a non-profit agency that exists to provide hope and support to those in need in our community through a collaborative effort of businesses, local churches and civic organizations, individuals and other support agencies. This faith-based organization represents Christian values, discipleship and service. By joining efforts, we will strengthen our mission and our faith, as well as the faith of those we serve.

Who We Are

Christian Assistance Bridge reaches out to those who find themselves in a crisis situation—facing eviction, utility cut-off, homelessness or food and necessities shortages. Since 2013, Christian Assistance Bridge has been serving the communities of Blythewood (29016), Ridgeway (29130) and northeast Richland County (29229). The office is operated by two, part time staff and volunteers.

Volunteer Opportunities

- *Food Pantry:* Our food pantry is available for anyone who is in need of food. Whether it is food for one individual or for an entire family, we pack and fill boxes for these folks in their time of need. A food pantry volunteer also stocks shelves and keeps the pantry organized, according to industry standards and guidelines.
- *Client Intake Counselor:* Financial assistance is offered to those who qualify for emergency help. Each client meets with a trained volunteer to confidentially discuss their situation. Assistance includes help with payment of utilities, rent, travel aid (gas, lodging) and prescription medications.

- *Benefit Bank Counselor:* Low income South Carolina residents can apply for a variety of government benefits from multiple agencies via the Benefit Bank application process. Benefit Bank counselors spend up to an hour with clients, assisting them with this application process. Special training is required.
- *Skilled Professionals:* We are always looking for folks who can offer their skill or profession: public relations, marketing, grant writing, fundraising, public speaking, event planning, IT, legal and accounting.
- *Receptionist:* During office hours, the receptionist welcomes clients when they walk through our doors. The receptionist is also responsible for ensuring that the proper paperwork has been completed by the client. This person answers the phone, checks for messages and returns phone calls.
- *Donations:* Nonperishable food items that have not yet expired can be brought to our location during normal business hours or during another prearranged time. We also accept toiletry items and seasonal items (school supplies) and gift cards to grocery and big box stores. ***NO CLOTHING OR HOME GOODS PLEASE.***
- *Other:* Our volunteer needs change throughout the year and special projects may arise at any time. If you or a local group (church, scouts, civic organization, etc.) are interested in temporarily volunteering your time with us, please call to see what opportunities we may have available.

Christian Assistance Bridge seeks to find committed volunteers who are willing to serve the needs of those in our community with an open mind and heart. We match our volunteers to an area where their skills and/or interests are best suited for our organization. All volunteer information is kept confidential. Thank you for your interest in serving as a CAB volunteer.

“May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you.” 1 Thessalonians 3:12

Contact Information

Executive Director: Search in progress

Program Manager: Resa Cochran
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Hours: Mondays and Thursdays
9:00 am – 1:00 pm
2nd Thursday each month evening hours
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

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Christian Assistance Bridge Volunteer Application

Date: _____

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle Initial)

Date of Birth: _____ SSN: _____

For background check if applying for Receptionist or Counselor position

Home Address:

Preferred Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____

Please list any known medical conditions in case of an emergency:

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Position of Interest: (Please Check One)

Food Pantry Client Intake Counselor Benefit Bank Counselor
 Receptionist Skilled Professional (explain): _____
 Other: _____

Why do you want to be a volunteer at CAB?

Previous volunteer experiences:

Special interests/hobbies: _____

References

1. Please list the names and addresses of three persons who can serve as a reference for your character and reputation. Please list only those who you have known two years or longer. Do not list relatives. Give complete information.

Name: _____ Relationship: _____
Address: _____
Phone: (Work) _____ (Home) _____
Email Address: _____

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Address: _____
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2. List other volunteer experience:

Organization _____ # of Years _____
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Background Information

Education: High School: _____ State: _____
College (School and Degree): _____

Church Affiliation: _____

Have you ever been in the military? __Yes __No
If so, what branch and capacity? _____

Have you ever been arrested and/or convicted of a crime? __Yes __No
If yes, please explain. _____

Publicity Waiver: I give Christian Assistance Bridge permission to use my image and likeness in all marketing, publicity materials and social media posts to promote Christian Assistance Bridge programs and events.

Yes No

Signature: I declare that the above information that I have provided to Christian Assistance Bridge in this volunteer application is true. I also understand that any information that I learn and receive about the clients with whom I am volunteering will be kept confidential. I also understand that all information on this application will remain confidential by Christian Assistance Bridge, unless otherwise required by law.

Printed Name

Signature

Date