



SUPPORTS TO ENCOURAGE LOW-INCOME FAMILIES



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

*SELF offers utility assistance, free home repairs & mobility modifications and life-changing programs designed to help low-income individuals achieve long-term self-sufficiency. Founded in 1995, SELF is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) and the community action agency for Butler County. SELF has grown to an agency that served nearly 6,000 families in 2015. SELF has offices in Hamilton, Middletown and West Chester with office hours in Oxford at the Family Resource Center. With help from the community, SELF is working to help our clients: GET JOBS, KEEP JOBS and BUILD ASSETS so that they can build better futures for their families.*  
**If you'd like to give a hand-up to hard working families, please consider volunteering with SELF.**

1. Annual Awards Dinner.....*Annually (Spring 2017)*  
SELF's Annual dinner is the agency's largest fundraising event of the year. It is scheduled for April 2017! In 2016, more than 200 people were in attendance and helped raise crucial funds to support SELF's various self-sufficiency programs. Volunteer committee members assist SELF staff with special event planning, aid in securing corporate sponsorships and donations for the live and silent auctions and raffle baskets, etc.
2. Build-up Academy Advisory Board Members.....*Quarterly*  
Help support SELF's newest program Build-up Academy that provides free construction training and employment training for low-income young adults. SELF is seeking volunteers who can help build the program. We are looking for members who can connect us to additional employers in the community who will hire our graduates, help teach classes, volunteer at hands-on work sites and assist with resume writing and mock interviews.
3. Dress For Success Personal Shoppers.....*Quarterly*  
Help suit a deserving client with an interview outfit that will make her feel great! SELF is seeking personal shoppers to help with Dress For Success Mobile events throughout Butler County, these events provide work appropriate attire for clients who are going back to work or have gained full-time employment. SELF also accepts donations of clothing, purses, shoes and accessories that are donated to these events, which are held 4xs per year.
4. HR & Financial Professionals.....*Year Round*  
There are guest speaker opportunities for professionals to help educate SELF clients in areas of financial literacy, starting a business and employment. We are also looking for volunteers for our JOBS NOW! employment classes to help with resumes and mock interview practice on **Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10am-12:30pm (classes alternate between Hamilton & Middletown).**

5. Neighbors Who Care: Home Repair Initiative..... *Year Round*  
 SELF provides free, community-driven home repairs and mobility modifications to low-income Butler County homeowners who are physically and financially unable to make the repairs themselves. SELF needs volunteers to help with interior and exterior painting, power-washing, construction of wheelchair ramps, minor drywall repairs, installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and repairs to porches and roofs. Projects are available every Tuesday, Thursday and on the second Saturday of each month from 9am-1pm. We have flexibility to accommodate other days as needed. Each summer, SELF partners with national and local community groups to host 3 concentrated “Home Repair Blitz Weeks”. SELF can also always use donations of home improvement store gift cards to purchase supplies from places like Home Depot, Lowes, Menards or Walmart.
  
6. Resource Development Committee.....*Monthly (Second Thursdays)*  
 The Resource Development Committee is always looking for new members who are passionate about philanthropy, dedicated to making a difference locally and who like fundraising! This committee is responsible for planning fundraising and “friend-raising” events throughout the year such as the annual donor & volunteer appreciation reception and annual awards dinner & auction. The committee also assists SELF in securing donations and sponsorships for events, recruiting volunteers and brainstorming new ways to spread agency awareness and raise funds. **The resource development committee meets the second Thursday of every month at 12 p.m., at SELF’s Hamilton office.**
  
7. Welcome Home Baskets..... *Year Round*  
 Welcome Home Kits are created for our clients who are in the process of obtaining permanent housing or are given as “raffle” prizes at community social service fairs. Volunteers create these kits by filling a laundry basket with household items. This kit could include basic household items such as kitchen towels, dish soap, bath towels and wash cloths, toothpaste, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, cleaning supplies, etc. We are also in need of Kroger or Walmart gift cards to add to these baskets in \$25 denominations.



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