

Volunteer Opportunities for Greater Elgin Area

Advocacy Outreach

Contact: Beth Rolingson 281-4180

200 Depot Street

Provides a social services support system for those in need in the Bastrop County area.

Assistance and programs available include:

Clothing adults, children, infants

Household goods and furniture

Car seat safety check by appointment

Limited supply formula, diapers

GED, English as a Second Language, parenting classes, computer lab, basic education assistance, Basic Spanish classes

Even Start 0-school age

Legal services (limited)

Rent, Utilities assistance (limited)

Free fax, phone, copies

Documentation assistance to apply for government programs

Adopt a Family program for Christmas Holidays

Volunteer opportunities: grant writing, fundraising, special events, bilingual volunteers, office assistance, thrift shop, classroom assistance, computer assistance, mentors, tutoring, job skills, resume writing, etc.

Family Crisis Center

Contact: Bernie Jackson

321-7760 (office)

303-7755 (hotline)

888-311-7755 (Regional hotline)

Support services for victims of family violence, sexual assault, or child abuse. Based in Bastrop, the Family Crisis Center needs volunteers to answer the hotline (which can happen at any location) and volunteers for the Thrift Store located in Bastrop.

Elgin Christian Soup Kitchen

Contact: Kim Febonio 285-4982

First Presbyterian Church

303 N Ave. C

Tuesdays and Thursdays

Free hot lunch served at noon

Volunteer opportunities: prepare food for the lunch, oversee a food prep team, serve meals, promotion, organize and restock paper supplies, assist with overall program.

Community Cupboard

Contact: Carolyn Lanford 281-4011

114 Depot Street

Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am-noon open to provide basic groceries to those in need.

Volunteer opportunities: unload supplies from Austin food bank, organize supplies, assist with distribution of groceries on Tuesday and Thursday, paperwork for cupboard and for clients, food drives, promotion, increase awareness of available services, fundraising to meet community needs.

First Baptist Church Food Pantry

Contact: Marvin Carter 281-2252

205 West 2nd Street

Wednesday 9:30-12 open to provide basic groceries to those in need.

Volunteer opportunities: organize supplies, assist with distribution of groceries, food drives, promotion, increase awareness of available services.

Meals on Wheels

Contact: August Hannemann 285-4328

Monday - Friday 10am - 12:30pm

401 E Alamo Senior Citizen Center

Provides free meals to persons over age 60.

Call above number to have meal delivered or make reservation to eat at center.

Volunteer Opportunities: deliver meals to these clients, provide a meal, personal contact, human interaction, and a brief safety check for elderly individuals who are mostly homebound.

Elgin Evening Lions Club

Contact: Thrift Store @ 285-5525

Provides community service opportunities at a local and international level. Meets on 1st and 3rd Mondays at 6:30pm. Operates the Lions Club Thrift Store as its fundraising mechanism and to provide assistance to those in need.

Lion's Club Thrift Store

Contact Store @ 285-5525

108 North Main Street

Open Wednesday-Friday 10am-5pm

Saturday 10am- 3pm

Will loan walkers, etc. to clients in need. Assists with household set-up after fires, etc.

Volunteer opportunities: daily shifts at the thrift store, merchandise display and organization, window display and decorating, book keeping, marketing, repair and cleaning of small household items, etc.

Elgin Ministerial Alliance

Contact: Joyce McCormick 285-4503

First United Methodist Church

216 W. 3rd Street

An alliance for the ministers in Elgin, the ministers work together to provide coupons for gas, food, utilities, etc. and communicate with each other about the needs of the community. Organizes a community service for Thanksgiving, Easter and the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.

Volunteer opportunities: primarily related to the special holiday services and other special events the alliance may support annually.

Elgin Noon Lions Club

Contact: John Corbett 285-5757

Elgin Caregivers

Contact: Dorothy Doolittle 285-4503

Provides transportation, friendly visits and in-home support promoting independent living for senior adults.

Elgin Rotary Club

Contact: Chris Cannon 512 217-1283

Dedicated to eradicating polio, Rotary provides local and international community service opportunities. The Elgin club meets on Mondays at noon at First National Bank.

Blue Santa

Elgin Police Department @ 285-5757

202 Depot Street

Provides an opportunity to help those in need provide toys for their children during the Christmas holidays. The toy drive is hosted by the Elgin Police Department.

Volunteer Opportunities: pick up donations, organize donations, wrap, label, and distribute presents, office assistance for paperwork on clients, requests for donations, thank you letters and certificates, etc.

Down Home Ranch

Jerry & Judy Horton @ 856-2246

20250 FM 619

A working ranch for individuals with Downs' Syndrome. Located approximately 12 miles east of Elgin, the ranch provides camps during the summer. The working ranch is organized to support living and working on the ranch for a limited number of clients. Special Olympics program on site. The ranch produces poinsettias, trees, bedding plants, and produce such as blackberries. The ranch is available for special events, corporate retreats, etc.

Volunteer opportunities: office assistance, working with campers, special events, light construction, landscaping, gardening, almost anything any individual or group would like to do.

Elgin Public Library

Contact: Sandy Ott @ 281-5678

Elgin Public Library is located in a 13,000 sq. ft. facility in downtown Elgin at 404 North Main Street and is open to the public five days a week, Tuesday & Thursday 10-7, Wednesday & Friday, 10-6, and Saturday 10-4, closed Sunday & Monday.

Volunteer opportunities: shelving of books, sorting of donated materials, help with Summer Reading Program and special events and providing computer use assistance for patrons.

Friends of the Elgin Library

Contact: Laura Stough 285-2423

The non-profit organization is dedicated to supporting the Elgin Public Library. They raise funds for material acquisitions and other needed expenditures for the library to augment city support.

Volunteer opportunities: fundraising activities, hosting of special events such as book talks, membership meetings, book sales.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Contact: 281-5724

Created to provide parks and recreation opportunities in Elgin, the city department relies on volunteers to implement many programs. Advisory board has 7 members appointed by City Council. Committees work on special projects.

Volunteer opportunities: Music in the Park in the spring, Movies in the Park during summer months, Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Fourth of July People's Patriotic Parade, Halloween Safe Trick or Treat Trail,; six community parks need a variety of preservation and maintenance assistance.

Friends of the Elgin Parks

Contact: Kay Queen @ 281-5724 x10

Non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the development of parks and recreation programs in Elgin.

Volunteer opportunities: fundraising events throughout the year, park planning and greenspace development, assist with all PARD special events, increase awareness in the community of parks and recreation.

Elgin Garden Club

Contact: Bonnie Groves @ 281-9551

Currently aids in City beautification by participating in the Adopt-a-Spot program and selects a "Yard-of-the-Month" to encourage individuals to maintain properties. Has an annual fundraiser and makes donations to the Elgin Public Library. Open to individuals with gardening interests.

Volunteer opportunities: assist in the Adopt-a-Spot program.

Kiwanis Club

Contact: Jay Sutton @ 281-5867

Organized to support community service opportunities and provide scholarships to local graduates. Meets each Wednesday at noon at 3H Cattle Company.

Elgin Extension Club

Contact: Kathy Kuligowski @ 281-3896

This group works with the Texas Cooperative Extension to strengthen and enrich families through education programs, leadership development and community service.

Volunteer opportunities: participate in community activities to support other groups and/or represent Extension Club at the activities. Accompany group to Elgin Nursing Home for elderly and rehabilitation patient visitation.

Elgin Youth Sports Associations

www.elginpard.com

Basketball, Soccer, Softball, Baseball, Football, Cheerleading

Coaches and Assistant Coaches needed

Practice/Drill assistance for coaches

Sports Camp assistance

Elgin Main Street Board

Contact: 281-5724 x27

Elgin is part of the Texas Main Street Program and is dedicated to promoting the revitalization and economic success of the historic downtown district. The 11 member board appointed by the Elgin City Council has four committees and special project committees as needed. The programs promote downtown revitalization through the Four Point Approach: Organization, Economic Restructuring, Promotion and Design.

Volunteer opportunities: Special events, newsletter, marketing, graphic design, business development, historic preservation, adaptive reuse, photography, office assistance for organization, computer projects, etc.

Hogeye Festival

Contact: 281-5724

The event is dedicated to promoting the downtown district and raising funds for downtown revitalization. Held every year on the 4th Saturday of October, Hogeye celebrates the sausage that makes Elgin famous. Sponsored by the Elgin Main Street Board.

Volunteer opportunities for everything related to running a great event – t-shirt design to car shows.

Greater Elgin Chamber of Commerce

Contact: Gena Carter @ 285-4515

Dedicated to supporting the success of Elgin businesses.

Volunteer opportunities: office assistance, special events, chamber after hours, marketing, promotion, tours, etc.

Western Days Festival

Contact: Gena Carter @ 281-5724

Week long event that celebrates Elgin with a Western theme. Rodeo events, Queen's pageant, Country Fair, dances, arts and crafts, softball tournament, horseshoe tournament, volleyball tournament, parade, golf tournament, and carnival.

Volunteer opportunities for everything related to running a great event – t-shirt design to volleyball tournament.

Bastrop County Food Pantry

Contact: Tresha Silva @ 303-0033

Pantry hours are Monday-Friday, 8-3

Church on the Street/God's Closet

Contact: Greg Silkenson @ 281-5300

Every Friday @ Veterans' Memorial Park the group provides breakfast and bagged lunches. Summer/spring at Thomas Park the group sponsors crafts, basketball & fun. End of summer is the school clothes giveaway and winter is a warm clothing giveaway.

Volunteer opportunities include rounding up all the food and supplies, staffing each of the programs, cleaning up after each one, etc.

Help 4 Our Communities**Contact: Pamela Barnett 512 629-7633**

Angel Food Ministries, provides low cost food boxes monthly – grocery Co-op.

St. Vincent de Paul**Contact: Kevin or Letha Wiley @ 285-3882**

This organization has a food pantry, provides overnight stays and financial help with gas/transportation, utilities, rent.

Elgin Art & Artisans Showcase**Contact: Barry Perez 281-2004**

Mission of the group is to promote artists and artisans living in the Elgin area. A juried selection follows an application process.

Elgin Art Association**Contact: Sarah Page 281-3468**

An organization dedicated to furthering artistic understanding and encouraging artistic growth of its members and the community at large by promoting interest, education, knowledge and skills in the arts.

Elgin ISD Foundation**Contact: EISD @ 281-9731**

The foundation is a 501 (c) (3) organization of citizens who share a vision for enhancing education in the district.

Elgin Independent School District (EISD)**Contact: Nancy Collins @ 281-9731**

A variety of volunteer opportunities are available within the school district.

Festivals & Events

Throughout the year the community supports a variety of celebrations. Each event is made possible by volunteer support and generous underwriting by local businesses.

January (3rd Mon)	MLK Day Celebration (Bastrop County)	City of Elgin 281-5724
February	Black History Month	City of Elgin 281-5724
March	Community Easter Egg Hunt	City of Elgin 281-5724
April (1st Sat)	Annual Firemen's BBQ Cookoff	Volunteer Fire Department 281-4025
Spring	Music in the Park Begins	Friends of Elgin Parks 281-5724
May (1st Sat)	Community Wide Garage Sale	Aletha Krebs 285-4025
Summer	Movies in the Park Begin Morris Pool Opens	Friends of Elgin Parks 281-5724 City of Elgin 281-5724
June (2nd Sat)	Juneteenth Festival	Bettye Lofton 281-2599
June (4th Sat)	Western Days Festival, Parade, Rodeo	Elgin Chamber of Commerce 285-4515
July 4th	Fourth of July People's Patriotic Parade	City of Elgin 281-5724
October (4th Sat)	Annual Hogeys Festival	City of Elgin 281-5724
October 31st	Safe Trick or Treat Trail	City of Elgin 281-5724
December (1st Sat)	Holiday by the Tracks & Lighted Parade	Main Street Board 281-5724 Volunteer Fire Department 281-4025 Chamber of Commerce 285-4515