At Heritage Christian Services, people come first.

HCS partners with thousands of people throughout Rochester and Buffalo to ensure everyone – including children and people with developmental disabilities – feels valued and respected. Most of the agency’s 2,500 employees work to support people who have disabilities so they can find the best place to live and work and build strong community connections.

The agency offers residential support, respite, community habilitation and employment supports. It has received a Compass designation by the Office for People With Developmental Disabilities for being one of New York state’s top service providers and earned national accreditation from the Council on Quality and Leadership.

Heritage Christian Services is known for innovative community impact programs including the ieters Family Life Center, Expressive Beginnings Child Care, The Center for Human Services Education, A Second Thought Resale Shop, Springdale Farm and Heritage Christian Stables.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

There are so many ways to get involved with Heritage Christian Services. With homes and programs throughout the Greater Rochester and Buffalo areas, there’s an opportunity for everyone to make a difference in the lives of people with developmental disabilities! Some opportunities follow:

**A Second Thought Resale Shop**

If fashion is your style, A Second Thought Resale Shop in East Rochester is looking for volunteers to accept donations, sort clothes, sell merchandise and organize store promotions. Proceeds from the store support Heritage Christian’s International Ministries program. Retail experience is not required.

**Heritage Christian Stables**

Whether you’re a horse person or just someone who enjoys helping make dreams come true, volunteering at Heritage Christian Stables in Webster is an exciting opportunity. With the help of volunteers, horseback riding lessons are provided for more than 120 riders each year. Volunteers are needed to act as horse leaders and side walkers to support riders. Hands-on training is provided and required.

**Respite Programs**

Heritage Christian Services offers a number of respite programs that provide short-term care for children and adults with developmental disabilities, giving their caregivers the gift of time to devote to other areas in their lives. Volunteers can get involved in our after-school programs, summer camps, or at one of our respite homes.

**Special Events**

Heritage Christian hosts many special events each year, including the Golf Classic, a 5K race, Sheep Shearing Festival, Christmas With Santa and more. Volunteers are needed for a variety of roles - many great for individuals, families and corporate groups. This is a great way to get involved if you cannot commit to an ongoing schedule. Visit HeritageChristianServices.org to check out our event listings or contact a volunteer coordinator to learn more.

**Springdale Farm**

Springdale Farm, part of Northampton Park in Ogden, is a 200-acre public demonstration farm that also serves as a day program for adults with developmental disabilities. Volunteers are needed seasonally at the petting zoo and to help out at farm events throughout the year.

**Teambuilding Days**

Looking for a fun teambuilding experience? Need hours to fulfill for school? Gather a group of co-workers or friends and help make a difference in your community. Groups assist with projects such as gardening and painting. We can work with your schedule; flexible hours are offered.

**Sharing Your Talents**

Whether it’s playing an instrument, dancing or even baking, we invite you to share your unique talents with people in the homes and day programs.

**Pieters Family Life Center**

If sports are your thing, assist as an athletic coach for a variety of activities throughout the year. Or help in the Garden Cafe at the Pieters Family Life Center.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THESE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Call (585) 340-2000 or (716) 743-2020 or visit HeritageChristianServices.org/volunteer