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Christmas seems to bring out the best in us all, inspiring donations of both time and money. All across Oxfordshire, hundreds of people head to food kitchens, homeless shelters 'fun runs', 'wild swims' and various other fundraising events to volunteer during the Christmas period. For many, the true value of the holiday season is the opportunity to reconnect with family and friends and make a real difference in their communities and with the causes that are closest to their hearts.

OCVA is compiling a list of all the volunteering roles running throughout December to share with people in Oxford who want to volunteer. If you would like to promote your volunteering opportunity over Christmas or would like to volunteer yourself then please email: [vol@ocva.org.uk](mailto:vol@ocva.org.uk) or visit <https://ocva.org.uk/i-want-to-volunteer-at-christmas/>

In our previously articles we highlighted just a few of the opportunities available. Here are some more great ways to get involved:

**Tues 10th December:** Rose Hill Community Centre-are putting on a Christmas lunch for up to 60 older Rose Hill residents. They are looking for 2 or 3 volunteers who would be willing to help serve meals to residents. Please contact Fran on 07770324277 or via email: [Fran.Gardner@greensquaregroup.com](mailto:Fran.Gardner@greensquaregroup.com)

**Fri 13th December:** Crisis are looking for Street Collection Volunteers in the Cornmarket and Queen Street, Oxford on 13th Dec for 1 or 2 hour slots between 8am and 7pm. For more information and how to sign up here: <https://www.crisis.org.uk/get-involved/christmas-volunteering-oxford/collection-volunteers-oxford> or email: [chloe.williams@crisis.org.uk](mailto:chloe.williams@crisis.org.uk)

**Wed 18th December:** The Sunshine Centre, Banbury – Winter Wishes event needs volunteers. They would like volunteers to help run stalls between 3-5pm and also to set up/clear away. Any help will be appreciated. For more information, email [community@sunshinecentre.org](mailto:community@sunshinecentre.org)

**Wed 25th December:** Volunteers are required to cook and serve Christmas Day Lunch to around 20 older Adults at Fernleigh ExtraCare in Witney. They have around 20 older adults who will not be going to family on Christmas Day. This year their onsite café will not be open on Christmas Day and so those residents who cannot cook for themselves will rely on the care team to microwave them a dinner. They would love to find some kind people who are will come to Fernleigh and provide a Christmas Lunch in there café area for those residents who will still be here on Christmas Day. Contact details: Clare Buck [Clare.Buck@greensquaregroup.com](mailto:Clare.Buck@greensquaregroup.com) or Tel.01993899188

**Wed 25th December:** The Oxford Christmas Lunch (OCL) has become a celebrated Oxford institution in its own right and last year 150 volunteers served around 500 guests. Every year they provide a free three-course meal on Christmas Day for anyone who wants to come. Attendees include the homeless, Syrian refugees, the elderly, those with mental health issues, those who would otherwise be alone, those

in food poverty and simply those who want to celebrate Christmas with others. A special feature of their lunch is that volunteers collect the guests, drive them to the lunch, eat with them and take them home, thus providing companionship as well as food. The event will take place at The King's Centre, Osney, OX20ES. To volunteer book a place or transport, contact Sara on 07535 314716, [sara@oxfordchristmaslunch.org](mailto:sara@oxfordchristmaslunch.org), or message them on Facebook [@oxfordchristmaslunch](https://www.facebook.com/oxfordchristmaslunch). You can see a film of last year's event on Facebook page or <https://www.facebook.com/oxfordchristmaslunch>

**Fri 27th December:** G4 Concert -volunteers are required to act as ushers at the band's Christmas Tour. The event will be at Oxford Town Hall. Volunteers will be showing guests to their seats on arrival and helping with the bucket collection at the end of the night. Volunteers will be expected to be at the event from 17:30 until 22:00. Contact: [Charlotte.Ridley@missingpeople.org.uk](mailto:Charlotte.Ridley@missingpeople.org.uk) for more information.