POSITION TITLE: Volunteer Chore Program Volunteer
DEPARTMENT: Volunteer Center of Whatcom County
SUPERVISOR: Abby Lund
HOURS AND COMMITMENT: Hours and days are flexible

OUR MISSION: To act as a catalyst for positive change, both in the community and in the lives of the people we serve.

POSITION SUMMARY:
A Volunteer Chore Program volunteer helps low-income seniors and adults with disabilities throughout Whatcom County with basic essential tasks that are critical to keeping their independence. Volunteers provide assistance on an ongoing, or one-time basis to help with tasks of their choice. They can help independently, in pairs, or in groups.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:
• Volunteers choose from a variety of tasks, including: light housework, essential transportation, mail reading, yard care, animal care, small home repairs, meal preparation, computer literacy, and food bank deliveries to homebound clients.

DESIRABLE SKILLS:
• Strong communication skills, dependable and for certain projects-carpentry, plumbing and experience with power tools.

TRAINING:
• Training is provided-no previous experience is necessary.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:
• Sitting, Standing and Walking.

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS:
• Three references, Washington State Patrol Background Check, valid driver’s license and car insurance.

WORKING CONDITIONS:
Work is mainly done in a client’s home, independently with support when needed from Program Coordinator. Volunteers can create their own schedule and volunteer as often or as little as they want. Volunteers are matched with a client based on their skills, interests and schedule.

BENEFITS:
• Builds valuable experience for certain university majors (Human Services, Psychology, Sociology, etc.)
• Letters of recommendation can be provided after minimum 6 month commitment

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Open until filled. There is always a need to be met and a spot for a volunteer.

TO APPLY: Apply online at http://www.oppco.org/how-to-help/, please specify “Volunteer Chore Program Volunteer” in the “Special Skills” section of the application.