Volunteerism has always been alive and well in Northeast Mississippi. Now, through the creation of a new volunteer hub, linking prospective volunteers to the organizations that need them will be easier.

In April 2018, CREATE, United Way of Northeast Mississippi, and the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service established Volunteer Northeast Mississippi. On January 7, Rebecca Nelson came on board as the director. The hub’s goal is to offer volunteer recruitment and engagement services, as well as in-person and virtual trainings. In addition, it will work to strengthen disaster-recovery efforts by providing training to skills-based volunteers who can assist in the aftermath of a disaster.

Located in Tupelo, Volunteer Northeast Mississippi will serve nonprofits in 16 counties: Alcorn, Benton, Calhoun, Chickasaw, Clay, Itawamba, Lafayette, Lee, Lowndes, Monroe, Oktibbeha, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Tippah, Tishomingo, and Union.
In The Spotlight
St. Luke United Methodist Church Food Pantry

One of the largest food pantries in Mississippi, St. Luke provides food for more than 1200 families per month. Those in need may receive a box of food once per month as needed. The pantry is open every Thursday from 8:00 am - 12:00 noon. Each week 20-25 volunteers are needed to help the distribution run efficiently. Thank you, St. Luke, for helping to feed the hungry.

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If you would like your organization to be mentioned in our newsletter, email me at rebecca@unitedwaynems.org
Starkville

Volunteer on MLK Day! ~ Jan. 21st
Do you or your group want to volunteer on MLK Day? Please complete our Volunteer Registration Form to volunteer for Starkville MLK Day of Service on January 21, 2019. All service projects will be completed between 10:45 am - 1:00 pm or 1:00 pm (with the exception of Habitat for Humanity) on 01/21/2019. Check-in will be between 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM at the Mill. Please make sure to check-in.

Columbus

Day of Service Project
Martin Luther King Day is a National Day of Service, and as a way of giving back, the community is invited to support the over 700 teachers in Columbus and Lowndes County by providing school supplies. The teachers in our community pour their hearts, time, and finances into their students and their classrooms. Around this time of year, teachers are in need of pencils, paper, dry erase markers, paper clips, electric pencil sharpeners, highlighters, white out, colored pencils, Kleenex, germ x, post its, scissors, file folders, and colored paper.

Tools for Schools Project to support teachers in Columbus and Lowndes County

9:00 a.m. (Following Breakfast)
Columbus Soccer Complex
200 2nd Avenue North, Columbus, MS

200 volunteers will be needed to sort donations prior to the event and an additional 300 volunteers will be needed to distribute supplies. To volunteer for this community service project, please email volunteer@uwlc-ms.org or call Volunteer Columbus at (662) 328-0943.