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## Naperville CARES needs volunteers

Naperville CARES is looking for volunteers to support the organization as it assists families in economic crisis.

Naperville CARES — Community Acting in Response to Economic Stress — offers financial aid, donates cars and refers people to other organizations to help them get through unexpected financial crises, avoid homelessness and return to self-sufficiency.

Volunteers keep the agency functioning well at a time when the demands for CARES' services is high, Executive Director Janet Derrick said.

"If we are going to serve the people, we really need to recruit more volunteers, even for just a few hours a month," she said in a written statement.

"During these difficult economic times, it is particularly important that we be able to do as much as we can for these

Naperville families in need."

Direct service volunteers work in CARES' office on West 5th Avenue in Naperville. Office volunteers would conduct phone interviews, make follow-up calls and copy client documents. Training is provided.

Others could join CARES' development committee to bolster its fundraising efforts, including working on events and writing grants. Development committee volunteers meet monthly.

"It's a wonderful way to give of yourself and a great way to meet people," Derrick said. "We have all made some special friendships through this organization and the feeling of being of help to our local families is priceless."

For information on volunteering, call Derrick at (630) 369-0200. To learn about Naperville CARES, [Naperville-CARES.org](http://Naperville-CARES.org).