

Volunteer Opportunities

in September

Mobile Food Pantry

*Fridays beginning September 11,

11am-5pm

(looking for volunteers who can stay the entire shift, but have broken the shift in two: 11am-2pm & 2pm-5pm to be flexible with folks who have tighter schedules)

Baby Bucks – Donation in-take and sorting

*Tuesday September 1, 11am-2pm

*Tuesday September 8, 11am-2pm

*Tuesday September 15, 11am-2pm

*Tuesday September 22, 11am-2pm

*Tuesday September 29, 11am-2pm

Each day will have space for 4 volunteers

To join us, sign up in [VolunteerHub](#) – limited space available!

To learn more about our special COVID-19 procedures, please visit the Volunteer page on our website:

<https://flocritco.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

TEMPERATURE COOLING DOWN, PROJECTS HEATING UP!

My high school Spanish teacher always marked the first of the month with a little prank ritual called “Pinch, punch, first of the month!” and that’s the energy I’m feeling this month: August was so long and hot, but it also feels that September snuck up on me. We’re entering a new phase of campus life this month, with our Early Childhood Education Center opening up to kiddos on September 8 (but still not for volunteers), and a new weekly volunteer opportunity beginning Friday the 11th. Our office will move to being open five days a week, to accommodate staff and moms who are coordinating resources, and the rhythms of life are picking up again.

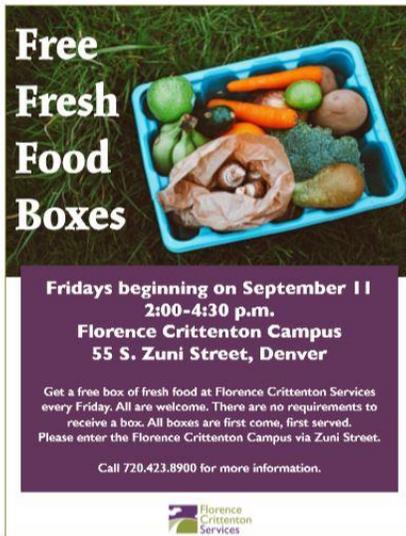
This month, our newsletter reflects this intensified pace, with a spotlight on a big opportunity for our community: a Friday Mobile Food Pantry hosted by FloCrit, beginning September 11. We are excited to deepen our commitment to our community and the Valverde neighborhood through this opportunity, and will be looking for volunteers to help us each week – perhaps even you! My big ask of you all this month is to think about your networks and share this opportunity with anyone you know who might be interested in a Friday volunteer opportunity. Put them in touch with Maggie or myself!

We also decided to profile one of our interns to mark the resumption of school and our cherished relationship with the Regis University Center for Service learning, from whom we receive many valued interns each year. Adair is beginning her second year with us and is already hard at work ushering along important projects.

This month also sees some of our moms getting a fresh start with housing opportunities. I sent an email a couple weeks ago about this, but we’re still collecting the following items on an ongoing basis. Reach out to Maggie or myself if you have any of these items and would like to donate to FloCrit moms: adult bed frame, adult mattress, night stand, couch, kitchen tables & chairs, coffee table, kitchen utensils, shower curtain, towels, plunger, toilet brush.

Thank you all for being the eyes and ears and hands and legs for FloCrit in so many ways. I hope you all have a great month, and as always, we’d love to see you and stay in touch! ~Theresa & Maggie

Spotlight on: Friday Mobile Food Pantry



Starting September 11, FloCrit will become the Friday food pantry site as a part of Kaizen Food Rescue's efforts to "creat[e] continuous improvement surrounding food security in Denver Metro." As an organization, Kaizen combats food waste and works to improve food justice and health equity in metro-Denver. We are thrilled to be joining these efforts, as the need for healthy food access has been exacerbated and magnified within the FloCrit community as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are also happy to have the opportunity to more deeply engage within the Valverde neighborhood further serve our immediate community.

Kaizen works with Food Bank of the Rockies and will deliver food directly from the Food Bank to FloCrit on Fridays. Then, a volunteer team of ~15 individuals will assemble food boxes and distribute the food to folks as they drive through in their cars. Everything will be set up to accommodate social distancing and distribution itself will be contactless. This is going to be a massive undertaking for us, and

volunteer support will be crucial. If you or your company are looking for opportunities to get outside and do some very tangible direct service, please reach out to us. If you aren't comfortable doing something like this yet, but you know of a group who might be, please put them in touch with us. This is a the-more-the-merrier occasion!

Volunteer Profile: Adair Purner

In the first week of the 2019 school year at Regis University, Adair Purner attended the Center for Service Learning Community Based Work Study fair. She came across the table for Florence Crittenton Services and was immediately intrigued. "I really liked the idea of the school and all the ways they are able to support teen moms. It seemed like an awesome program" she tells us on her first day back in the office since the COVID pandemic hit. Adair began interning with the Admin-Development team in October of 2019. Last year, she created eye-catching promotional flyers for on-campus events and attended meetings to gain a deeper understanding of the intricacies and roles that the development team plays in our broader organization. Adair's largest project was the silent auction for Pathways to Empowerment, the annual spring fundraiser planned for April 2020. She worked hard to solicit donations and create a plan for the setup of the auction. Unfortunately due to COVID, she was unable to see her hard work come to fruition.



Adair is back at FloCrit interning this current school year. She is now taking on larger projects within the volunteer program and assisting with student engagement opportunities. She will be creating a volunteer orientation video, coordinating the first-year interns' efforts in creating an online shopping experience for our moms, and editing informational career videos from our corporate partners. "I really enjoy and appreciate being stretched in different areas of creativity on projects here at FloCrit" she states. Adair has been a great addition to the Admin-Development team!

Adair is a neuroscience and psychology major with career goals in counseling within the church community she is a part of. She is passionate about learning the science behind healing and hopes to expand her knowledge in this topic. Prior to college, she spent 2 years doing mission work in countries all over the world. In her free time she is an avid cyclist, frequent coffee shop goer, photographer, and has recently began to dabble in leather work and made her first leather bound journal. We are so grateful to have Adair on our campus (and virtually!) to strengthen our community.