



WELCOME, ROSE!



Youth Focus has exciting news: We have a new Outreach Specialist!

We are thrilled to share that Rose Ethridge has joined our team as our new Outreach Specialist! You'll start to hear more from her in the coming months as she helps to lead and grow our Safe Place program efforts, supports our volunteer program, and brings more community awareness to Youth Focus and the life-changing work happening in our programs each day.

Please join us in welcoming her to the Youth Focus family!



SUMMER AT YOUTH FOCUS

When schools break for summer, we love to offer our youth great experiences and exposure to various facets of our community that they likely have never had access to before. Experiences like these also help keep our youth entertained and engaged in positive activities when they don't have the structure of a regular school day. Activities and outings can happen on-site at Act Together, our emergency shelter or out at locations in the community.

The first official day of summer break for Guilford County Schools is Thursday, June 11th!

HOST A WORKSHOP, CLASS, OR ACTIVITY

This summer we invite you to share your time and talents with the youth in our residential programs by hosting an activity, class, or educational workshop at Act Together, My Sister Susan's House, or HEARTH Transitional Living Program. These activities can be scheduled for one or more programs and we have flexible scheduling options during the summer months when school is out.

Popular summer activities include:

- Crafts & Art Activities
- Dance, Music, Drama
- Creative Writing & Book Club
- Game/Field Days

Click the link below to view our menu of options and ideas and [email Rose](#) to schedule!

View our Workshop/Activity Menu

HOST OR SPONSOR AN OFF-SITE OUTING

Summer Break is an ideal time to plan fun off-site activities to keep our youth busy and engaged while their days are not filled with school and homework. Outings can be any off-site activity that is fun or educational (or both!) and outing sponsors are welcome to join in the fun and participate alongside our youth

Popular outings include:

- Tickets to sporting events
- Putt-Putt, Bowling, Laser Tag
- Escape Rooms, Movies, Pottery Classes
- Outdoor festivals or shows

View outing ideas and expected cost at the link below, and [email Maggie](#) to schedule!

View Our List of Outing Ideas

PLAN A PARTY

At Youth Focus, we love a celebration! This summer we invite you to plan a fun event at one or more of our programs to give our youth a special experience just because. Parties can be as simple as sending over pizza on a Friday evening, or an hours-long event with food, activities, and more! Ideas include:

- Build your own sundae parties
 - Pizza parties
- Movie night with popcorn (borrow our machine!)
 - Hire a Food Truck
- Dinner parties (great to pair with a cooking class at My Sister Susan's House!)
 - 4th of July Celebration
 - Back to School Bash

Complete the Group Volunteer Interest Form below or [email Maggie](#) to start planning your party today!

Plan a Party!

HOST A DONATION DRIVE

Youth Focus likes to offer our youth a variety of engaging activities and options that they can use independently or as a group to fill their time over the long summer days at our programs and we need your help to gather supplies that will help us keep everyone busy and entertained all summer long. Donation drives can be hosted by workplaces, church groups, social clubs, and more! Key items we need this summer include:

- Art supplies (coloring/drawing/painting supplies, paper & easels, craft kits, etc.)
 - Sports Equipment (balls of all kinds, pickleball set, yoga mats, etc.)
 - Games (board games, card games, PS4 games, outdoor games, etc.)

Complete the Group Volunteer Form below or [email Rose](#) to host a drive!

Host a Donation Drive

A colorful banner with a teal and yellow background. On the left, the text "Volunteers Needed" is written in a large, blue, cursive font with heart shapes around it. To the right, a white text box contains the following text: "Youth Focus volunteers play a vital role in empowering young people to overcome challenges, build resilience, and discover their potential. Join us and be part of a community that believes in the power of compassion, connection, and creating brighter futures one young person at a time." Below this, another white text box says "Volunteer opportunities are available for individuals and groups of all sizes. Opportunities include:". To the right of this text are three stacked white boxes with blue text: "Workshop/Activity Hosts", "Administrative/Clerical Support", and "Service Projects and more!". At the bottom, a white text box says "Visit our updated Volunteer Webpage at www.youthfocus.org/getinvolved/ for more details and additional opportunities, steps to getting started, and links to sign up!". There is a small orange flower illustration on the right side of the banner.

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