

# 2012 Volunteer Opportunities



Opportunity	Events OR Social Programs	Office Help	Event Planning Committee	MS Ambassador	MS Activist	Collection Drives
<b>Description</b>	Be an event helper and make the event a success. Tasks vary from registering participants, handing out water or snacks, assisting with set-up/tear down and many more!	Contribute or enhance your accounting knowledge and skills or office skills such as computer use (data entry, send email or Internet research), making phone calls, or organizing files. You will support staff to help further the mission.	Assist with event planning for one of thirteen Walk MS community areas; work with a team of volunteers who manage different aspects of the event from securing sponsorships, marketing the event, recruiting event volunteers and others.	Be a speaker and represent the chapter at meetings, health fairs, volunteer recruitment fairs and other events to raise awareness about the Society and MS and encourage more people to "Join the Movement." If speaking is not your forte, you can also be assigned to other projects.	MS Activists are a collective of passionate individuals who want to do something about MS now. They strive to move politicians and legislation, and they champion the needs of people with MS through activism, advocacy and influence.	Help make the holiday season brighter for people living with MS and their families. Buy gift cards from area stores, send them to the Chicago office and staff will mail them to select families who are in need.
<b>Who can volunteer</b>	Individuals and groups	Individuals	Individuals	Living with or has a connection to MS	Living with or has a connection to MS	Individuals and groups
<b>Time Commitment</b>	At least 3 hours per event	At least 3 hours	Attendance at meetings from	Up to four events in a year;	Varies	Varies

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	Check our events calendar for specific dates		December to June; day of event participation	hours vary; attend 2 hour in-person training		
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<b>When</b>	Once a month or one-time	Weekly or one-time	At least once a month	Once a quarter	Flexible	December
<b>Where</b>	Chicago, Suburbs or Central Illinois	Chicago or Peoria offices	Varies on location of Walk MS site	Chicago, Suburbs or Central Illinois	Virtual (at home, via computer, via phone)	Any
<b>Requirements</b>	*At least 18 years old; youth must be accompanied by adults at all times	*At least 18 years old *Organizational skills *Ability to follow instructions and complete projects on time	*At least 18 years old *Organizational skills *Ability to follow instructions and complete projects on time	*At least 18 years old *One year experience as a chapter volunteer. *Excellent verbal communication and presentation skills *Ability to follow through on assignments (e.g. travelling)	*At least 18 years old *Very good communication and presentation skills *Ability to make phone calls, write letters or emails, visits to legislator's offices	*Ability to collect gift cards to benefit and send them to Chicago office