



**VOLUNTEER**  
in Urban Programs



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## What is VIP?

- ▶ VIP is the acronym for **V**olunteer in **U**rban **P**rograms.
- ▶ The purpose of VIP is to promote, expand, and support urban Extension programs.
- ▶ VIP is expanding the role of volunteerism in the community by matching your available time, interests and skills to impactful projects.
- ▶ You can commit to volunteer as much or as little as you want. We have projects big and small.

## What is Urban Extension?

- ▶ With Alabama's changing demographics and the rapid growth of our urban centers, Extension now offers **more** in our cities.
- ▶ Urban Extension provides informal learning activities that are designed to make a positive change in Alabama residents and improve their quality of life.
- ▶ Urban Extension focuses on limited-resource families, underserved audiences, individuals, and small enterprises.

## We need your help as we work to:

- ▶ Build strong families & communities
- ▶ Promote healthy eating, exercise and food safety
- ▶ Reduce bullying and enhance leadership skills
- ▶ Promote home & community gardens and enhance green living spaces
- ▶ Support entrepreneurship and strengthen job search & career building skills
- ▶ Foster environmental stewardship and natural resource preservation
- ▶ Increase volunteerism
- ▶ Link older adults to resources
- ▶ Promote financial stability



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## **We expect our VIPs to:**

- ▶ Participate in orientation.
- ▶ Network with other volunteers across the state of Alabama.
- ▶ Promote and facilitate the work of Urban Extension programs.

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

- ▶ Serve on Extension Advisory committee to strengthen and improve program efforts.
- ▶ Provide clerical assistance.
- ▶ Serve as a judge or facilitator.
- ▶ Work as part of an organized group for events and conferences.

## **Benefits of becoming an Urban Extension VIP**

- ▶ Give back to the community
- ▶ Meet new people and discover new interests
- ▶ Gain experience and enhance your resume
- ▶ Receive professional experience or training
- ▶ Receive recognition for your hours of service

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**Alabama Extension's** Urban Affairs & New Nontraditional Programs unit is dedicated to making an impact in Alabama's urban centers.

Urban Extension programs provide learning experiences that are designed to make a positive change & improve quality of life.

To discover more ways that you can make a change, visit our website.



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