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he crew at Volunteers of America has one goal: to improve the lives of the people seeking the organization's services. President and CEO Janie Burks is leading the charge to success. "Our mission is to create positive changes in the lives of the individuals we serve and the community as a whole," she said. "We work with the homeless, those with substance abuse issues, developmental disabilities and the families and support systems of our clients." The organization provides a wide range of programs to its clients, including housing services, employment counseling and mental health and healthcare services. Burks has been with Volunteers of America in Louisville for five years. "My primary role is to get out into the community and engage them with our organization and mission," she said. Burks' role includes getting volunteers for the organization's many services and securing monetary and product donations. "We hold monthly meetings to acquaint people interested in working with us and our mission. We want the community to know that everybody we serve would be homeless without our services. By being part of our organization, the community has the opportunity to provide vital services to people with a real chance of success." VOA will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, February 22, at 4 pm at VOA's Family Emergency Shelter, 1321 S. Preston St. Individuals and groups are welcome.

For more information on volunteer opportunities or donations, call 502.636.4630 or visit [voaky.org](http://voaky.org).

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