



Helping hands

*The volunteers of
Madison County*

Volunteer: Dr. Jason M. Smith

Occupation: professor of sociology,
University of Alabama in Huntsville

Volunteer activity: Keel Mountain
Volunteer Fire Department – respond to
calls and receive ongoing training.

About agency: Keel Mountain Volun-
teer Fire Department serves as the pri-
mary responder for both the Madison and
Jackson County areas of Keel Mountain
as well as backup for several neighboring areas. The de-
partment hosts community events such as an annual
Christmas dinner and an upcoming chili cook-off.

Why I volunteer: “I decided to join the department for
several reasons. I wanted to be involved in my commu-
nity, get to know some of my neighbors, and contribute
to a service I know is sorely in need of help. Plus, a cou-
ple of members came to my house passing out the annual
coloring book calendars and ended up talking me into join-
ing.”

How you can help: HandsOn Greater Huntsville is the
premier connection between volunteers and communi-
ty needs. It offers opportunities for families, groups and
individuals, and refers volunteers to more than 175 local
nonprofits. For more information on how to get involved,
go to www.volunteerhsv.org or call 539-7797.

