

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Information About Organizations

ANIMALS

Animal Friends

- Must be at least 18 years old to work with dogs and 16 to work with cats and rabbits.
- Attend both orientation session in full, and, if choosing animal-related work, attend appropriate animal handling workshops.
- Be able to read and write English and be able to take directions from staff, or be accompanied by someone who is. (All Parents/Guardians/Support Staff must also complete the orientation process and register to become an active volunteer).

Animal Rescue League

- Must be able to read, write and work independently.
- Only accept volunteers over 18 years of age.
- Looking for volunteers that can be pre-scheduled for one ongoing, regular, two-hour shift during the week.
- The minimum requirement for active volunteers is eight hours a month, for a term of six months.
- For those who cannot make this type of commitment, they can participate in Event/Outreach Volunteers.
 - Event/Outreach Volunteers:
 - Commit to taking animals or helping at our many offsite events in various locations.
 - Volunteers need to be able to read, write, and work independently.
 - Must be at least 18 years of age and attend an event training session.
 - Volunteers must also be physically capable of handling animals
 - Contact: Mary Kennedy Withrow at mwithrow@animalrescue.org or 412-345-7300 x510

National Aviary

- Summer volunteering opportunities
- Open to students who are between 14-17 years old.
- Application found here: <http://www.aviary.org/Teen-volunteers>
- Teens typically volunteer one day a week during summer break.
- They serve as docents and do some cleaning but do not have direct contact with the birds during their first season.
- Docents educate guests, monitor birds, and usher shows.
- Volunteers support our educators by serving as outreach assistants.
- A minimum commitment of 35 hours for the 2015 summer season which runs from June 1 to September 7, 2015, open from 10:00am-5:00pm.
- Teens can also work as a Summer Camp Assistant.
 - These volunteers will be assigned to work at least one full week of camp.
 - Camp assistants help National Aviary educators with camp lessons and activities from 8:30am-3:30pm Monday-Friday.
- If application is accepted, you will be invited to interview.
- You will be required to conduct a brief (2-3 minute) presentation during the interview and bring a written personal reference.

Western Pennsylvania Humane Society

- All potential volunteers must be at least 12 years of age or older regardless of the volunteer opportunity they are applying for.
- Children between the ages of 12-15 years must be accompanied by a parent or guardian; 16 and older are welcome to volunteer on their own.
- In order to volunteer handling our dogs, you must be 16 years of age or older.
- To volunteer handling our animals, you must be willing and able to give a minimum of 2 hours of volunteer service each week. Also ask that you plan on participating as a volunteer for a minimum of 6 months.
- Community service obligation cannot be fulfilled through volunteering with our animals.
- Application can be found here: <http://www.wpahumane.org/requirements>

DISTRIBUTION CENTERS

St. Vincent de Paul

- Volunteers assist in our stores and business office.
- <https://svdppitt.org/join-our-team/get-involved/#Volunteer>
- Contact Volunteer Coordinator, Jeane, at 412-343-4455.

Global Links

- All ages. If under 18, parent must sign a waiver.
- Must fill out the application along with waiver (only if under 18) found here: http://www.globallinks.org/get_involved/volunteer.php

World Vision

- Donated products are sorted, processed and prepared for domestic and international distribution.

FOOD BANKS AND HOMELESS SHELTERS

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East End Community Thrift

- Weekend volunteers
- [\(412\) 361-6010](tel:4123616010)

East End Cooperative Ministries

- <https://www.eecm.org/volunteer>
- Volunteer in the main office, food services, children & youth, residential programs, community connections center, adult education & employment programs, and group volunteer opportunities.

Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank

- <https://www.pittsburghfoodbank.org/get-involved/volunteer/>
- Ways to volunteer; Repack Center, Produce to People, Common Ground, Special Events, Clerical & Administrative Tasks, Gleaning, Special Projects, and Last Minute Fill-ins.

Jubilee Kitchen

- <https://www.jubileesoupkitchen.com/> or 412-261-5417
- Must be 13 years or older.
- If not part of a group of 8 people, just go down, and upon arrival ask for Butch or Dave.
- Simple duties include: cutting veggies, preparing salads/ meals and cleaning up.

The Red Door

- Volunteer hours are 9am-12pm (lunch- Monday through Saturday) and 3pm-6pm (dinner- Monday through Friday).

- Contact: TheRedDoor@divinemergypgh.org.
- <https://divinemergypgh.org/red-door>
- Volunteers serve meals and interact with guests

Northside Common Ministries

- Volunteers can sign up here: <http://www.ncmin.org/get-involved>
- Volunteers can be a pantry volunteer, clean and prep volunteer, delivery truck volunteer, on-call volunteer and one-time volunteer.

Light of Life Rescue Mission

- <https://www.lightoflife.org/get-involved/volunteer/volunteer-overview/>
- volunteers must be at least 13 years old
- assist with meal ministry, hospitality, donation center, tutoring, or with special events

Food Helpers/Greater Washington County Food Pantry

- Complete the volunteer application here: <https://www.gwcfb.org/volunteer>
- assistance needed with packing boxes, warehouse support, pantry support, and various special projects

Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force Food Pantry

- Volunteers can find application form here: <http://www.patf.org/community-outreach/volunteer>
- Volunteers can help individuals living with aids by; PATF Food Pantry, Be a Buddy, Community Outreach Team, Office Assistance, and Special Skills.

SHIM

- Volunteers can complete an online registration form here: <http://shim-center.org/give-help/volunteer/>
- Volunteers can be apart of the VeG2TABLE Food Pantry Gardens, Refugee Mentoring Program, Food Pantry, Clothing Room, Dollar Energy Program, Administrative Volunteers, After-School Program and Early Childhood Program.

MEDICAL SETTINGS

Allegheny West Penn Hospital

- Volunteers need to fill out an application here: <https://www.ahn.org/locations/west-penn-hospital/volunteering>
- Volunteers are expected to serve a minimum of four hours one day per week.
- In return, they receive complimentary parking and lunch or dinner on the days they serve-not to mention the opportunity to make new friends and the satisfaction that comes from helping to make hospital stays more pleasant for patients and their families.

Children's Hospital

- <http://www.chp.edu/CHP/volunteer+services>
- Volunteers who are 18 years or older can participate in the Hospital Volunteer Program and Service Project Program.
- Volunteers who are under 18 years old can participate in the Teen Volunteer Program (Summer Only).
 - Commit to a weekly schedule of 3 to 4 hours of volunteer service for a minimum of 8 weeks between June and August.
 - Submit an online application by the deadline date.
 - Complete and return the Teen Volunteer Packet by the deadline date.
 - Attend one of the scheduled Volunteer Orientations (Mandatory training).
 - Must have an updated TB test and complete required paperwork.

Magee Women's Hospital

- Volunteers who are 18 years or older may volunteer in the areas of Labor & Delivery, Education, Admitting, Beast Care Center, Patient Accounts, and The Children's Center of Pittsburgh.
 - Volunteers complete an application, participate in an interview, attend orientation, and receive a health screening before beginning their volunteer assignment.
<http://www.upmc.com/locations/hospitals/magee/careers/Pages/volunteer.aspx>
- Volunteers who are between 14-17 years old can volunteer in the Junior Volunteer Program in summer.
 - Must commit 20 hours of volunteer time over the summer.
 - The program provides young people with exposure to careers in the healthcare field.
 - All junior volunteers complete an application and parental permission form, participate in an interview, attend orientation, and receive a health screening.

Mercy Hospital

- Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older
- Examples of volunteer opportunities may include the following; Gift Shop, Special Projects, Emergency Department, Nursing Units and Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy.

St. Clair Hospital

- Volunteers must be 14 years of age or older
- Volunteers may participate in being a Courier, Gift Shop/Gift Cart/Café Attendant, Surgical Center Receptionist, Patient Escort, Supportive Visitors, Surgical Family Waiting Room Attendant, and Welcome Center/Information Desk.

VA Medical Center

- Volunteers may participate in the following assignments; Nursing, Library, Escort, Pharmacy, Medical Media, Food & Nutrition, Recreation, Ceramics, Speech & Audiology, Chaplain, Radiology, Office Assistant, Ambassador Volunteers, Alzheimer's Program, Day Treatment and Adult Day Care, Radiation Therapy, DAV Transportation, Medical Clinics, Blood Bank, Coffee Program and Surgical Waiting Room.

Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic-UPMC

- Volunteers must be 14 years of age or older
- Fill out online application <http://www.upmc.com/locations/hospitals/western-psychiatric/about/pages/volunteer.aspx>
- Submit two confidential references Form and mail or fax

Mario Lemiux Foundation/Austin's Playrooms

- sign up here to be notified of volunteer opportunities:
<https://mariolemieux.org/how-you-can-help/volunteer/>
- opportunities to volunteer in the office or at special events

SERVING THOSE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

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Chartiers Mental Health and Retardation Center

- Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older.

- Volunteers must complete the volunteer interest application first and email it to mbonn@chartierscenter.org.
- The Volunteer Coordinator will meet with prospective volunteers to talk about the program and provide more information related to each opportunity. At that time, interested volunteers will be asked to complete the volunteer application.
- Volunteers can participate in the Daytime at either Dormont or Bethel Park. Evening volunteers can participate with Chartiers' Social Groups that serve adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities that meet 1/week for a planned activity. One-time volunteer opportunities are available for companies and groups looking to engage staff interest in community support.

Emmaus Community

- Volunteers are needed for special projects in our homes and gardens, to provide social opportunities for our residents, and to serve on Emmaus event planning committees and the Young Professional Advisory Board.
- May fill out volunteer inquiry form online at <http://www.emmauspgh.org/support-emmaus/volunteering/>

MUSEUMS/LIBRARIES/HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

Andy Warhol Museum

- Volunteers who are interested must fill out an application at <http://www.carnegiemuseums.org/interior.php?pageID=92> ,provide and pay for background checks & clearances.
- Volunteers must also email a letter of interest and/or resume to Paul O'Brien, Studio Programs Coordinator obrienp@warhol.org.
- Volunteers take part in several aspects of studio programs including: setting up and breaking down activities, maintaining materials and equipment, researching and developing new activities to coincide with current exhibitions, and occasional assistance with public programming, cultural events and educational outreach.
- The museum counts on all volunteers to demonstrate timeliness, dependability and maturity, work well alongside others and engage a diverse public in 21st century art and contemporary culture.

Carnegie Museum

- To receive an application, contact the Volunteer Office one of three ways; download a printable application at <http://www.carnegiemuseums.org/interior.php?pageID=92> , call 412-622-3359, or email at volunteers@carnegiemuseums.org ,
- Placements are determined by matching volunteer qualifications, knowledge, interests, and availability with current opportunities.
- Once accepted, visitors are required to provide and pay for background checks and clearances.
- Send completed applications to: Carnegie Museums Volunteer Office, 4400 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213
- Volunteers work on the museum floors with the public and behind-the-scenes with curators, educators, and other museum staff. Volunteers assist in many ways, from interacting with children to conducting visitor surveys.

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh

- Volunteers 18 years or older are considered Adult Volunteers
 - Must have FBI, Act 33 and 34 clearances
 - Can complete Volunteer Application online

- For more information, email volunteer@pittsburghkids.org
- Volunteers under the age of 18 are considered Youth Volunteers
 - Assist visitors in the Museum and help at Museum outreach programs at summer festivals.
 - Participation in the Summer Teen Volunteer Program is often required for paid employment through Youth Programs at the Museum.
 - Go to <https://pittsburghkids.org/education/youth-programs> for more information.

Green Tree Historical Society

- located inside the Green Tree Library
- students can organize files, design posters, take photos, arrange exhibits, etc.
- contact Mrs. Charlotte Smith for more information or Joanne Borgesi (Canevin alum) at joanne.borgesi@gmail.com

Historical Society of Carnegie

- students can organize files, design posters, take photos, arrange exhibits, etc.
- contact Mrs. Charlotte Smith for more information or Dan McGrogan (Canevin alum) at dcmcgrogan@comcast.net

Contact your local libraries for other opportunities!

NURSING HOMES

Asbury Heights

- Volunteer Application can be filled out online at <http://www.asburyheights.org/volunteer-opportunities> and email to Marci Thomas, Director of Volunteers, at mthomas@asburyheights.org

Baptist Homes

- Volunteers have the opportunity to assist at special events and activities, distribute flyers, flowers or packages, accompany residents on trips outside the facility, lead arts, crafts, & other activities, become a member of the Baptist Homes Auxiliary, greet visitors & answer phones at front desk, assist the Golf Outing committee with our annual event, photograph residents and events, assist residents with e-mail & Internet access, one-on-one visitation, assist in our Gift Shop and escort residents to therapy, chapel, and activities.

Vanadium Woods Village

- Volunteer's hours are flexible. Can be as little as two hours per month and flexible to accommodate most schedules.

OUTDOOR WORK

Food Farm & Gleaning: Pittsburgh Food Bank

- Gleans take place weekdays and weekends-June through December.
- Maximum of 3-hour commitment.
- The Food Bank provides training, tools, water and snacks-all you need is transportation to the farm.
- Gleans are not pre-scheduled- you will receive an alert when a farm is ready.

Western PA Conservancy

- <http://waterlandlife.org/64/> or Read Below
- TreeVitalize Plantings
 - Planting takes place in the Spring and Fall
 - Contact Marah Vecenie at 412-586-2386 or by email trees@paconserve.org

- Special Volunteer Opportunity
 - Working with the staff to review and migrate documents into an online record system.
 - Contact Dawn Smith at 412-586-2338 or by email dsmith@paconserve.org
- Community Garden Volunteers
 - Begins the first week of May and lasts through the summer.
 - See this page for more information: <http://waterlandlife.org/40/community-cultivator>
 - Contact Lynn McGuire-Olzak at 412-586-2324 or email gardens@paconserve.org
- Land Steward
 - Frequent work projects typically May through October.
 - Projects include removing invasive plants, repairing a trail, marking a property boundary, or cleaning up an illegal dump.
 - Contact Andrew Zadnik at 412-586-2318 or email azadnik@paconserve.org
- Volunteer at Fallingwater
 - Contact Jennifer Hiebert at 724-329-7826 or email jhiebert@paconserve.org
 - Find more information here: <http://fallingwater.org/62/volunteer-opportunities>
- Clerical/Office Work
 - Volunteer at both the WPC office in Pittsburgh and at Fallingwater.
 - For more information call 412-288-2777
- Photographers
 - Photographers are needed at outings, special events, and garden planting.
 - Volunteers are asked to use their own camera equipment.
 - Contact Randy Schreiber at 412-586-2372 or email info@paconserve.org

OUTREACH SERVICES

Central Blood Bank

- Find more information and application here: <http://www.centralbloodbank.org/us/volunteer-with-us/volunteer-opportunities>

Habitat for Humanity

- Volunteers must be 16 years or older
- <https://www.habitatpittsburgh.org/>
- Contact Kate Keeley, Volunteer Engagement Specialist; Phone: 412-450-8520 ext. 11 or Email: kkeeley@pittsburghhabitat.org

Family House

- Find the information here, along with the application: <http://www.familyhouse.org/volunteer/>
- Volunteers can offer their time in a variety of ways:
 - House Volunteers work in shifts at each house doing a variety of tasks- from answering the phone and checking in new guests, to delivering clean linens and offering a warm welcome to those travelers who arrive in a strange city with so much on their minds.
 - Event Volunteers are those wonderful people who help with our various fundraising events throughout the year. Whether helping with the annual Polo Match, For the Families Golf Outing or the Gifting Gala, there are many

way to get involved, including serving on a committee, selling tickets and volunteering at the event.

- Special Activity Volunteers come to help with the occasional activities such as decorating the house for the holidays, raking leaves and painting the house. Consider employee-driven fundraising campaigns, such as bake sales, silent auctions, a wish list (link to wish list) drive, or a matching gift campaign at your office, such as a dress-down days.

Goodwill Southwestern Pennsylvania

- Volunteers provide valuable assistance to Goodwill in many ways. They are a diverse group of dedicated people who contribute thousands of hours and generate substantial support for our programs and services.
- Goodwill volunteers serve in a variety of roles, as tutors for students, as aids at social events for clients, as helpers at our senior center, and as office assistants.
- Goodwill Stores also use volunteers to assist shoppers, sort merchandise, organize store shelves, or take donations.
- Find more information here: <http://www.goodwillswpa.org/volunteer>

NCJW: National Council of Jewish Women

- Opportunities include: Children's Rooms in the Courts, Center for Women, Mitzvah Days, Book Drive, Pic-a-Bag, Thriftique, Home Consignments, Designer Days Boutique, NCJW Designer Days and more.
- Find more information and application here: <http://www.ncjwpg.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh

- The Volunteer Services Mission is to:
 - Help clients retain their independence and self respect
 - Assist staff in providing the best possible services to meet the needs and expectation of our clients
 - Promote understanding of BVRs programs
 - Provide personal growth opportunities for volunteers
- A volunteer who works with a direct service program should have a commitment to helping people with disabilities and have discretion when dealing with confidential materials. Good reading ability is essential for most assignments.
- During an interview at our Homestead Rehabilitation Center with the volunteer administration, opportunities as well as the volunteer's interests will be discussed. The volunteer must complete an orientation and training program before he or she works with clients.
- Find more information and application here: <http://www.bvrspittsburgh.org/volunteer/>

Red Cross

- Find more information here: <http://www.redcross.org/pa/pittsburg/volunteer/become-volunteer>
- Find application here: https://volunteerconnection.redcross.org/?nd=intake&entry_point_id=398&unit_id=193

United Way

- Opportunity include: volunteer with children & youth (be a middle school mentor)
- Find application here: <http://unitedwaypittsburgh.org/contact/>

Muscular Dystrophy Camp

- Volunteer counselors receive an orientation and training that includes wheelchair techniques, lifting and transfers, personal hygiene and emergency procedures. The primary responsibility of each counselor is to provide both physical and psychological support to their camper, thereby helping him or her enjoy camp.
- Find more information here: <http://mda.org/ways-to-help/volunteer>

Pittsburgh Care

- Find more information here:
http://www.pittsburghcares.org/HOC_Volunteer_Opportunity_Search_Page
- Click on Youth-Friendly Opportunities Tab to find volunteer opportunities

Other Resources/Information

- Local churches make great opportunities for service, including Magis and non-Magis hours
- Numerous opportunities exist at local grade schools and at Bishop Canevin to do non-Magis service
- <https://www.volunteermatch.org/>
 - great resource for both in person and virtual service opportunities. Y
 - you can search for local opportunities, and you can also create a profile of your availability, interests, etc. In response, they will send you emails about opportunities that fit your preferences.