# VIRTUAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Other Organizations



## Cards, Gifts, and Donations

## **American Red Cross Blood Donation**

Volunteers who are in good health donate blood to help the American Red Cross, which is currently facing a severe blood shortage due to an unprecedented amount of blood drive cancelations.

## America's Promise Alliance - #Letters2Grads

Volunteers can write a note, record a video or post a picture with their well-wishes for the class of 2020. This social media campaign runs from May 17<sup>th</sup> to June 17<sup>th</sup>. Click here for a toolkit.

#### **Binky Patrol**

Volunteers can crochet or sew blankets and send them to locations in need.

## **Blanket Hearts**

Volunteers can make no-sew blankets at home and send them in for donation. Volunteers can also donate supplies.

#### City Square

Volunteers can choose from a few different projects to help support City Square's anti-poverty mission, including making kits at home, sending notes, and creating a virtual fundraiser.

## **Building Impact**

Volunteers can write notes of encouragement, call isolated seniors, or sign-up to receive materials to build kits for those in the community who need support.

### **Charity Miles**

Volunteers download and app and pledge to run/walk a certain number of miles. Each volunteer picks a charity of their choice for proceeds to go to.

#### Chemo Angels

Volunteers can send cards or small gifts to patients undergoing chemotherapy treatments.

## Children's Health

Volunteers can write an encouraging note that will be delivered to a patient at a children's hospital.

#### **Invisible Hands**

Volunteers deliver groceries to at risk communities during the pandemic.

#### Message of Hope Foundation

Volunteers are needed to help make hope bags that go to hospitalized children.

## **Operation Gratitude**

Volunteers can choose from a variety of virtual volunteer projects, including letter-writing, bracelet-making, and sending care packages.

## **Response Fund**

United Ways across the country have set up a fund to help communities during this pandemic. Consider donating to your local United Way or visit United Way Worldwide's donation page here.

#### Waiting Room Busy Bags

Volunteer can pack a bag of items to help keep children occupied while they are waiting for appointments. Bags can be donated at local hospitals.

## Warm Up America

Volunteers with sewing skills can make blankets and other items and send them to locations that need them.

## **Mentorship and Listening**

#### 7 Cups

Volunteers can take a course and sign up to become a listener to provide emotional support for those in need.

#### Ark of Hope

Volunteers act as Junior Listeners, Listeners, Mentors or Survivors Coaches on a Removing Chains text chat survivor support site.

## Be My Eyes

Volunteers help blind and vision-impaired people see through video chat.

#### **Bpeace**

Skilled volunteers can help support entrepreneurs in El Salvador and Guatemala to grow their businesses through remote support and mentoring.

#### Career Village

Volunteers give students career advice through a virtual platform.

#### **Grow Movement**

Volunteers with business experience mentor African entrepreneurs in Uganda, Rwanda, and Malawi to grow their small businesses.

#### icouldbe

Volunteers mentor students remotely about their career goals and dreams.

### InfiniteFamily

Volunteers mentor underserved and impoverished youth in South Africa.

### **MentorNet**

MentorNet strategically matches STEM students and professionals in compatible online mentoring relationships.

#### MicroMentor

This is an online platform that connects small business entrepreneurs from around the world with mentors to assist them with their endeavors.

#### MicroNet

Volunteers with STEM professional experience mentor students pursuing STEM degrees at U.S accredited institutions.

#### **Npower**

Volunteers with professional technology experience mentor students preparing for a career in technology.

#### The Trevor Project

Volunteers support and mentor LGBTQ+ youth through an online platform.

#### Upchieve

Volunteers provide students with homework help and college guidance.

#### **Upwardly Global**

Volunteers can help support refugee job seekers by providing interview coaching and mentorship.

### Virtual Mentoring Portal

This mentoring portal provides structured and unstructured mentoring programs for existing mentees.

## **Crisis Support**

#### Crisis Text Line

Volunteers are needed in the U.S., Canada, Ireland, and U.K., ages 18 and older to offer free, 24/7 support for those in crisis.

#### CrisisCommons

Volunteers with professional IT skills provide help through phone calls during times of disaster.

## **EmpowerWork**

Volunteers offer counseling to individuals facing challenges in the workplace.

#### **Grief Support Online Facilitator**

Volunteers facilitate video grief support sessions. Volunteers are required to commit to two one-hour sessions per week.

#### **IAMAlive**

Volunteers are needed to support those in crisis via a live chat.

#### **RAINN Hotline**

Volunteers are needed to support those with Sexual Assault crises through an online hotline.

## Young Minds - Crisis Text Service

Volunteers are trained and then connected to young people who can chat in confidence to their assigned crisis responder.

## **Tutoring and Teaching**

## **Invest it Forward**

Volunteers who are financial professionals help teach students financial education.

## **Investwrite**

Volunteers judge a stock market game that students learning financial education in grades 4-12 are participating in.

#### TendollarTutor

Volunteers tutor and teach group classes to students.

## The Granny Cloud

Engage with students around the globe with limited educational access. Volunteers can start conversations, story tell, and come up with fun craft ideas to share with children.

#### **Tutor Mate**

Volunteer tutors work with a student each week for 30 minutes. Volunteers read a story with their assigned student, ask questions to see how well their student understands the story, and plays word games as well as activities. All reading and activities are designed to be appropriate for the student's reading level.

#### United to Learn: Video Series

Volunteers can share their interests and talents by recording a video of themselves demonstrating a particular skill. They can lead a science experiment, play an instrument, or provide instruction on painting.

## **Supporting Seniors and Veterans**

## American Corporate Partners AdvisorNet

Volunteers provide advice to veterans about career paths and goals.

## **Create Circles**

Volunteers can submit a question each day that helps engage and challenge older adults. This volunteer opportunity helps stimulate the senior's mind.

## **Family Eldercare**

Volunteers can connect with seniors by participating in support groups, friendly conversation, or educational sessions.

#### Hire Heroes USA

Volunteers help veterans find jobs virtually by conducting mock interviews, career counseling, fundraising, guiding federal sector applicants, or through outreach.

#### Love for the Elderly

Volunteers can choose from several different ways to engage with and support isolated seniors.

#### Virtual Visit Friend

Volunteers can virtually engage with nursing home residents.

## Language, Writing, and Reading Support

#### **Tarjimly**

Volunteers that are multilingual download the app to support refugees, asylum seekers, and immigrants in need.

#### **Translators without Borders**

Volunteers who are fluent in more than one language are given translation projects focusing on health, education, and crisis relief.

### BookShare

Volunteers scan books, edit books and describe images for people with dyslexia, blindness, cerebral palsy, and other reading barriers.

#### **FLOSS Manuals**

Volunteers write, edit, and promote technology manuals.

#### **IntoBooks**

Volunteers read the same book as a child and hold virtual mentoring sessions to discuss the book.

## **Learning Ally**

Volunteers can serve as narrators, listeners and quality assurance volunteers. Narrators are asked to use their voice talent to bring juvenile fiction books to life, or they can also record high school and college level textbooks. Auditions are required. Listeners will provide feedback to narrators, highlight issues with fluency and tone, audio quality, and more. Finally, quality assurance volunteers will perform a final check to ensure the audio books will provide an enjoyable experience to the recipient.

#### LibriVox

Volunteers record themselves reading books that are public domain for distribution.

## **Research and Data Collection**

#### **Amnesty Decoders**

Volunteers help research and expose human rights violations.

#### Doe Network

Volunteers assist law enforcement by providing information that concerns unexplained disappearances and unidentified Victims from North America, Australia and Europe. Volunteers can also translate important documents.

#### **Globe Observer**

Volunteers can help researchers at NASA collect data to track changes in the environment.

#### Humanitarian Data Exchange

Volunteers support humanitarian workers by keying data which is critical in times of disaster. The data extraction will help workers visualize and respond to trends across regions or countries.

## **Humanity Road**

Volunteers use Internet and mobile communications technology to collect, verify and route information online during disasters. They provide public safety information as well as directing the public to governmental and aid agencies that are providing assistance for the disaster.

#### Map Rectifier Project

Volunteers index information that records how many floors a building once had or what a street was named at different points in time to create a layered digital map. This project is created by the New York Public Library.

### Missing Maps

Volunteers can play an important part in supporting humanitarian organizations by helping map areas where disasters occur.

### Mystic River Watershed Association

Volunteers can help reduce trash in a watershed by participating in a visual assessment of litter.

#### **National Maps Corps Editor**

Volunteers collect data about structures, including schools, hospitals, post offices, etc. and update maps for all 50 states and Puerto Rico for the National Map Database.

### OpenStreetMap

Volunteers add to and edit this map of the globe.

#### **Smithsonian Gardens**

Volunteers with a green thumb can help identify gardens that the Smithsonian has images of.

#### Zooniverse

Volunteers contribute to research projects by studying objects and answering questions about them.

## **Surveys and Games**

## **COVID Near You**

Volunteers can help medical professionals track and fight the spread of COVID-19 by completing a brief survey every day regarding their health status.

#### Free Rice

Volunteers play a vocabulary game, during which advertisements appear. Whenever an advertisement comes up, it triggers a financial payment to the World Food Programme.

## **Project Implicit**

Volunteers can take quizzes to learn about their own implicit biases and how to fight against them.

## Transcription

### Ancestry.com

Volunteers help preserve history by transcribing documents into a publicly searchable database.

#### By the People

Volunteers make documents more searchable by transcribing, reviewing and tagging digitized images of manuscripts and typed materials from the Library of Congress.

#### **Carnamah Historical Society**

Volunteers can transcribe old documents to make them more publicly available.

## Crowd4U

Volunteers can perform small tasks that advance the progress of larger projects.

## Project Gutenberg

Volunteers turn public books into online books, mostly for Project Gutenberg, and collaborate to check each other's work.

## **Royal British Columbia Museum Foundation**

Volunteers can help transcribe documents from the Royal BC Museum's extensive collection of materials.

#### **Smithsonian Digital**

Volunteers can transcribe historical documents or edit Wikipedia articles related to the institution's artifacts and research.

## **Tech Soup Webinar Transcription**

Volunteers transcribe Tech Soup's most popular webinars.

#### **TED Translators**

Volunteers subtitle TED Talks to help disseminate knowledge, research and big ideas across languages and borders.

## **Communications**

## American Red Cross Digital Volunteer

Volunteers who want to help specifically with COVID-19 relief have several options, depending on where they live.

#### **Grief Support Help**

Volunteers help get the word out about the online grief support sessions for those experiencing loss.

## **Technology Support**

## Mozilla Firefox

Volunteers can help Mozilla Firefox with their ongoing projects.

## **National Park Service**

Volunteers with web development skills help test and evaluate web programs that the National Park Service is developing.

#### **Operation Photo Rescue**

Volunteers with photoshop skills can help to restore old photographs that have been damaged.

#### **Tech Soup**

Volunteers with technology expertise answer questions through an online portal or share tips and knowledge by writing for Tech Soup

#### VocaliD

Help to bring personalized voices to people with speech impediments or who have lost their voice. VocaliD is aimed at designing personalized synthetic voices so that people with severe speech impairments can use a voice that fits their body and personality. Share your voice and help drive innovation in voice technology

## **Continue to Search for the Perfect Volunteer Opportunity**

## All for Good

Volunteers can search for virtual options by clicking the COVID-19 Response "Volunteer from Home" button.

### Be a Neighbor Campaign

Volunteers enter their location information to find volunteer opportunities near them.

#### Catchafire

Skilled volunteers can search this site for projects that match their skillset. The projects are generally put up by nonprofit organizations and can be done from home. You can also read about the pertinent assistance they need in response to COVID-19 on the website.

### Create the Good

Volunteers can search for Volunteer Options and then click the "Show only home/remote options" button to find virtual volunteering opportunities. This tool is created through the AARP.

#### **DEED**

Volunteers input preferences into an app and it provides options for local small scale volunteer opportunities and skills based volunteer opportunities.

#### **Foundation for Financial Planning**

The Foundation for Financial Planning (FFP) has accelerated the launch of <u>CFP® Volunteer Match</u>, an online platform to facilitate the connection between financial planners who want to help and nonprofits that have virtual opportunities to reach financially vulnerable individuals and families in need of probono financial advice.

#### Help from Home

Volunteers can search through many different virtual opportunities on this website.

#### Idealist

Volunteers can choose from the many different virtual volunteer projects on Idealist.

## **Skills for Change**

Volunteers can enter their information and interests to find out about the different opportunities offered with Skills for Change.

## Taproot+

Volunteers can enter their information and interests to apply to volunteer virtually for different nonprofits.

### **United Nations Volunteers**

Volunteers can search through many different virtual opportunities that benefit the United Nations.

#### Vollie

Volunteers can browse different skills-based virtual projects to help with. There is a matching process to determine the best fits for each project. Additionally, volunteers can become mentors.

## Volunteer from Your Couch

Volunteers can browse different opportunities to help virtually with COVID-19 relief.

## VolunteerMatch

Volunteers can search through many different virtual opportunities that benefit a wide range of nonprofit organizations.