

**Learning Leaders**

212.213.3370

[www.learningleaders.org/volunteer](http://www.learningleaders.org/volunteer)

Tutor elementary, intermediate and high school students in reading, writing, math, ESL and other academic subjects. For ages 18 and older.

**New York Aquarium**

718.265.FISH

[www.nyaquarium.com/help-wildlife/volunteer/new-york-aquarium-volunteers.aspx](http://www.nyaquarium.com/help-wildlife/volunteer/new-york-aquarium-volunteers.aspx)

Those age 15 and older can become a volunteer docent (tour guide). Animal husbandry and volunteer diver opportunities (for certified scuba divers) are available for ages 21 and older.

**New York City Coalition Against Hunger**

212.825.0028

[www.nycchah.org/volunteer](http://www.nycchah.org/volunteer)

Prepare or serve food, or unpack boxes in a soup kitchen or food pantry. Donate your professional skills in fundraising, public relations, accounting and more.

**New York City Parks Department**[www.nycgovparks.org/sub\\_opportunities/volunteer\\_opportunities.html](http://www.nycgovparks.org/sub_opportunities/volunteer_opportunities.html)

Volunteer to join community groups that support and care for parks, participate in recreational programming, maintain the city's green spaces, and more.

**New York Restoration Project**

212.333.2552

[www.nyrp.org](http://www.nyrp.org)

Help maintain and restore parks, community gardens and other open spaces in New York City. Volunteer opportunities are available in the office, in the field and in environmental education.

**Prospect Park Volunteer Corps**

718.965.8960

[www.prospectpark.org/support/volunteers](http://www.prospectpark.org/support/volunteers)

Participate in various horticultural and beautification projects, lead tours, help with office work and more. Ages 14 and older.

**Prospect Park Zoo**

718.399.7324

[www.prospectparkzoo.com/help-wildlife/volunteer/prospect-park-zoo-volunteer.aspx](http://www.prospectparkzoo.com/help-wildlife/volunteer/prospect-park-zoo-volunteer.aspx)

Those age 14 and over can become a Discovery Guide, and help in exhibit areas, answer questions, and assist with children's programs. Ages 20 and over can become a Zoo Docent (tour guide).

**Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic**

212.557.5720

[www.rfbd.org](http://www.rfbd.org)

Record textbooks for students with print disabilities, provide technical support, or help with outreach.

**LONG-TERM & INTERNATIONAL SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES****AmeriCorps**

800.942.2677

800.833.3722 (TDD)

[www.americorps.org](http://www.americorps.org)

Access nearly 1,000 national and local groups in a network of national service programs. Provide disaster relief, tutor children, work to improve health services and create businesses, build homes for low-income families, help preserve the environment and more. Placements range from 9 to 12 months.

**Habitat for Humanity**

212.991.4000

[www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org)

Build and rehabilitate affordable homes, in the U.S. or abroad, for families in need of shelter. Ages 16 and older.

**Idealist.org: International Volunteerism Resource Center**[www.idealist.org/en/ivrc/index.html](http://www.idealist.org/en/ivrc/index.html)

Find information about volunteering abroad, as well as listings of volunteer opportunities available worldwide.

**Peace Corps***Regional Recruitment Office*

212.352.5440

[www.peacecorps.gov](http://www.peacecorps.gov)

Volunteers in this federal service program serve for 27 months in over 70 countries in education, youth outreach, community development, health, agriculture and environment, business development and information technology. Many benefits. Ages 18 and older.

**United Nations Volunteers**[www.unv.org](http://www.unv.org)

Volunteers contribute to the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), a set of time-bound targets to combat poverty, hunger, disease, illiteracy, environmental degradation and discrimination. Online "virtual volunteering" opportunities are available.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

## Education & Job Information Center

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Education & Job Information Center  
Central Library  
10 Grand Army Plaza  
Brooklyn, NY 11238  
718.230.2177

[www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org](http://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org)

# Volunteer Opportunities

*This brochure lists resources for those looking to volunteer their time to charitable causes.*

*Find other resource guides compiled by the Education & Job Information Center at [www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/ejic.jsp](http://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/ejic.jsp).*

## REFERRAL AGENCIES & GENERAL VOLUNTEERING INFORMATION

### Brooklyn Bureau of Community Service

718.310.5621  
[www.bbcs.org/vol.php](http://www.bbcs.org/vol.php)  
Offers many opportunities for individuals, corporations and community groups interested in giving back to the community.

### Catholic Charities of Brooklyn & Queens

718.722.6118  
[www.ccbq.org/volu.htm](http://www.ccbq.org/volu.htm)  
Call or search the online database for over 180 volunteer programs for teens, adults and seniors.

### Community Service Society of New York, Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

212.614.5563  
[www.cssny.org/services/rsvp/volunteer\\_opportunities](http://www.cssny.org/services/rsvp/volunteer_opportunities)  
Lists hundreds of opportunities for New Yorkers ages 55 and older to give back to the community. Call for additional opportunities.

### Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies

212.801.1332  
[www.fpwa.org/cgi-bin/iowa/involved/volunteer/index.html](http://www.fpwa.org/cgi-bin/iowa/involved/volunteer/index.html)  
Match your availability, interests and expertise with an opportunity at one of nearly 300 member agencies. Opportunities are available to become a board member at a nonprofit agency.

### Idealist.org

[www.idealists.org/volunteer](http://www.idealists.org/volunteer)  
Search for volunteer opportunities by location, area of interest, skills or age level. Receive email updates of new listings that match your interests. Includes a guide to volunteering with your family.

### The Mentoring Partnership of New York

212.953.0945  
[www.mentoring.org/newyork](http://www.mentoring.org/newyork)  
Links individuals, organizations and communities to 130 existing mentoring programs.

### New York Cares

212.228.5000  
[www.nycares.org](http://www.nycares.org)  
Individuals, groups and companies can find hundreds of flexibly-scheduled monthly projects, or find an annual event to make a difference in just one day. For ages 18 and older; some events welcome families.

### NYC Service

[www.nycservice.org](http://www.nycservice.org)  
Search volunteer positions designed to address New York City's greatest needs. You can also create your own volunteer program.

### One Brick

[www.onebrick.org](http://www.onebrick.org)  
Provides support to local nonprofit and community organizations by creating a flexible, social, volunteer environment with no long-term commitments. Communication is conducted entirely via the website.

### Serve.gov

[www.serve.gov](http://www.serve.gov)  
Use this site to answer President Obama's "call to service" and find volunteer opportunities in the New York area and beyond. Or post a new service opportunity and invite others to join.

### United Jewish Appeal (UJA) Federation of New York

212.836.1883  
<http://volunteer.ujafedny.org>  
Refers volunteers to opportunities in a diverse range of agencies in all boroughs.

### VolunteerMatch

[www.volunteermatch.org](http://www.volunteermatch.org)  
Search volunteer opportunities by zip code, area of interest or age level. Register to respond to listings, upload your resume and sign up for "Opportunity Alert" emails. Includes a virtual volunteering section.

### Volunteer Referral Center

212.889.4805  
[www.volunteer-referral.org](http://www.volunteer-referral.org)  
A counselor matches you to a volunteer opportunity based on your needs, skills, interests and scheduling requirements. Positions in over 200 nonprofits range from social services to the arts.

## ORGANIZATIONS THAT WELCOME VOLUNTEERS

*Contacting organizations directly is another way to find a volunteer opportunity. The following organizations welcome volunteers.*

### AARP

866.227.7442  
[www.aarp.org/makeadifference/volunteer](http://www.aarp.org/makeadifference/volunteer)  
Assist individuals with tax returns, teach driver safety courses, help the elderly and disabled manage their finances and more.

### American Red Cross in Greater New York

877.REDCROSS (877.733.2767)  
[www.nyredcross.org](http://www.nyredcross.org)  
Conduct disaster relief fieldwork, teach health and safety classes, act as a translator, assist with communications and marketing, provide administrative support and more.

### Big Brothers Big Sisters of New York City

212.686.2042  
[www.bigsnyc.org](http://www.bigsnyc.org)  
Adults ages 21 and older can become long-term mentors to youth in need. Be a role model for a juvenile delinquent, eat lunch with a student at a public school, and help enrich a child's future.

### Brooklyn Animal Resource Coalition (BARC)

718.486.7489  
[www.barcshelter.org/volunteer/index.html](http://www.barcshelter.org/volunteer/index.html)  
Volunteer for dog walking and cat socializing and help animals in need. For adults 21 and over, or minors accompanied by a parent or guardian.

### The Brooklyn Hospital Center

718.250.8393  
[www.tbh.org/ways-to-give/volunteering](http://www.tbh.org/ways-to-give/volunteering)  
Volunteer opportunities include: Pediatric Storyteller, Patient Care Aide and Physical and Occupational Therapy Department helpers. Call for an interview.

### Brooklyn Public Library Office of Volunteer Services

718.230.2406  
[www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/support/volunteer](http://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/support/volunteer)  
Teach adults how to read and write at one of our Adult Learning Centers. Other opportunities include Computer Coach, Homework Helper, ESOL Conversation Group Leader, Central Library Welcome Ambassador or Resume Editing Volunteer. Teens may volunteer in the Today's Teens, Tomorrow's Techies (T4) or Book Buddy programs.

### City Harvest

646.277.7821  
[www.cityharvest.org](http://www.cityharvest.org)  
"Rescue" leftover food from greenmarkets and trade shows for delivery to hundreds of community food programs, assist with fundraising and office work, and more.

### Coalition for the Homeless

212.776.2000  
[www.coalitionforthehomeless.org/volunteer.html](http://www.coalitionforthehomeless.org/volunteer.html)  
Staff a mobile soup kitchen, offer homework help and after-school activities to children in homeless shelters, conduct job readiness training, or assist with advocacy or fundraising.

### The Door

212.941.9090 ext. 3295  
[www.door.org/giving/time.html](http://www.door.org/giving/time.html)  
Opportunities in tutoring, exam preparation, social service work and special programs for LGBTQ youth. For young volunteers ages 12 to 21.

### Experience Corps

212.614.5499  
[www.experiencecorps.org/nyc.cfm](http://www.experiencecorps.org/nyc.cfm)  
Volunteers ages 55 and older can help kids succeed in school by tutoring or conducting small reading groups at public schools or community centers.

### The HOPE Program

718.852.9307  
[www.thehopeprogram.org](http://www.thehopeprogram.org)  
Volunteer to tutor GED math, reading or writing, or teach basic computer skills. For ages 21 and older.