

<u>ANIMALS</u>		
Abandoned Animals Rescue	https://www.aartexas.org/get-involved/volunteer/?sfw=pass1634308920	Thanks to its volunteers, AAR saves over 500 dog and cat lives each year. We need your help in dog care, cat care, office work, fundraising/event planning, and yard work. If you are 14-15 and have a parent willing to volunteer with you, or 16 and older, you may volunteer independently.
Citizens For Animal Protection (CAP)	http://www.cap4pets.org/support-us/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities	Citizens for Animal Protection is a non-profit organization, founded in 1972, which shelters, rescues and places homeless animals up for adoption with loving families. CAP advocates respect and compassion for animal life and provides humane education to help prevent cruelty to animals.
Houston SPCA	http://www.houstonspca.org/get-involved/volunteer/	We are the leading animal rescue and protection organization in the Gulf Coast region with the ability to care for a vast array of animal species including companion animals, small pets, horses and farm animals, native wildlife and exotics, all on one campus.
Houston Zoo	https://www.houstonzoo.org/make-memories/teens/	The Houston Zoo connects communities with animals to inspire action to save wildlife and is committed to being a leader in the global effort to save animals in the wild. We are home to over 6,000 permanent residents (our animals) for whom we provide the highest standard in animal care.
Cypress Lucky Mutt Rescue	https://www.cypressluckymuttrecovery.org/	Our organization is dedicated to rescuing homeless and abandoned puppies and dogs from high-kill shelters and owners who can no longer care for them. We do not have a shelter. Our dogs are all fostered, but we do have the opportunity for you to volunteer at adoption events.
Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation Coalition	https://www.twrcwildlifecenter.org/volunteer/become-volunteer/	TWRC Wildlife Center accepts many Texas wildlife species found in the Houston area, specializing in small mammals, songbirds, doves, and small raptors. Our goal is to rehabilitate, with the intent to release back into the wild.

<u>CHILDREN</u>		
BEAR (BE A Resource)	https://bearesourcehouston.org/volunteer-opportunities-bear/	For the last 24 years, BEAR has been an important advocate for the most vulnerable population in Houston... its abused and neglected children. They work to provide basic necessities for children in BEAR rooms year-round, the uniforms distributed each fall and the Christmas gifts wrapped and delivered each winter.
Books Between Kids	https://www.booksbetweenkids.org/volunteer/	In low income neighborhoods, the ratio is 1 age-appropriate book for every 300 children. This lack of books places these children at a distinct disadvantage. Books Between Kids strives to change this scenario by collecting gently used books and distributing them to children in need.
Color A Smile	https://colorasmile.org/volunteer/	Color A Smile is a nonprofit organization that distributes cheerful drawings to senior citizens, our troops overseas, and anyone in need of a smile.
Kids Meals	https://kidsmealsinc.org/take-action/volunteer/	Kids Meals delivers free, healthy meals to approximately 6,700 children per day! Check out their website for several opportunities to serve.
Project Linus	https://www.projectlinus.org/volunteer/	At Project Linus, a non-profit organization, we provide new handmade blankets to children in need. Our blankets are lovingly made by adults <i>and</i> children from all walks of life and many different sources.
<u>CONSERVATION</u>		
Buffalo Bayou	https://buffalobayou.org/support/volunteer/	This 160-acre greenspace lies west of downtown Houston and includes beautiful gardens and native landscaping; hike and bike trails; paddle craft and bike rentals; the go-to dog park in the city; public art; a creative nature play area; two visitor centers; and gathering places for visitors to picnic, relax and enjoy outdoor activities.

Hermann Park Conservatory	https://www.hermannpark.org/volunteering-opportunities/	Founded in 1992 as Friends of Hermann Park, Hermann Park Conservancy is a nonprofit citizens' organization dedicated to the stewardship and improvement of Hermann Park – today and for generations to come.
Houston Audubon	https://houstonaudubon.org/ways-to-help/volunteer/	Houston Audubon is a regional nonprofit conservation, education and advocacy organization that focuses on protecting the natural environment for birds and people. A significant part of our work is owning and managing nature sanctuaries to protect habitat for birds and provide people recreational opportunities in nature.
Katy Prairie Conservatory	https://www.katyprairie.org/become	Our vision for the future is simple: save a piece of the prairie, ensure healthy communities, connect people with nature, safeguard wildlife.
Mercer Botanical Gardens	https://friendsofmercer.com/volunteer.html	Mercer Botanic Gardens spans 393 acres in Humble, Texas. Aldine Westfield Road divides the property into the eastside botanic gardens and the westside arboretum. Volunteers include plant and nature enthusiasts of all ages and skill levels including community groups, corporations, Master Gardeners, Texas Gulf Coast Gardeners, and many more.
<u>CONSTRUCTION</u>		
Habitat For Humanity	https://www.habitat.org/volunteer	Habitat for Humanity provides the opportunity to build in your community, transforming homes and neighborhoods.
Sleep In Heavenly Peace	https://www.shpbeds.org/chapter/tx-houston-nw	All children deserve a safe, comfortable place to lay their heads. We're a group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need.
Furniture Bank	https://houstonfurniturebank.org/	A non-profit that collects home furnishings and distributes them at no cost to families and individuals who have found housing through a social service agency or are assisted through a non-profit community organization.

<u>FOOD BANK/PANTRY</u>		Help Needed:
Bread of Life	https://breadoflifeinc.org/volunteer/	Needs include assembling or moving furniture, helping with mattress recycling, organizing donated items, or helping in the office.
Brighter Bites	http://brighterbites.org/	A nonprofit that delivers fresh produce and nutrition education to underserved communities where access to grocery stores stocked with fresh fruits and vegetables is sorely limited.
Champion Forest Community Center	cmc@cfbc.org	Are you ready to make an impact in the world around us? Everything we do through the CMC is fueled by everyday people just like you! All it takes is an open heart and a willing spirit to make a difference in our community. Through helping meet the physical needs of those in our community, we can open the door towards also meeting spiritual needs! You can help in the food pantry or by serving meals to homeless on Saturdays.
Christian Community Service Center	https://ccschouston.org/support-ccsc/volunteer/volunteer-opprtunities/	The Christian Community Service Center (CCSC) is a coalition of churches working to reduce the effects of poverty in the local community. Our Christ-centered ministry accomplishes this through various resources and volunteerism.
Houston Food Bank	https://www.houstonfoodbank.org/ways-to-give/give-time/	Founded in 1982, the Houston Food Bank is a certified member of Feeding America, the nation's food bank network. We distribute fresh produce, meat and nonperishables.
Interfaith of the Woodlands	https://woodlandsinterfaith.org/volunteer/	Established in 1973, Interfaith of The Woodlands' programs are developed out of community need. Interfaith's mission is dedicated to providing outstanding service to our neighbors in need.
Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen	http://mhihouston.org/how-to-help/volunteer/	Loaves & Fishes is a large soup kitchen in downtown Houston where 200 to 300 of Houston's chronically hungry gather six days a week for nutritious, hot, home-cooked lunches cooked by our staff and served by volunteers.

Mercy Ministry (Prince of Peace)	https://pophouston.org/mercyministry	Everybody needs a little help sometimes, and the Mercy Ministry is blessed to offer help to approximately 1,500 families and individuals in need. Every month they provide food and other needed items from their food pantry.
<u>GENERAL OPPORTUNITIES</u>		
Generation Serve	https://www.generationserve.org/teenservicedays.html	Our Mission is to engage children in volunteerism and empower them to make a difference in their communities. Our Vision Is to promote generations of youth who develop into community-minded leaders.
Mercy House Global	https://mercyhouseglobal.org/volunteer/	Mercy House exists to engage, empower and disciple women around the globe in Jesus' name, with a specific focus on the Bible's most vulnerable: orphans, widows, refugees. We have regular volunteer days where you can offer your time to help Mercy House Global in Magnolia, Texas. You will serve by unpacking, sorting, and tagging fair trade products from global artisans.
Moody Gardens SAVY Summer	https://www.moodygardens.com/get_involved/volunteer/ https://www.moodygardens.com/get_involved/teen_volunteers/	The Society for the Advancement of Volunteer Youth, SAVY, provides students 14 to 17 years of age with the opportunity to volunteer within their community while gaining experience in a variety of career fields.
YMCA	https://ymcahouston.org/volunteer	Founded in 1886, the YMCA of Greater Houston has always been a place where all people can find hope, fellowship and healing.
<u>HOSPITAL / MEDICAL / RELATED MINISTRIES</u>		

Nora's Home	https://norashome.org/get-involved/volunteer/	Nora's Home offers transplant patients and their families an affordable place to stay where they can find support and share experiences with others, in the comfort of a home-like environment.
Ronald McDonald House	https://rmhhouston.org/get-involved/	Founded in 1978, the mission of Ronald McDonald House Houston is to offer a <i>home away from home</i> providing care, compassion and hope to families with seriously ill children, being treated in Texas Medical Center member institutions.
Texas Children's Hospital	https://www.texaschildrens.org/departments/volunteer	The Volunteer Services Department at Texas Children's Hospital is committed to maintaining an active program of support, compassion and quality service for the community of children and families we serve, as well as the staff of Texas Children's Hospital, while providing meaningful and challenging opportunities for those who volunteer.
<u>MILITARY SERVICE MEN & WOMEN</u>		
Mission Continues	https://www.missioncontinues.org/service-platoons/	The Mission Continues' vision is for all veterans with a desire to continue their service to be part of a nationwide movement to transform communities.
Operation Gratitude	https://www.operationgratitude.com/	Operation Gratitude is one of the largest and most impactful nonprofits in the country for hands-on volunteerism in support of military, veterans, and first responders, offering volunteer opportunities for every American to express their appreciation to all who serve and protect our nation.
Soldiers' Angels	https://soldiersangels.org/programs/deployed-support/letter-writing-team/	The Letter Writing Team (LWT) is a team of amazing Angels who enjoy writing to our heroes, and who know how important it is for the service members to hear their name called at mail call.
<u>MUSEUM / LIBRARY</u>		

Children's Museum Houston	https://www.cmhouston.org/community/get-involved	The Houston region has one of the largest child populations in the United States and Children's Museum Houston serves an audience of more than 1 million children and families each year.
Friends of the Houston Public Library	https://friendsofhpl.org/volunteer	For 63 years we have had the same goal: Get books back out into the community, and create awareness of our incredible Houston Public Library system. Ready to make a difference? We need volunteers all year long to help us process books and get them back out into the Houston community!
Match (Midtown Arts Theatre Center Houston)	https://matchouston.org/volunteer	Are you interested in becoming a volunteer usher? If so, MATCH is the perfect place for you. Ushering is a great way to meet new people; experience new art and be involved at MATCH. Creating a warm and welcoming environment with a smile, answering questions, scanning tickets and seating patrons are all part of helping us fulfill our commitment to the community.
Museum of Fine Arts	https://www.mfah.org/about/volunteers	Houston has been hailed as America's most diverse city, a reflection of how the nation will look in just a few decades. By its nature, the Museum of Fine Arts, embodies the character of this city through the Museum's staff, visitors, mission, programs and collections.
<u>REFUGEES</u>		
PAIR (Partnership for the Advancement and Immersion of Refugees)	https://www.pairhouston.org/volunteer	For most PAIR students, arrival in the U.S. brings the new possibility of gaining secondary education. In order to complete high school and continue their education, students face the great challenges of learning a new language and adapting to a new way of life.

<u>SHELTER</u>		
The Bridge Over Troubled Waters	https://tbotw.org/volunteers/	We believe everyone has a right to live a life without violence and to walk in their full potential as a human without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, or political beliefs.
Star of Hope	https://www.sohmission.org/volunteer/becoming-a-volunteer/	Star of Hope is a Christ-centered community dedicated to meeting the needs of homeless men, women and their children. Positive life changes are encouraged through structured programs which focus on spiritual growth, education, employment, life management and recovery from substance abuse.
<u>SPECIAL NEEDS</u>		
Best Buddies	https://www.bestbuddies.org/texas/volunteer	Best Buddies International is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, leadership development, and inclusive living for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
Bridgewood Farms	https://bridgewoodfarms.org/volunteer/	Bridgewood Farms was originally founded as Montgomery County Children's Center in 1967. Over half a century later, our organization has evolved to meet the changing needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. We work to improve the overall quality of life for each of our special needs clients by bridging the gap between the resources available in our community and the unique abilities of each of our clients.
Challenger Sports	https://www.challengersportshouston.com/buddies-volunteers	Challenger Sports is an adaptive program for those with a variety of medical, development and intellectual challenges where all can play the games everyone loves, aided by Buddies in an inclusive, safe and protected environment.

Special Olympics	https://www.sotx.org/	The mission of Special Olympics is to provide sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. There is no experience required for volunteering; however, you must be at least 15 years of age, unless accompanied by an adult. Volunteers participate in an orientation prior to working with our athletes.
The Arc of Greater Houston	https://www.aogh.org/volunteer	Volunteer opportunities are abundant here. We invite parents, students, professionals and other community members to get involved and share some of their time with individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Visit our website to see how you can help.
<u>EVENT SPECIFIC / 1 DAY EVENT</u>		
Lions Club	https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/recycle-eyeglasses	Millions living in low and middle income countries lack access to basic eye care services. Lions have recognized the urgent need for corrective lenses and collect usable glasses in their communities to support the Lions Recycle For Sight Program.
MLK - National Day of Service	https://ysa.org/campaigns/mlkday/	On Monday, January 15, 2024, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday will continue as a national day of service. This day was established to honor the life and legacy of Dr. King, and to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities. Local volunteer opportunities are not yet set, but check back.

<u>TUTORING</u>		
Nehemiah House	https://www.nehemiahcenterhouston.org/volunteer/	The Nehemiah Center’s mission is to provide assistance to low income families who are invested in seeking a better future for their children through education, emotional wellness and spiritual enrichment. Our motto is “Neighbors helping neighbors create a safe haven in which children are motivated, inspired and equipped to realize their God-given potential”.
<u>UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES</u>		
Dress for Success	https://www.dfshouston.org/volunteer-with-us	Since 1998, we’ve been dedicated to our mission of empowering women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire and development tools to help women thrive in work and life.
Hope Beyond Bridges	https://hopebeyondbridges.org/	The goal is to restore hope to the homeless by providing for their spiritual, emotional and physical needs because a bridge is NOT a home. Currently, we serve each Saturday along several freeways in Houston around 610 loop and extend out into the suburbs. If you think about any time a road goes under a freeway, it is a potential stop for Hope Beyond Bridges.
Hope Center Houston	https://www.hopecenterhouston.org/	Hope Center Houston is a faith-based nonprofit, offering a safe space and caring community, while providing resources for men and women experiencing homelessness. We nurture the body with breakfast, lunch, laundry, showers, and clothing, while assisting with medical and mental health needs.

Hope Haven	https://www.hhaven.org/	Our mission is to help the homeless find a path off the streets and to mentor them throughout their life journey to succeed and thrive as contributing members of our community.
Northwest Assistance Ministries	https://www.namonline.org/volunteer	Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM) is a nonprofit, community-based, social service agency that strives to meet basic human needs through Neighbors Helping Neighbors. NAM provides assistance in areas including food, shelter, health, education, safety and financial education. Our service area covers over 660 square miles of northwest Harris County, an area with over 1,500,000 residents. Some of the ways we can help are: Meals on Wheels Tray Treats & Food Pantry.