

Community Service Organizations

Animals

1. Friends for Life
 - a. www.nokill1.org
2. SNAP
 - a. www.snapus.org
3. Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation Coalition
 - a. www.twrc-houston.org
4. Special Pals
 - a. www.specialpalsshelter.org
 - b. Dog walkers and animal shelter volunteers needed!

Arts & Culture

5. Theatre Under the Stars (TUTS)
 - a. www.tuts.com
6. The Salvation Army
 - a. www.salvationarmyhouston.org
 - b. Opportunities are coming...they will be posted on the service board in the lobby!
7. Society for the Performing Arts
 - a. www.spahouston.org
8. River Performing and Visual Arts Center
 - a. www.theriver.org
9. Bering Omega Community Services
 - a. www.beringomega.org
10. Young Audiences
 - a. www.yahouston.org
11. MD Anderson Cancer Center
 - a. www.mdanderson.org/how-you-can-help/volunteer/index.html
 - b. Coffee cart volunteer
 - c. Children's art project
 - d. Information desk
 - e. Musicians to visit patients
12. Houston Arboretum and Nature Center
 - a. www.houstonarboretum.org
13. Ripley House Neighborhood Center
 - a. www.neighborhood-centers.org
14. The Bridge Neighborhood Center
 - a. www.neighborhood-centers.org

Civil/Social Action

15. Catholic Charities
 - a. www.catholiccharities.org
16. ESCAPE Family Resource Center
 - a. www.learntoparent.org
17. Senior Citizens Bureau
 - a. www.seniorcitizensbureau.com
18. Supporting Hands, Inc.
 - a. www.supportingh.org
19. Boatpeople SOS
 - a. www.bpsos.org

Emergency/Disaster

20. SEARCH
 - a. www.searchproject.org
21. Turning Point Center
 - a. www.turningpointcenter.org
22. Feed the Children Houston DC
 - a. <http://volunteer.truist.com/houston/org/10346001098.html>
23. Northwest Assistance Ministries
 - a. www.namonline.org
 - b. Food pantry volunteer

Other

24. DePelchin Children's Center
 - a. www.depelchin.org
25. Citizens League for Environmental Action NOW
 - a. www.cleanhouston.org
26. Christian Community Service Center
 - a. www.ccschouston.org
27. Star of Hope
 - a. www.sohmission.org
28. The Women's Home
 - a. www.thewomenshome.org
29. Houston Furniture Bank
 - a. www.fb-houston.org
30. Ronald McDonald House
 - a. www.rmhhouston.org
31. Bo's Place
 - a. www.bosplace.org

32. Eagle's Lift Ministries
 - a. www.eaglesliftministries.org
33. HOPE
 - a. www.houstonhope.org
34. St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital
 - a. <http://www.texasmedicalcenter.org/root/en/QuickLinks/Volunteer/VolunteerServices.htm>
35. Houston Zoo (this is a great ongoing opportunity that would be a wonderful asset to anyone interested in studying zoology or veterinary science in college)
 - a. www.houstonzoo.org/volunteer/
36. Acres Homes Youth Association
 - a. <http://www.acreshomeyouth.org/>
37. Neighborhood Centers (requires an application—it's on the website)
 - a. Has 6 centers all around Houston and a high need for a variety of volunteers!
 - b. www.neighborhood-centers.org
38. Galveston Bay Foundation
 - a. www.galvbay.org
39. Angel Food Ministries (this is held at churches all over Houston)
 - a. To find the closest site and inquire if they can use volunteers go to www.angelfoodministries.com
40. YMCA Houston (lots of branches...check the website for the one closest to you)
 - a. <http://www.ymcahouston.org/>

Onetime events that are coming up!

These events often have a lot of volunteer interest, so if you are interested in volunteering at (not participating in), plan ahead and contact the organization ASAP.

1. Komen Race for the Cure (October 2nd) If you want to volunteer the orientation is August 18th.
 - a. www.komen-houston.org
2. Memory Walk for Alzheimer research (October 23rd)
 - a. http://www.alz.org/texas/in_my_community_memorywalk.asp
3. Houston Marathon (January)
 - a. www.chevronhoustonmarathon.com/Volunteers/
4. Walk Like MADD (Date is TBD...check the website)
 - a. www.madd.org

This list is a great start of where to look for volunteering opportunities, but it is not all-encompassing. If you are still searching, check the following websites, which allow you to search for opportunities based on your interests and locations!

www.1-800-volunteer.org
www.harriscountycitizenscorps.com

www.volunteerhouston.com
www.volunteermatch.com

Remember:

- **If you need help or are struggling to find something, ASK!**
 - Ask Mrs. Cook
 - Ask Ms. Rahimian
 - Ask your own GLC
 - Ask your seminar teacher
 - Ask any other teacher on campus
 - Ask Mrs. Coghill or Ms. Wells
 - Check the SERVICE SPOTLIGHT bulletin board in the lobby of the admin building

- **PLAN AHEAD!**
 - It's important to remember that some organizations have to schedule their volunteers ahead of time, some require forms to be filled out, orientations be attended, etc.
 - If you can't find something right away, don't give up
 - Don't wait until the last minute!
 - PLEASE remember the deadlines and consequences and plan so that you are not in a situation that you wish you had avoided

- **If you find your own opportunity, share it!**
 - Invite a friend
 - Ask a teacher for a ride if you need one or if your opportunity requires you to have a chaperone
 - SHARING IS CARING!