



Virtual Service Opportunities

Underlying all human actions are needs that people are seeking to meet; and understanding and acknowledging these needs can create a shared basis for connection, cooperation, and more globally – peace.

During these uncertain times, we must continue to give back to the community.

This page features virtual volunteer opportunities to aid the community as well as those impacted by COVID-19.

Please Note: The following is a list of external sites whose organizations offer individuals volunteer opportunities. In an attempt to get this information to you, our students, as quickly as possible, the University has not had time to visit these external sites or investigate the background of their parent organizations. The University does not endorse or approve of any of the products, services, service opportunities, or opinions of the organizations whose external links are included below. The University bears no responsibility for the accuracy, legality or content of the included external sites or for that of any subsequent links including within those external sites.

LOCAL

- Check out Helping Bradford, PA During Covid 19 on Facebook!
- [LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE BLOOD](#)
- BRMC - making face masks – call or find on Facebook
- [Joann Fabrics](#) - making face masks
- You can also team up with members of Your Community to create cards of appreciation or messages of hope for first Responders, Hospital Staff, Military Personnel, and Residents of Nursing Homes.
- Make a **cloth face cover** for yourself or someone else! Stay up to date on CDC Guidelines to learn best practices. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/easy-to-read/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

...and BEYOND!

- Become a **Smithsonian Digital Volunteer** and help make historical documents and biodiversity data more accessible. For more information visit their website: <https://transcription.si.edu/>
- **Feeding America**: <https://www.feedingamerica.org/>
- Make a global difference with the **United Nations**.
You can help with writing and editing, translation, technology services, research, and advocacy, to name a few, and there is a variety of short and longer-term opportunities. For more information visit their website: <https://www.onlinevolunteering.org/en>
- Monitor online discussions to find people who need help with the **Red Cross**.
If you are active on Facebook and Twitter, this could be a great opportunity for you. For more information visit their website: <https://www.redcross.org/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities.html>
- Sign-up to be a Neighborhood Captain with the **Trusted World Foundation**.
The Trusted World Foundation needs self-care items to help community members who are currently quarantined. For more information visit their website: <https://www.volunteermatch.org/search/opp3280296.jsp>
- **Be My Eyes** is a free mobile app with one main goal: to make the world more accessible for blind and low-vision people. The app connects blind and low-vision individuals with sighted volunteers from all over the world through a live video call. For more information visit their website: <https://www.bemyeyes.com/>
- **Book Share** offers thousands of books to people with reading disabilities. As an online volunteer, you can either scan books to be added to the collection or edit books that have been scanned. For more information visit their website: <https://www.Bookshare.org>
- The **American Red Cross** always has needs for volunteers to act as digital advocates. Volunteers can help generate donations to the Red Cross while shopping for themselves online or by setting up online fundraisers. Volunteers can also help spread awareness by re-post their social media content. For more information visit their website: <https://www.redcross.org/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities/be-a-digital-advocate.html>
- The **National Map Corps (TNM Corps)**, part of the U.S. Department of the Interior, asks citizen volunteers to collect data on structures and use it to add new features, remove obsolete points and correct data for The National Map database. For more information visit their website: https://navigator.er.usgs.gov/help/vgistructures_rewards.html
- **Nabuur** is an online volunteering platform that links volunteers with local communities in Africa, Asia, and Latin America so they can learn about each other, share ideas and find solutions to local issues. For more information visit their website: <https://orgs.tigweb.org/nabuur>
- **TED Translators** are a global community of volunteers who subtitle TED Talks and enable the inspiring ideas in them to crisscross languages and borders. Bring TED into your language! For more information visit their website: <https://www.ted.com/participate/translate>

- **Crisis Text Line** is a free 24/7 national crisis-intervention and counseling service conducted exclusively through SMS text. Volunteers use the nonprofit's web-based platform to provide emotional support to texters who are dealing with a wide range of issues– bullying, self-harm, suicidal thoughts, and more. Prospective volunteers go through screening and lengthy self-paced training. Once completed, volunteers sign-up to take one four-hour shift each week for a year. For more information: <https://www.crisistextline.org/become-a-volunteer/>
- **Trevor Project** is an online, social networking community for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) youth ages 13-24, and their friends and allies. Online volunteers monitor the TrevorSpace site in an effort to maintain a safe online space for young LGBTQ people. Training for online volunteers is provided quarterly. For more information visit their website: <https://www.thetrevorproject.org/get-involved/volunteer/>
- **Volunteer Match**
Lists ways to support a broad range of causes, including education, the environment, homelessness and many more. volunteermatch.org
- <https://www.onlinevolunteering.org/en>
- **AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY** <https://www.cancer.org/involved/volunteer.html>
- **Red Cross:** During times of disaster, the Red Cross utilizes digital volunteers to monitor online discussions to find people who need help, and to share important updates on social media. If you are active on Facebook and Twitter, this could be a great opportunity for you.
- **DoSomething.org**
DoSomething empowers young people to enact social change both online or off. Volunteer online through [one of our campaigns](#) to help solve real-world problems. DoSomething members have used the internet to [successfully urge Apple to diversify their emojis](#), [change the dictionary definition of “Black/black”](#), and [create the largest crowdsourced anti-bullying guide](#).
- **Translators Without Borders**
[Translators Without Borders](#) recruits volunteers who want to translate texts into different languages for NGOs and nonprofits.
- **Strive for College**
Help aspiring college students through the entire college admissions and financial aid application process. To become a **Strive for College volunteer**, you simply need to [create a profile](#) on Strive's site, complete a background check (\$40) and do a one-hour training before being connected with students interested in your support. Over 90 percent of students with Strive mentors go to a four-year institution, many being the first in their family to attend college, usually with little or no debt. Read Karen's [story](#).
- **Goodwill Industries Volunteer Online** <https://www.goodwill.org/blog/volunteer/build-your-career-by-volunteering-online/>
- **Catchafire**
[Catchafire](#) uses their website to match professionals with nonprofits based on their skills, cause interest and time availability. You'll find tons of skills-based volunteering opportunities, many of which can be completed virtually.
- **AARP** <https://sweeps.aarp.org/volunteerwizard/>

- RAINN https://www.rainn.org/volunteer?gclid=EAlalQobChMIInb7Xl5jl6AIVyICfCh3Q5A4JEAAAYASAAEgKIUfD_BwE
- **Smithsonian Digital Volunteer program**
[The Smithsonian Digital Volunteer program](#) engages the public in making its collections more accessible. Digital volunteers transcribe historic documents and collection records to facilitate research and preserve these valuable assets for future generations.
- **Amnesty Decoders**
[Amnesty Decoders](#) is an innovative platform for volunteers around the world to use their computers or phones to help our researchers sift through pictures, information and documents. Join a global network of digital volunteers helping us research and expose human rights violations.
- **Career Village**
[Career Village](#) is an online platform where students ask career questions that are answered by people working, or that have worked, in that field. All you need is a LinkedIn account to start helping students become better informed about the career decisions they are facing.
- Volunteer to be an **Online Ambassador** with [Ark of Hope for Children](#).
- Give well-deserved **Treats for Troops** through [Soldiers Angels Treats for Troops](#).
- Be an **online emotional support** person at [7 Cups](#).
- **Help kids in need** when you organize an [online fundraiser for Operation Warm](#).
- **Identify New York Wildlife**, map our galaxy or assist researchers in many other ways with [Zooniverse](#).
- **Sew emotional support blankets** for [Binky Patrol](#).
- **Proofread ebooks** for [Project Gutenberg](#).
- **Track bird populations** with [eBird](#).
- **Crochet or knit afghan squares** that will help build blankets for both babies and adults. Send them to [Warm Up America](#).
- **Record audiobooks** for [Librivox](#).
- **Send a card, letter or note** once a week to someone undergoing chemotherapy. Apply at [Chemo Angels](#).
- **Share your voice** and help drive innovation in voice technology through [VocaliD](#).
- **Provide learning and encouragement to children** around the world via Skype and the [Granny Cloud](#) website.
- **Test, evaluate or develop** elements of the [National Park Service](#)'s online presence.

- **Raise money** in a virtual world with [The American Cancer Society](#) and Second Life.
- <https://fcancer.org/projects>
- **Develop video games** to help [App to Succeed](#) teach youth in need how to make good financial decisions.
- **Train others** in technology to help overcome poverty with [Right Here at Home](#).
- **Share social media posts** and important announcements for Operation Warm. [Email Mary Ann](#).
- **Help Harvard researchers** learn the best ways to break down stereotypes by taking tests with [Project Implicit](#).
- **Look at satellite images** of storm and help researchers predict cyclone behavior with [Cyclone Center](#).