



The Episcopal School of Dallas

Community Partners and Service Opportunities

Dear ESD Families,

In an ongoing effort to promote our founding tenet of “service to others”, the office of Community Service Learning has provided a list of current nonprofit partners and local service opportunities. This is not a complete list of opportunities, but a great starting place for ESD families to engage with the DFW community.

Please share your experiences with us. We would love to see how our ESD families are impacting the community. Tag @ESDCommServ in your posts or photos with the hashtags #ESDSERVICE.

Please be sure to reach out to the contacts provided with any questions or concerns.

Best,

Courtney Phelps

Director of Community Service Learning

AUSTIN STREET CENTER

For over 30 years, Austin Street Center has specialized in caring for the most vulnerable homeless men and women in Dallas. Beyond meeting basic needs, Austin Street is committed to individualized care for each person who comes to us for help.

Website: austinstreet.org

Contact: asc.volunteer@austinstreet.org

Service Opportunities: Austin Street welcomes groups from churches, schools, and businesses throughout the year. All group volunteer projects begin with a tour of the shelter and overview of our mission.

- Meals Service - Every meal served at Austin Street is prepared off-site and delivered to the shelter by volunteer groups from churches, local businesses, and other community groups who then serve the meal to each of our guests. Lunch is served to 120 guests, and breakfast and dinner are served for 400. **Meal service must be scheduled in advance.**
- Group Projects - Austin Street can accommodate a few larger groups each year for special projects, which have included painting, landscaping, organizing a group activity, and more. Representatives of groups looking for a special opportunity should contact us for a tour and discussion of scope and availability.

BIRTHDAY PARTY PROJECT (THE)

With the help of our birthday enthusiasts (that's you!) we host monthly birthday parties at homeless and transitional living facilities across the country. We celebrate all children (ages 1-21) that have a birthday that month, and we invite all children and family members staying at the agency to join us for the party.

Website: thebirthdaypartyproject.org

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator at hello@thebirthdaypartyproject.org

Service Opportunity: Volunteering at a glance:

- Birthday enthusiasts arrive to the agency
- Set up and decorate
- PARTY TIME!
- Light candles and sing "HAPPY BIRTHDAY!"
- Hand out cupcakes
- Hugs, high fives, and goodbyes

BROTHER BILL'S HELPING HANDS

Brother Bill's Helping Hand brings not just a legacy of 75 years of service to West Dallas, but hope for a better life to the more than 25,000 people living in the 75212 zip code. As a Christian nonprofit, that hope comes in the form of Education, Health, and Essentials of Life programs.

Website: bbhh.org

Contact: Courtney Cuthbert at courtney.cuthbert@bbhh.org

Service Opportunities: The following service opportunities are available.

- Wednesdays 10:00-1:00 Grocery Store
- Wednesdays 1:30-3:30 Restocking Grocery Store
- Thursdays 10:00-1:00 Grocery Store
- 2nd Saturdays 9:30-12:30 Grocery Store (Full until September)
- Preparing summer lunches for kids participating in camps/activities
- Donating backpacks and school supplies

BUCKNER SHOES FOR ORPHAN SOULS

Buckner Shoes for Orphan Souls, the largest humanitarian aid project of Buckner International, provides new shoes and socks to orphans and vulnerable children in the United States and throughout the world.

Website: buckner.org

Contact: pward@buckner.org

Service Opportunities: We need volunteers all year at our warehouses in Dallas. Volunteers help process, sort and pack shoes, hygiene kits, school supplies, clothing and medical supplies.

CHILDREN'S HUNGER FUND

Children's Hunger Fund provides nourishing food for hungry kids across America and around the world. We distribute Food Paks and other aid through local churches so that they may deliver hope to suffering children and families in their communities.

Website: childrenshungerfund.org

Contact: Thomas Russell at trussell@childrenshungerfund.org

Service Opportunities: Typically, our volunteer days are Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9 am - 11 am. Once you are registered with us, we will notify you of opportunities to volunteer. You may do a variety of things, including packing Food Paks, bagging bulk beans and pasta, sorting through donations, and prepping containers for international shipment.

CITY SQUARE

“We fight the causes and effects of poverty through service, advocacy, and friendship.”

Website: citysquare.org/volunteer

Contact: volunteer@citysquare.org

Service Opportunity: Volunteers are needed to serve in the City Square Food Pantry. If you are interested in getting involved, please review the steps below. Once you've completed the orientation or tour, you are welcome to check back here for volunteer updates. If you are eager to get involved, you can complete our Food Pantry Volunteer Application and volunteer at the Food Pantry on the website. No volunteer orientation required!

COMMUNITY PARTNERS OF DALLAS

At Community Partners of Dallas, our mission is to ensure safety, restore dignity and inspire hope for the abused and neglected children served by Dallas County Child Protective Services.

Website: cpdtx.org

Contact: Carissa Hensch at carissa@cpdtx.org.

Service Opportunity: There is always a way to get involved in helping the abused and neglected children we serve. We have a variety of opportunities for individuals, families, and groups to volunteer, from one-time events to regularly-scheduled volunteer hours. If you are looking for a specific way to help, you may find it below. Or contact us to see if we can accommodate your specific ideas! Some volunteer opportunities fill faster than others--please be mindful in your scheduling.

Please note that we do not work directly with the children in the care of Child Protective Services due to confidentiality and safety requirements.

DALLAS ARBORETUM & BOTANICAL GARDEN

The mission of the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden is to build and maintain a public venue that promotes the art, enjoyment, and knowledge of horticulture while providing opportunities for education and research. We are committed to excellence, good management, and fiscal responsibility.

Website: dallasarboretum.org

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator at volunteers@dallasarboretum.org

Service Opportunity: Volunteers provide assistance to the Arboretum, guest, and staff in numerous areas. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities available, whether you are looking to volunteer individually or as a group, we have opportunities for everyone. Volunteers aid our excellent staff in creating the most wonderful guest experience possible. In 2014, more than 2,000 individuals gave more than 80,000 hours of time to the Arboretum.

DALLAS AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Website: dallasareahabitat.org/get-involved/volunteer

Contact: Mary Beth O'Connor at Moconnor@dallas-habitat.org

Service Opportunity: Neighborhood clean-ups and the Restore. Volunteers generally participate in construction Wednesday through Saturday, and no construction experience is necessary. You can get involved on a regular basis and become a Core Volunteer or get involved as often as your schedule allows. ReStore volunteers work alongside staff to create a friendly environment for our customers. We have four ReStores that are open seven days a week, giving the most flexible options for volunteers to donate their time.

DALLAS CHILDREN'S THEATER

Dallas Children's Theater is an outstanding venue for collaboration with local artists, designers, playwrights, and educators. Our directors and administrators are proud to contribute to the growing body of theater for youth with the commission and development of new plays.

Website: dct.org

Contact: Kyle Given at kyle.given@dct.org

Service Opportunities: Ushering (ages 13+) - Volunteer Ushering at DCT involves taking tickets, passing out programs and clean-up. As an usher, you receive FREE admission to the performance and a discounted price on tickets for extra members of your party. Ushering at DCT can fulfill volunteer hour requirements at most schools and organizations and looks wonderful on a resume! Volunteer Usher hours are Fridays 6:30pm.–9:30pm.; Saturdays & Sundays 12:30pm.–3:30pm and 3:30pm–6:30pm.

Office Work (ages 16+). - Office duties require an appropriate dress, working with files, organizing data, making copies and computer data entry when applicable.

Large Mailings are done several times a year. Responsibilities can include folding, stuffing, sealing, stamping, and handwriting envelopes for personalization. Mailings that become all-day projects come with a free lunch. Office work hours are weekdays between 9:00am and 5:00pm

DALLAS HOLOCAUST AND HUMAN RIGHTS MUSEUM

The Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum is dedicated to teaching the history of the Holocaust and advancing human rights to combat prejudice, hatred, and indifference.

Website: www.dhhrm.org

Contact: Annie Black, Director of Programs and Volunteers, at ablack@dallasholocaustmuseum.org

Service Opportunities:

Join the Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum's volunteer family! With a larger space and expanded programming and exhibitions, we will have several new volunteer roles available, including:

- Administrative Volunteer
- Archives/Library Volunteer
- Classroom Volunteer
- Dimensions in Testimony Facilitator
- Visitor Guide

*Age requirement: 9th grade and above

DALLAS MUSEUM OF ART

The Dallas Museum of Art is a space of wonder and discovery where art comes alive. At the heart of the Museum and its programs is its global collection, which encompasses more than 24,000 works and spans 5,000 years of history, representing a full range of world cultures.

Website: dma.org

Contact: Jessica Thompson at jthompson@dma.org

Service Opportunities:

- *Teen Ambassadors* - Formerly the DMA Teen Docent program, the Teen Ambassador program provides opportunities for high school students to initiate and deepen their relationship with the DMA. Teen Ambassadors lead summer family programs and gallery activities for young visitors (ages 5–12). Family programs range from drop-in art-making activities in the Center for Creative Connections to Family Storytime in the galleries.
- *Teen Advisory Council* - The Teen Advisory Council, or TAC for short, is a group of highly motivated high school students who help shape the direction of how the Museum engages with youth audiences. Members of the council develop innovative interdisciplinary programming for Museum visitors of all ages and serve as ambassadors for the Museum to the community. Teen Advisory Council members commit to attending two Thursday evening planning meetings a month and volunteering at hosted events at least once a month from September through July.

EQUEST

To enhance the quality of life for children and adults with diverse needs by partnering with horses to bring hope and healing through equine assisted activities and therapies.

Website: equest.org

Contact: Ellie Grant at egrant@equest.org

Service Opportunities: Equest offers a variety of volunteer opportunities for individuals and groups.

No prior horse experience is required! We will teach you everything you need to know at one of our volunteer training sessions.

- *LEADER* - The leader's responsibility is the horse at all times. The leader helps maintain the horse's pace, calmness, and focus while allowing the client to do as much as he or she is able.
- *SIDEWALKER* - The sidewalker's role is to help the client with balance and reinforce instructions in the lesson.
- *BARN HELPER* - Barn helpers are responsible for maintaining the cleanliness, orderliness, and function of the barn as well as individual horse stalls, paddocks, and arenas. Barn helpers are needed seven days a week between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Barn helpers do not need to schedule work hours but are welcome to pop in when time permits.
- *EVENT HELPER* - We heavily rely on our team of volunteers to help with event preparation, execution, and break-down.
- *HANDYMAN OR HANDYWOMAN* - Do you have a knack for fixing things? We need you! We need those brave individuals willing to tackle electrical, plumbing, fence repairs, hammering, and everything else that goes along with running two state-of-the-art equine facilities.

FAMILY GATEWAY

Our mission is to provide stability and life-changing supportive services to children and families affected by homelessness.

Website: familygateway.org

Contact: Kathy Kidwell at kkidwell@familygateway.org

Service Opportunities: The success of Family Gateway's children and families depends on support from community volunteers. Volunteers of all ages are needed, but children under the age of 14 must be supervised by an adult. Opportunities include:

- Answering Helpline calls
- Helping kids with homework
- Planning activities for children
- Preparing and/or serving a meal
- Providing kitchen support
- Providing administrative assistance
- Cleaning/facilities maintenance

FAMILY PLACE (THE)

The Family Place empowers victims of family violence by providing safe housing, counseling and skills that create independence while building community engagement and advocating for social change to stop family violence.

Website: familyplace.org

Contact: Meg Bittner at volunteer@familyplace.org

Service Opportunities: Whether you are an individual, part of a church, scouting or community group or a corporate entity, we will work with you to find a meaningful placement on The Family Place volunteer team. Note: On-site volunteers must be over the age of 18. Volunteers are required to complete an application, and pay the \$10.00 fee for a Criminal Background Check.

- *ADMINISTRATIVE HELP* - If you enjoy administrative work, we are always in need of help at our locations around Dallas area. Typical volunteer assignments include greeting visitors, filing, clerical work, answering phones and data entry.
- *PARTNERS CARD* - Seasonally, we use volunteers to assist in our Partners Card fundraiser, selling cards, inputting donor records and processing sales receipts.
- *FUNDRAISING AND EVENT PLANNING* - You can assist us in planning, organizing and running our major fundraisers.
- *RESALE SHOP AND BOUTIQUE* - Volunteers assist in merchandising and retail sales, as well as sorting incoming donations of clothing, personal and household items.
- *SPECIAL EVENTS* - Your group can hold a special event for the women and children at the Safe Campus or in one of our Outreach programs.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) believes hope starts with food. As a Christian nonprofit, FMSC is dedicated to seeing every child whole in body and spirit. FMSC works with food distribution partners that stay with communities for the long haul, empowering them to move from relief to development.

Website: <https://www.fmsc.org/get-involved/volunteer>

Contact: Richardsoninfo@fmsc.org

Service Opportunities: Our packing sites are open with COVID safety measures in place (see below). MobilePack™ events have also restarted across the US as demand and staffing allow.

Find available volunteer times for you and your friends, family, business, school, church and more! Help turn hunger into hope with your own two hands by packing nutritious meals for hungry children around the world.

FIREHOUSE THEATRE (THE)

The Farmers Branch Community Theatre (doing business as The Firehouse Theatre) mission is to provide a cross section of the finest traditional theatrical works that are suitable and affordable for all ages. The FBCT also provides a program of educational enrichment and creates opportunities for children and adults to develop talents in all aspects of theatre arts.

Website: thefirehousetheatre.com

Contact: Marsha Valenti at Volunteer@thefirehousetheatre.com

Service Opportunities: People who volunteer their energy do so for many reasons: to learn new skills, to make new friends and to share the magic of bringing stories to life! There are lots of volunteer opportunities: house staff, technicians and administrative assistants

- Ticket Scanner: As patrons enter the building, scan their tickets with the provided device.
- Box Office: Assign seats/sell tickets to walk in patrons. Reconcile cash box.
- Usher: Greet our patrons and help them find their seats. Assist patrons during intermission and end of show. Help pick up trash/blankets etc. left by patrons after show.
- Hand Out Playbills: Hand out playbills as patrons enter theater.
- Concessions and Merchandise: Set up concession area, pop popcorn, sell items through intermission, reconcile cash box and clean up popcorn machine and kitchen area.
- Parking and Crosswalk Assistant: Assist patrons to correct parking area and assist with crosswalk.

For a complete list of opportunities, please visit <http://www.thefirehousetheatre.com/volunteer>.

HEART HOUSE

Many of Vickery Meadow's 53,000 residents are immigrants and refugees. Of that population 5,303 are under the age of six, and 3,932 are between the ages of six and thirteen. 39% are considered "asset poor." Heart House serves children from various backgrounds and ethnicities that truly reflect the community in which we operate. We currently have 18 languages and dialects represented in our program.

Website: hearhousedallas.org

Contact: Tori Hobbs - thobbs@hearhousedallas.org

Service Opportunities:

- After school volunteer - As a volunteer, choose at least once a week 2-3 hour shift(s) to help our students with homework, social-emotional learning and academic-based learning centers. Spanish-speaking volunteers and mentors with direct youth engagement experience are highly needed. Monday-Friday from 3-6PM. At least once a week, help with homework, social-emotional learning and academic-based learning centers. Monday-Friday 3:00-6:00 PM
- Summer volunteer - Similar programming as the after-school program with hours during the day. Monday-Thursday from 12:30 – 4:30 PM Participate in academic-based learning centers, health and wellness days and weekly field trips.

HEROES FOR CHILDREN

Heroes for Children advocates for and provides financial and social assistance to families with children (0-22 years of age) battling cancer. Since 2004, Heroes for Children has provided \$5.8 million to approximately 6,000 Texas families in need through our financial and social assistance programs. There

is no other organization that provides direct and immediate assistance to families with such ease when it comes to restoring normalcy and bringing comfort through each family's journey.

Website: heroesforchildren.org

Contact: Morgan Funk at mfunk@heroesforchildren.org

Service Opportunities: Volunteers are key to the success of Heroes for Children. We are always in need of volunteers at our events, as well as for our program activities throughout the year. Whether it is chairing an event, serving on a committee, or simply volunteering at an event, Heroes for Children needs your help!

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Planning Committees
- Office Work
- Special Events
- Programs
- Public Relations
- Major Donations

HOPE'S DOOR NEW BEGINNING

At Hope's Door New Beginning Center, we help individuals and families escape and heal from domestic abuse, dating abuse and family violence through our free trauma-informed services.

Website: hdnbc.org

Contact: Beth Leos at bleos@hdnbc.org

Service Opportunities: Volunteer opportunities at our Outreach Centers in Plano and Garland include:

- Providing childcare for children of survivors while they attend therapy
- Providing administrative support
- Making follow-up phone calls to clients
- Assisting with special events
- Organizing donations

HOPE SUPPLY COMPANY

Hope Supply Co., formerly known as Captain Hope's Kids, was founded in 1989 as The Hope Foundation for the Homeless, serving as a clearinghouse of donated resources. We meet the critical needs of homeless and at-risk children across North Texas by providing necessities including diapers, clothing, school supplies, toys and programs to enhance their lives.

Website: hopesupplyco.org

Contact: Liz Muth at liz@hopesupplyco.org

Service Opportunities: Your presence is the best thing you can give. Like many charitable organizations, we are nothing without the help of our dedicated volunteers, sponsors, and corporations. If you have an hour or more, Hope Supply Co. is an ideal family volunteer opportunity. Hope Supply Co is the ideal family volunteering opportunity. Kids of all ages are welcome. You can sign up to volunteer at <http://hopesupplyco.org/volunteer-signup> to volunteer an hour or more. For safety reasons, our ability to accommodate walk-ins is limited. When you sign-up online, please be sure to tell us the age in the comments section. Everyone wants the experience to be positive.

HUNGER BUSTERS

Hunger Busters is a Dallas-based charity focused on feeding kids and fueling futures by providing a much-needed third meal of the day to food-insecure children.

Website: [facebook.com/hungerbusters/](https://www.facebook.com/hungerbusters/)

Contact: Latame Phillips - lphillips@hungerbusters.com

Service Opportunities: Volunteers will assist with meal prep.

Meal Preparation Overview:

- Volunteers will assist and help prepare meals for students in the Dallas Independent School District.
- Volunteers will follow the instructions of the on-site Production Manager.
- Volunteers will maintain kitchen cleanliness at all times.
- Volunteers must wash their hands and wear gloves while handling bread, meat and dairy products at all times.
- Volunteers will make ham and cheese sandwiches, then cut them in half and bag them using the automated bagging machine.
- Volunteers will assemble the meals (using an assembly line process) into a brown paper bag with an apple and/or orange, applesauce, sandwich and dessert and then pack them into large cooler bags for delivery.
- Volunteers will assist in cleaning the kitchen (sweeping, mopping, washing dishes, cleaning tables, breaking down boxes, throwing out the trash, etc.

KIDS HELPING KIDS

Website: kidshelpingkidstx.com

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator at info@kidshelpingkidstx.com

Service Opportunities: We encourage our volunteers to take an active role in any of our existing volunteer activities.

- *Second Saturdays* - These activities take place throughout the school year from September to May on the second Saturday of most months (from 10am-12pm), although occasionally they fall on a different Saturday due to holidays.
- *Tutoring / Computer Night* - Monthly tutoring/computer nights with the children at Family Gateway take place on selected Sunday afternoons from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

JUBILEE PARK AND COMMUNITY CENTER

The mission of Jubilee Park and Community Center is to be a catalyst for community renewal and enrichment to the Jubilee Park Neighborhood, a 62-block area in southeast Dallas. The majority of families here are working poor who are underserved in terms of education and health resources. In order to fulfill its mission, Jubilee Park provides educational enhancements through the highest quality afterschool and summer programs and helps families and other members of the community identify and access resources that help to provide stability and enhance their quality of life.

Website: jubileecenter.org

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@jubileecenter.org

Service Opportunities: There's a place for anyone and everyone to make a difference at Jubilee Park!

- *Academic Aces* - Assist children with homework and enrichment activities while building a relationship to help them learn and grow. Your time and attention make a world of difference in helping them love to learn! Tutors are trained and paired with students K-8th grade to meet one-on-one or in small groups to work on reading and math skills. Jubilee asks that you commit to one hour a week for 6 weeks. Times are Monday through Thursday 3-6 p.m.
- *Senior Citizen Brigade* - Be the highlight of someone's week! Help prepare and serve nutritious meals, plan fun activities, and socialize with Jubilee Park senior citizens. For many of our seniors, these lunches are their only source of enrichment from week to week. From bingo to painting, you're sure to enjoy the range of activities and personalities in this group! Times are Wednesdays & Fridays 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- *Team Jubilee* - Join the team! Become a sports coach or assistant coach to help neighborhood children learn healthy lifestyles, character development, and teamwork skills through soccer and basketball. Supplies, equipment, and assistance are provided through Jubilee and the YMCA, and parents are eager to help. No experience required-- ready, set, go! Practices are Monday through Thursday 6:30-8 p.m. Games on Saturdays 10-11:30 a.m.

MANEGAIT THERAPEUTIC HORSEMANSHIP

At ManeGait Therapeutic Horsemanship, children and adults with disabilities move beyond their boundaries through the healing power of the horse and the dedication of a professional, caring community.

Website: manegait.org

Contact: Sarah Dobbins at sdobbins@manegait.org

Service Opportunities: ManeGait has volunteer opportunities available for anyone interested in getting involved with its program and is at least 14 years of age.

- Sidewalker - The primary responsibility of a sidewalker is to maintain constant safety awareness while providing physical and motivational support to the rider.
- Horse Leader - The main responsibility of the leader is to control the horse during grooming and the lesson. It is the leader who must help in guiding, stopping and starting without making the rider feel that they are simply a passenger.
- Barn Buddy - The main responsibility of the barn buddy is to support the barn staff during feeding times. It is the barn buddy who assists with feeding our equine therapists, cleans their stalls and assists barn staff with caring for the ManeGait horses.
- Committee Member - Marketing, Finance, Fund Raising, Technology, Personnel, and Evaluation, Volunteer or Facilities
- Chuck Wagon Team - We will need folks to help with volunteer appreciation and riding events. This may entail menu planning, cooking, helping to serve, table set up and clean up.
- Ranch Hand - You will work on special projects for general maintenance purposes.

NORTH DALLAS SHARED MINISTRIES

North Dallas Shared Ministries is a cooperative effort of 52 congregations that combine resources to efficiently deliver effective and appropriate assistance to Dallas' poorest individuals and families.

Website: ndsm.org

Contact: Ruth Ann Janson at volunteer.director@ndsm.org

Service Opportunities: We're open six days a week and rely on volunteers to deliver our services. We provide on-the-job training (no orientation session!) and continuing support. We urge to you come in, try things out and find what works for you. We're flexible and grateful for your interest. A few examples are:

- Pantry - Fill grocery orders, stock shelves, package food & hygiene items
- Receptionist - Handle phones & client inquiries, facilitate application process
- Computer - Data entry, word processing and spreadsheet gurus needed
- Clothes Closet - Sort donations, assist clients with selection & checkout

- ESL Teacher - DAY and EVENING Classes. Teach conversational English – no foreign language skill needed!

NORTH TEXAS FOOD BANK

The North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) is a top-ranked nonprofit relief organization, providing access to more than 190,000 meals each day for hungry children, seniors and families across a 13-county service area. In our last fiscal year, NTFB and our feeding network provided access to almost 72 million meals.

Website: ntfb.org

Contact: Amanda Mota at AmandaM@ntfb.org

Service Opportunities: Each volunteer opportunity we offer has a description which lists minimum age, attire, duties, etc. For those details, please click MORE under the appropriate posting in our [volunteerhub](#). You may also email the contact person under each posting if you have additional questions.

The following volunteer opportunities are available.

- Distribution Center
- Community Pantry
- Mobile Pantry
- Nourishing Neighbors
- Nutrition Services
- Special Events
- School Pantry
- Administrative Projects
- Social Media Ambassadors

OPERATION KINDNESS

Operation Kindness is the original and largest no-kill animal shelter in North Texas. The mission of Operation Kindness is to provide quality care for homeless or unwanted cats and dogs in a compassionate, no-kill environment until they are adopted into responsible, loving homes, and to be a leader in our community in promoting humane values through education and awareness.

Website: operationkindness.org/#loaded

Contact: Tomi Tucker at ttucker@operationkindness.org

Service Opportunities: There are so many different ways to volunteer at Operation Kindness. From interacting with animals or people planning to adopt, to coordinating events and keeping up with office responsibilities, we will find something that you enjoy. Here are a few examples of the types of duties for volunteers:

- Walking Dogs - Dogs are walked at least twice a day in the morning and afternoon.

- Cat Rooms - Help maintain cat and kitten rooms, clean cages, change litter boxes.
- Kennel Work - Clean cages, laundry, general up-keep and maintenance.
- General Help - Help with receptionist work such as, answering phones, greeting visitors, assisting with mailings and general office work.
- Foster Home Program - Care for young, recovering or pregnant animals in your home. You'll be saving a life!
- Fundraising - Assist with fundraising events and activities.
- Computer - Data entry in shelter database.
- Volunteer Committee - Welcome new volunteers, coordinate and assist with volunteer training.
- Special Events - Assist with planning, coordinating and staffing at Operation Kindness and community events.
- Adoption Counseling - Match dogs and cats with potential adopters to find their new home, provide counseling to adopters, and complete adoption paperwork.
- Humane Education - Assist with educating our youth by going out to schools and providing youth tours at the shelter.
- Ambassador - Ambassadors are volunteers that will commit to a weekly schedule in Intake, Medical, Kennel or Development. Additional training will be provided.
- Nursing Care - We visit 2 facilities monthly. Volunteers take their own pets

PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF GREATER TEXAS- TEENAGE COMMUNICATION THEATRE (TACT)

TeenAge Communication Theatre (TACT) is a performance group that allows high school students in the Dallas/Fort Worth area to perform peer-to-peer outreach on issues important to teens.

Website: plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-greater-texas/education-outreach/teenage-communication-theatre

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator at tact@ppgt.org

Service Opportunities: Participating students learn about and share information on peer pressure, sexually transmitted infections, alcohol, dating violence, self-esteem, pregnancy prevention, and more. Each summer, TACT members train with local health educators to have up-to-date knowledge of these topics for their community performances throughout the year. TACT auditions are held each spring.

RAYS OF LIGHT, INC.

Rays of Light is dedicated to providing free, quality respite care to families with children with special needs, across the spectrum, in the Dallas Metropolitan area. Together with our volunteers, we strive to lend support and relief to these families through our respite care program called Night Lights.

Website: raysflightdallas.org

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@raysflightdallas.org

Service Opportunities:

- *NIGHT LIGHTS* - Rays of Light creates a unique evening for children with special needs and their siblings on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Fridays of every month (excluding January and July) from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. on the campus of Lovers Lane United Methodist Church, on the campus of White Rock United Methodist on the 1st Friday, and on the campus of Christ Foundry United Methodist Mission on the 3rd Friday for Spanish-speaking families.
- *SUMMER SPLASH* - Summer Splash is the most-anticipated event of the year! In addition to all our inside activities, we have outside water activities, including a huge water slide, kiddie pools, Slip 'n' Slide, snow cones, etc. IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A FUN EVENT TO VOLUNTEER AT, THIS IS IT!!!! Summer Splash is held on the 1st and 2nd Saturdays of August.

READERS 2 LEADERS

Readers 2 Leaders' mission is to develop and grow the reading skills of underserved Dallas children ages 3-12 so that they succeed in school and graduate prepared to live productive lives.

Website: readers2leaders.org/

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@readers2leaders.org

Service Opportunities: Volunteers do not only help children improve their reading skills, but also increase their confidence and develop a love of learning and reading. You can become a tutor, mentor, and role model to a child in need by volunteering with Readers 2 Leaders.

- *Team Read In-School Tutoring* - Read one-on-one with a student once a week at Team Read school sites. This time provides the students with the individual reading support they need to develop into independent readers. You may sign up for 1 or multiple 30 minute sessions
- *Team Read After-School Tutoring* - Assist elementary students with homework completion and work one-on-one with a student to help them improve their reading skills during our literacy focused sessions, which occur from 3:30-5:30 pm
- *Group Opportunities* - We are grateful for the partnership of several groups from corporations, faith communities, and organizations. We would love for your group of 5-15 volunteers to come work with our students in Team Read After-School! We can also collaborate with your group to create additional opportunities. Please email Audrey White to find out more about group volunteering at audrey@readers2leaders.org.
- *Other opportunities* - We periodically have opportunities to volunteer with R2L on weekends and evenings, such as processing in-kind donations or making improvements at Booktown. Please email volunteer@readers2leaders.org to be added to our volunteer email list.

READING PARTNERS

Reading Partners mobilizes communities to provide students with the proven, individualized reading support they need to read at grade level by fourth grade.

Website: readingpartners.org/location/north-texas/

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@readingpartnersntx.org

Service Opportunities: Our volunteers become so much more than just reading partners. By sharing their knowledge and experience, they become mentors, friends, and positive role models to the children they work with. Working one-on-one with a student is a fun, effective way to change a life — maybe even your own.

Requirements:

- Be at least 14 years old
- Commit a minimum of one hour per week on a recurring schedule
- Most reading centers are open Monday-Thursday, 9 am – 4 pm (select centers are open on Fridays)
- Pass a background check

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE OF DALLAS

Ronald McDonald House of Dallas provides support to families whose children are receiving essential medical care.

Website: rmhdallas.org

Contact: Juliet Siddons at jsiddons@rmhdallas.org

Service Opportunities: Hundreds of volunteers support RMHD's annual operations and fundraising activities by serving families at the House, preparing meals, and hosting organized activities.

There are currently five main volunteer categories that are worked in weekly, 3-hour shifts:

- Front Desk Volunteers
- Kitchen Volunteers
- Family Activity Volunteers
- Van Drivers (Morning and Evening)
- Family Room Volunteers (Scottish Rite for Children Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Center in Frisco)

THE SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army provides a variety of services to support vulnerable population across the DFW area.

Website: salvationarmydfw.org

Contact: Jordanya Reeves, Jordanya.Reeves@uss.salvationarmy.org

Service Opportunities: New and unique service opportunities are posted frequently. Please visit https://www.salvationarmydfw.org/p/get-involved/volunteer_opportunities for more information on upcoming events and activities.

STAIRS Mentorship Program

The STAIRS program offers tutoring in English and Math, as well as various other aspects of school and life such as developing and maintaining important study habits and social skills.

Website: stairsprogram.com

Contact: Caroline Subbiah at carolinesubbiah1308@gmail.com

Service Opportunities: The mentor program is open to high school sophomores, juniors and seniors who attend one of our partner schools: Jesuit, Episcopal School of Dallas, Ursuline, Bishop Dunne, Canterbury Episcopal School, Hockaday, and Bishop Lynch. Student mentors play an integral role in both the academic classes and Stepping Out. They assist in tutoring, leading classroom discussions, problem solving, small group work, and have the opportunity to be role models for STAIRS middle school students. The program will be held on select Saturday afternoons throughout the school year at one of our seven partner high schools.

TEXAS SCOTTISH RITE HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN

The Bernice and Brudus Meyerson Junior Volunteer Program has been established to commemorate a former volunteer couple's love for giving back and their devotion to Scottish Rite Hospital's mission and their fellow volunteers. Our application process starts December 1 for the following summer. Students currently in grades 8 through 11, ages 14 to 17 are eligible to apply. If you are 18 but still in high school, please call our offices to learn more about the volunteer program that best fits you!

Website: scottishritehospital.org

Contact: Meg Boyd at Meg.Boyd@tsrh.org

Service Opportunities:

- Acquire real-life work experience in a variety of departments
- Plan an annual fundraiser, which supports the Legacy Scholarship Program
- Gain a positive, character-building experience that will open doors to future college and career pursuits
- Make a difference in the lives of children

TEXAS TREES FOUNDATION

The Foundation sustains a tree planting initiative for neighborhood parkways and medians, schools and other public open spaces, a tree growing facility to assure a healthy supply of trees for the future, and education programs to teach the importance and benefits of maintaining a healthy urban forest.

Website: texas-trees.org

Contact: Marc Beaudoin at marc@texas-trees.org

Service Opportunities: We have many opportunities for individuals, groups and corporate organizations to get your hands dirty and plant trees! Monthly volunteer opportunities are available at the [TXU Energy Urban Tree Farm and Education Center](#) (*except for summer months of June, July and August*).

TRINITY RIVER AUDUBON

Trinity River Audubon Center is located just ten miles south of downtown Dallas, but you'll feel a world away. Our center is your gateway to explore the amazing resources of the 6,000-acre Great Trinity Forest, the largest urban hardwood forest in the United States. A part of the City of Dallas-Trinity River Corridor Project, the center's 130 acres sit on a former illegal dump site, now a reclaimed haven for a vast array of birds and other wildlife in an increasingly urbanized metropolitan area.

Website: trinityriver.audubon.org

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator at ahuey@audubon.org

Service Opportunities: Choose one of two service opportunities to support Trinity River Audubon Center.

- *Saturday Workday* - Help restore the native habitat. Minimum age is 12. Ages 12-17 must be accompanied by an adult.
- *Volunteer Eco-Educators* - Enrich the lives of thousands of children by leading a 4-hour educational field trip program. This position occurs weekdays (Monday–Friday) during the school year from 9am-2pm.

VOICE OF HOPE MINISTRIES

Voice of Hope Ministries exists to extend the love of Jesus Christ by nurturing and training children through Biblical teaching, Christian character models, life skills coaching and educational support.

Website: voiceofhope.org

Contact: Rachelle Hast at rhast@voiceofhope.org

Service Opportunities: Some of our volunteers work directly with children in our ASPIRE After-School Program or Summer Day Camp, while others serve behind the scenes in support roles and garnering in-kind donations.

- ASPIRE After School Program
- Summer Day Camp
- Family and Community Services
- Facilities and Support
- One-Day Projects
- Special Events

YMCA TOWN NORTH FAMILY CENTER

With a commitment to nurturing youth development, energizing healthy living, and inspiring social responsibility, Town North Family YMCA ensures every individual has access to the essential needs to learn, grow, and thrive.

Website: ymcadallas.org/locations/town_north

Contact: Sarah Burr at sburr@ymcadallas.org

Service Opportunities: When you volunteer at the Y, you take an active role in bringing about meaningful, enduring change right in your own neighborhood.

- Town North Club Advisors
- Town North Special Needs Programs and Events
- Town North Youth Sports Volunteer Coaches

YOUTH WORLD

Our passion is to see kids in need and their families impacted. We work together to inspire hope and relieve economic burdens in south Dallas so our kids can live in a stronger, healthier community.

Website: www.youthworld.org/

Contact: Alissa Rybak at alissa@youthworld.org

Service Opportunities: Volunteer for a variety of events like the kids club, teen night, fall carnival, holiday giveaways, and more.