2019 Summer Volunteer Opportunities

Listed below are suggested community service projects for the summer. Of course, this is not a complete list of all of the volunteer opportunities in the DFW area. Students are welcome to volunteer for any nonprofit (501c3) organization. Students may also utilize the online database of the Volunteer Center of North Texas to find out about youth volunteer opportunities in the DFW and surrounding areas. If you have questions if a volunteer opportunity will count towards your community service requirement, please email me at woodsona@greenhill.org to confirm.

ACEing Autism Dallas
Earn 3.5 volunteer hours per week helping teach tennis to children on the autistic spectrum. Sessions are held every Saturday from 8am to 11:30am on the tennis courts at UT-Dallas in Richardson. Training is provided your 1st week.
• Summer 2019: June 1st to July 13th (No class 6/22)
• Fall 2019: September 21st to November 16th
First-time volunteers need to click here to register with the national organization
If you have questions, please contact Adrienne Bransky at aceingautismdallas@gmail.com

Bridge Lacrosse is seeking student lacrosse players to work with urban youth in the Dallas area. Volunteers will serve as lacrosse coaches at camps for our various community partners. We will host 3-4 weeks of camps, Monday - Thursday mornings. Volunteers should bring their own lacrosse stick and water. In addition, we are looking for high school lacrosse players to serve on our leadership board. To complete an application or register as a volunteer or send an email to info@bridgelacrossedallas.org

Brother Bill’s Helping Hand is a social service agency committed to enriching the lives of men, women, and children. 3906 N Westmoreland Rd, Dallas, TX 75212
Volunteer Opportunities:
• Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm: Volunteers to help with food distribution in the grocery store.
• Wednesday afternoons (1:30-3:30) - Volunteers are needed to help restock the grocery store.
• 2nd Saturdays 9:30 am – 12:30 pm - Volunteer in the grocery store
• August 4th - Back to School Beach Bash - Volunteers are needed to distribute school supplies, assist with games, and serve lunch.
To volunteer with BBHH, please email Courtney Shwadlenak at CShwadlenak@bbhh.org
City Square Food Pantry  City Square exists to fight the causes and effects of poverty through service, advocacy, and friendship. We believe in fighting poverty with the poor rather than for the poor. The food pantry is unique in that you have the opportunity to provide direct service to our neighbors as they shop for items that will allow them to allocate grocery funds to other needs! In addition, volunteers help stock shelves, repackage bulk items and sort through donations. The pantry is located at our Opportunity Center, 1610 S. Malcolm X Blvd. in Dallas, Texas. It is open Tuesday-Friday 9am-12pm and 1pm - 4pm. While the pantry itself is not open for shopping on Saturday’s, we ask volunteers to consider helping us prepare for the week during our Saturday Pantry Prep that takes place 9:30am-11:30am. Contact Mamie Murry at 817-919-6321 or mmurry@citysquare.org to get involved!

Dallas Holocaust Museum
Mission Statement: To preserve the memory of the Holocaust, and to teach the moral and ethical response to prejudice, hatred and indifference for all of humanity.
Email: volunteer@dallasholocaustmuseum.org

The Dallas Arboretum offers a volunteer program for students whose mission is to develop a dedicated team of teen leaders who work together to volunteer their time and efforts to support the organization. This program is called the Teen Leadership Council. Members will go above and beyond leading other teen volunteers and raising awareness within their school and community. Students enhance their interpersonal and leadership skills while volunteering in a fun, hands-on environment. This program is offered for students (ages 14+). The program takes place from August 2017 - May 2018. Outside of the Teen Leadership Council, you can also volunteer during the summer months, 7 days a week, in the Children’s Adventure Garden. A fun hands-on environment where you can help our guests learn about the natural world around them! If you are interested in applying for either opportunity, please email volunteers@dallasarboretum.org or call 214-515-6561.

The Dallas Children’s Theater relies on volunteers to usher (ages 13+) during the week and on the weekends at their live theater productions. They also need summer volunteers to help with filing, photocopying, and organizing. Contact Wanda Roberson 214-978-0110 or wanda.roberson@dct.org to volunteer.

The Dallas Museum of Art The DMA Teen Ambassador and Teen Advisory Council programs (ages 14+) provides opportunities for high school students to initiate and deepen their relationship with the museum by facilitating summer family art making activities and gallery experiences. To apply, please visit the Volunteer page of the DMA website for the application and more information. If you have questions regarding the programs, email teens@DMA.org.

The Dallas Public Library needs students to volunteer at one of their 29 locations. Volunteers will support library services in a variety of ways including helping with the Mayor’s Summer Reading Club, shelving and locating library materials, and teaching library patrons how to use the computer. To sign up, please visit our website to view our online orientation, online training and online volunteer application. Click here for more volunteer information.

Family Gateway
Mission Statement: To lead the Dallas community to end child homelessness by providing innovative and comprehensive housing, social, and educational services to homeless children and their families Click here for volunteer opportunities.
**Genesis Women’s Shelter** provides shelter, safety, counseling and expert services to women who have experienced domestic violence. Genesis served nearly 1300 women and children last year and relies on the generous support of the Dallas community to continue providing these services at no cost to clients. We are looking to provide volunteers (age 15+) an opportunity to spend 2-3 hours with the children at our outreach counseling facility, playing with them or facilitating a structured activity. Please make a weekly commitment, any night, Monday - Thursday from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. Contact Chandra Adkins, Volunteer Manager, at 214-389-7701 or cadkins@genesisshelter.org for more information.

**Heart House** is a nonprofit that provides safety, education, and opportunity to refugee and underprivileged children. Summer volunteers are needed to help with social-emotional learning and academic-based learning centers, wellness days and weekly field trips. Spanish-speaking volunteers are greatly needed. Summer program is Monday - Thursday from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm - beginning in June. For more information email volunteer@hearthousedallas.org to volunteer.

**Hope Supply Co.**
Meeting the critical needs of homeless children across North Texas by partnering with a network of shelters and social service organizations to provide necessities including diapers, clothing, school supplies, toys and programs to enhance their lives. Click here to volunteer!

**Hunger Busters** is a nonprofit organization providing meals to food-insecure children in Dallas. Individuals and groups (all ages) are welcome to volunteer in their kitchen year-round, where they need help preparing thousands of sandwiches and boxed meals for hungry kids each week. This is a great volunteer activity to do with a group of friends. To volunteer, contact Jason Garza at 214-918-4133 or jgarza@hungerbusters.com.

**Love of the Lake**
Every second Saturday join together for a Shoreline Spruce Up at White Rock Lake Park. Volunteers collect litter throughout White Rock Lake Park, up White Rock Creek and along the shoreline. They are also available EVERY Saturday from 8am-noon. Office at: 1152 N. Buckner Suite 123 (214)660-1100

**Jewish Family Service**
Mission Statement: To provide professional, effective and affordable mental health and social services that promote lifelong self-sufficiency and well-being for anyone in need. Food Pantry, thrift store and more. Click here for volunteer opportunities. 972-437-9950

**Jubilee Park and Community Center** needs volunteers for their summer enrichment program for neighborhood children. One week sessions will be offered from Monday, June 10 – Thursday, August 1 and program runs from 8am – 2pm. Volunteers will be required to attend an orientation and commit to one entire week from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm. Click here for the application. Volunteers must be at least 15 years old. For more information, contact the volunteer office at 214-887-1364 x 268 or volunteer@jubileecenter.org

**Mi Escuelita Preschool** provides early childhood education to underserved children in the Dallas area. They need volunteers in early June, and early August to help them prepare for the new school year by helping teachers set up their classrooms and other activities. Please contact Roxanne Pittman at 214-526-0220 x 20 or rpittman@miescuelita.org
Metrocrest Services
The mission of Metrocrest Services is to provide programs for individuals, families and seniors that lead to self-sufficiency and foster independence. Serving Carrollton, Addison, Farmers Branch, Coppell and the city of Dallas (75287) in Denton County. Food bank, summer program, thrift store & more! Click here for volunteer opportunities.

North Dallas Shared Ministries is a social service organization that helps the less fortunate in the Dallas community by providing emergency assistance and long-term stability. Volunteers are needed in the food pantry, the clothing closet, and the administrative offices.

NDSM Senior Citizen Grocery Program – Volunteer every Wednesday morning from 8am – 11am filling grocery bags for the Friday Senior Citizen pick-up! This is a great group activity and if you’re looking for an activity that will keep you busy, this is it! Contact Ruth Ann Janson at volunteer.director@ndsm.org or 214-358-8767. Also, volunteers are needed to assist with school supply and school uniform programs beginning in August through the end of the summer. Various shifts are available from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

NDSM is also seeking volunteers to assist with Front Desk, Data Entry and Interviewing on Wednesday - Thursday - Friday mornings (9am-12pm) and afternoons (12pm-3pm). Training provided - basic computer skills preferred - Spanish not required (but would be celebrated! Lastly, we are seeking Interpreters to help agency-wide with written translations (English to Spanish). This work can be done at NDSM or off-site.

The North Texas Food Bank passionately pursues a hunger-free community by distributing food to more than 300 agencies in the Dallas area. Our widest volunteer opportunity is in our warehouse sorting and boxing food for distribution. A complete listing of all volunteer opportunities is on the NTFB website. Look there for scheduling specifics or contact volunteer@ntfb.org. Please make note of the new location at: 3677 Mapleshade Lane, Plano, TX 75075.

Operation Kindness
Mission Statement: To care for homeless cats and dogs in a no-kill environment until each is adopted into responsible homes and to advocate humane values and behavior.
Tomi Tucker, ttucker@operationkindness.org (972)428-3821

Project Transformation sponsors day camps for over 1,100 underserved children and youth at 10 sites throughout the Dallas area. Volunteers are needed to Read one-on-one to children (Monday - Thursday from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm) from June 13 - July 26. To learn more or schedule a time to volunteer, contact Lynne Rhodes at 214-946-3600 or rhodes@projecttransformation.org.

Rays of Light is a free respite care provider for special needs kids. Rays of Light provides four free hours to the parents while their children (including siblings) come and have fun with trained staff and volunteers. "Don't miss out on the fun at Rays of Light this summer! Our two most anticipated events of the entire year--Summer Splash--will be held on the first and second Saturdays in June, from 12:30 to 5:00 pm. We'd love to see you at Rays of Light this summer! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Debbie Solomon at debbie@raysoflightdallas.org
**Readers to Leaders** - Readers 2 Leaders is looking for high school students (age 14+) to serve as good role models and reading buddies in our summer day camp. Volunteers will help students build their literacy skills through 1-on-1 tutoring and fun literacy games. Team Read Summer Tutoring – help students maintain and grow their reading skills during their 6-week summer camp in June and July. Time slots fill up quickly so register ASAP! June 10 – July 18th, Monday – Thursdays, 9:45 am – 11:35 am and 1:45 pm – 3:35 pm. Located at 2223 Singleton Blvd, Suite 140, Dallas, TX 75212. All volunteers are asked to attend a training. R2L is offering three trainings. You only need to attend one.

Monday, June 3rd 2 - 4pm  
Tuesday, June 4th 10am -12pm  
Wednesday, June 5th 2 - 4pm

**St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store** offers low-priced goods and services to people in need. They need volunteers to help sort clothing donations and provide customer care to clients shopping for clothing. The application is online. They have a store in Dallas and Plano.

You must volunteer for a minimum of two (2 hours)

Volunteer Times: Mon – Sat. 10:00 am – 7:00 pm  
Sunday 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

https://svdpdallas.org/shop/volunteer-opportunities

**Trinity River Audubon Center** has five miles of established trails and many acres of wetland ponds and grasslands. Use your muscle to benefit these diverse ecosystems when you help clear and expand existing trails, remove invasive species, or restore prairie and wetland habitats. Projects vary monthly and may be cancelled due to weather. Saturday Habitat Work Day takes places Every Saturday of the Month 9am-12p (summer hours June-September: 8-11am). This opportunity is open to the general public over age 12. Ages 12-17 must be accompanied by adult or have written permission from parent.

Please call or email TRAC@audubon.org to reserve your spot!

**United to Learn Summer Counselor Program** - United to earn has a summer opportunity for high school students (grades 9th – 12th) to volunteer for a free summer camp that is available in our community June 10 - July 18 from 9am – noon, Monday - Thursday. Each day will include a literacy component to combat the ‘summer slide. This opportunity is for students who are ready for more of a leadership role, they can direct a session based on their particular interest (robotics, coding, cooking, soccer, etc.).

Camp will be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Community Center 11425 Marsh Lane, Dallas TX

Apply at http://unitedtolearn.org/summer/

**Vogel Alcove**

Mission Statement: To provide free quality child development services for Dallas’ youngest victims of poverty: homeless children 6 weeks to 5 years old. They have a great Teen Board as well!

Click here for volunteer opportunities.
**VNA Meals on Wheels** needs summer volunteers for the projects listed below. Please contact Melanie Crommett at 214-689-2685 or crommettm@vnatexas.org for more information. Serve as substitute drivers to deliver meals Mondays-Fridays in the summer. Volunteers are needed to deliver a route of 10-12 meals in the late morning hours a few times per month. Students may want to do this with a parent or another adult.

Join the VNA Meals on Wheels Teen Board, open to all Upper School students. The group meets the 2nd Sunday of each month during the school year to plan and lead service projects. Applications are due by July 1. Contact Melanie for an application.

**Wesley-Rankin B3X Summer Camp.** B3X is a summer enrichment camp for 1st – 8th grade. This seven week program offers learning in science, math, reading and the arts. All of the summer activities are hands on, making learning tangible and accessible. We also take 3-5 field trips to places like the Perot Museum, the Dallas Arboretum, and the Dallas Children's Theater. Middle School students choose electives to learn more about topics such as engineering, music, creative writing and more.

We are seeking eager students who would like to come out and volunteer this summer. Volunteers will develop skills in leadership, team/relationship building, and activity/program planning, making a lasting impact on the lives of the students in West Dallas. Our summer camp is a rewarding and exciting experience! B3X Summer Camp is from June 10th to July 26th, Monday – Thursday from 8:30AM to 3:00PM. Each day consist of a morning and afternoon shift which volunteers self-schedule. [B3X Registration is available online now!](#)