Greenhill School

2020 Summer Volunteer Opportunities

Listed below are suggestions for virtual and on-site community service projects for the summer. Of course, this is not a complete list of all 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.

Your health and safety are of paramount importance. If you choose to participate in an on-site service activity, the organization should have COVID-19 social distancing guidelines in place. At a minimum: 1.) limited number of volunteers per shift; 2.) maintain social distancing while volunteering; 3.) volunteers be required to wear a mask and gloves during their shift; and possibly volunteers will have their temperature taken during check-in. **Only consider volunteering onsite if you are healthy, haven’t had any COVID-19 symptoms for a minimum of 14 days, and are not required to shelter in place.**

Please stay home if you are at higher risk for severe symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, sneezing, sore throat, new rash), over age 65, or have an underlying health condition.

Write letters and cards of support! We are working with Greenhill parent Dr. Sara Way Hanna to distribute letters, cards and artwork to healthcare professionals at various hospitals. Please mail items to:
Dr. Sara Way Hanna
THR Presbyterian Hospital
8200 Walnut Hill Lane
Dallas, TX 75233

Make masks and donate to local hospitals, nonprofits or other organizations. Here are a couple of videos [Video #1], [Video #2] Masks can be donated to organizations like: Meals on Wheels for clients, hospitals, nonprofits, and nursing homes in your community. Masks can also be sold to raise funds for a nonprofit organization.

Support PS, LS and MS grade level project virtual volunteer opportunities:

- **Meals on Wheels**, virtual deliveries by calling clients to check on them.
- **The Birthday Party Project** - send birthday wishes to children for their birthday parties to joy@thebirthdaypartyproject.org
- **City Square** - virtual volunteer opportunities
**Impact 2020** is a unique and engaging virtual summer program designed to help middle school and high school students develop the skills necessary to tackle a community need and form a network with other young leaders from across the country. This program is sponsored by the National Network of Schools in Partnership. **SIGN UP ASAP!**

MS session - June 17-19, 2020
US session - June 24 - 26, 2020

**Vickery Meadow Summer Virtual Reading Academy** needs computer savvy HS students 16 years old and up to tutor students virtually on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, July 6 - 30, 2020. Training will be provided in June. **SIGN UP BY JUNE 12TH!!!**

**United to Learn Summer Programs** – **SIGN UP ASAP!!!**

**Thrive Workshop** (6/19/2020): [Apply here](http://) for a free, two-hour, virtual experience to discover your individual strengths, interests, and purpose, and learn how to create a meaningful and balanced high school or college experience.

**Opportunity Gap Immersion** (7/28 – 7/30/2020): [Apply here](http://) to earn 5 service hours through this three day, virtual opportunity to dive into the issues that shape Dallas.

**United to Learn/Holy Cross Lutheran** summer camp program with Holy Cross Lutheran is now virtual! Campers will pick up activity packets and food (part of the focus of camp is making sure that children have access to meals) each week according to themes created by our high school leaders. Students can help create packets. Additionally, they can provide 1:1 literacy support working in the virtual reading lab. Interested students can sign up at [www.unitedtolearn.org/summer2020](http://) OR contact Farhana Rabbi at frabbi@unitedtolearn.org.

Students have been creating activity bags that we distribute at our meal distribution sites. They have collected and disinfected gently used games and packaged them for distribution. Games and activities should be geared for preschool through elementary aged children. Students who would like to contribute can contact Farhana Rabbi frabbi@unitedtolearn.org.

Students have been creating incredible videos for our YouTube video series. [http://unitedtolearn.org/videoseries/](http://)

**Voly.org!** During this time of rapidly changing circumstances, volunteering and service are more important than ever. Nonprofits are shifting how they meet the needs of the community and maintain the health and safety of clients, volunteers and staff. This is your go-to place for a large variety of service opportunities.

**Operation Gratitude**: Write a letter of gratitude to our troops. This is a great idea for community members of any age.

**Youth Community Service** This website provides various ways students and families can engage in service while sheltering at home.
**Soupmobile** – Have a cookie party! Make cookies, bag them up and delivery to Soupmobile to distribute to those in need.

**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@bridgelacrosse.dallas.org. You can also click here for the summer volunteer form.

**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 14 years and older whose mission is to develop a dedicated team of teen leaders who work together to volunteer their time and efforts to support the organization. Click here for application and summer volunteer opportunities. 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+). 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 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.

**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

**Metrocrest Services**
You MUST be 17 years old. 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.

**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](#). Please make note of the new location at: 3677 Mapleshade Lane, Plano, TX 75075. [North Texas Food Bank Social Ambassador Program](#) - fight hunger virtually!

**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. You must be 16 years old to volunteer without parents. There is also a $25 application fee for volunteers 6-15 years old and $35 for volunteers $16 and above. Contact Kelly Huckaby with questions at [khuckaby@operationkindness.org](mailto:khuckaby@operationkindness.org)

**Project Transformation** sponsors day camps for over 1,100 underserved children and youth at 10 sites throughout the Dallas area. [Summer volunteer opportunities](#).

**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](mailto:debbie@raysoflightdallas.org)
**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

**Wesley-Rankin Community Center** – We are seeking potential members for our Wesley-Rankin Teen Board for this fall and would love to invite Greenhill high school students to be a part of the team. They can visit the following link for more details - https://wesleyrankin.org/teen-board/.