



Potential Volunteer Opportunities

New York State

- AARP (volunteer opportunities within your community): www.aarp.org ;
<https://www.aarp.org/volunteer/>
- ACLU (potential volunteer opportunities): www.aclu.org ;
<https://www.aclu.org/campaigns-initiatives/people-power>
- American Red Cross (local volunteer opportunities): www.redcross.org ;
<https://www.redcross.org/volunteer/become-a-volunteer.html>
- AmeriCorps (Reading Partners): www.readingpartners.org
- Best Friends Animal Society (providing animal welfare): www.bestfriends.org
- Big Brothers, Big Sisters (mentoring): www.bbbs.org
- Block Institute (Brooklyn, NY) (social and artistic volunteer experiences):
www.blockinstitute.org
- Catholic Charities of New York (helping New Yorkers in need, regardless of religious affiliation) Several Locations: www.catholiccharities.org ;
<https://cccsny.org/volunteer>
- Donation Drives (help collect food, clothing, books, toys)
 - Toys for Tots (Albany): <https://albany-ny.toysfortots.org/>
 - New York State Annual Holiday Drive: www.ny.gov/new-york-states-annual-holiday-drive
 - Cash for Coats Drive: <https://www.albanyny.gov/2353/Cash-for-Coats-Drive>
 - Regional Food Bank: <https://regionalfoodbank.net/volunteer-page/>
- Helping Hands for the Disabled of NYC (various volunteer experiences available):
www.hhdnyc.org
- Elderly Assistance (Meals-on-Wheels, Medi-Cab Transportation service, offering companionship)
 - Meals-On-Wheels (delivery, assisting, prep, Registration):
www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org
 - Med Transportation: medtrans@health.ny.gov
- NYS Office for the Aging: www.aging.ny.gov ; <https://aging.ny.gov/local-offices>
- Foster Grandparent Program (mentoring children with special needs):
www.aging.ny.gov
- Homeless Shelter Support (assisting at Shelters, volunteering at holidays) – Several Locations available – check local listings. Some listed below:
 - <https://capitalcityrescuemission.org/>

- <https://www.josephshousetroy.org/>
- <https://www.hatas.org/>
- <https://horizonschildren.org/>
- <https://stpaulscenter.com/>
- Hope for New York (helping neighbors in need): www.hfnny.org
- Library (re-shelving books, categorizing, story time for children, prepping for book sales); Please reach out to your Public Library System
 - New York State Library (for list of library systems in NYS):
www.nysl.nysed.gov
- Animal Shelters (walking dogs, shelter, foster animals, shelter, and clean-up). Please reach out to your local Animal Rescues and Shelters across the state
 - NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets (interactive map of licensed Rescues and Shelters):
<https://apps.agriculture.ny.gov/PetRescueLicenseListing/PetRescue>
- Local hospital volunteering (patient assistance, patient services). Please reach out to your local hospital systems for specific volunteer options.
- NYS Department of Health Volunteer Program: www.health.ny.gov ;
https://www.health.ny.gov/community/volunteer_program/
- Local Soup Kitchens (food prep, organize & sort, distribute, serve); Please reach out to your local Soup Kitchens for specific volunteer options.
 - Regional Food Bank: <http://www.regionalfoodbank.net>
 - Food Pantries for the Capital District: <https://www.thefoodpantries.org>
 - All Saints Catholic Church: <https://allsaintsccc.org>
 - The Salvation Army of Albany: <https://www.salvationarmyusa.org> › ny › albanys-ferry-st-corps
 - Jewish Federation of Northeastern NY: <https://www.jewishfedny.org>
- New York Cares (volunteering in schools: teaching children to read, tutoring, create an account to access volunteer opportunities in NYC): www.newyorkcares.org
- NY Common Pantry: www.nycommonpantry.org ;
<https://nycommonpantry.org/volunteer/>
- NYC Food Policy Center (Hunter College): www.nycfoodpolicy.org
- Make-A-Wish America (Wish Granter, Translator/Interpreter, Office Volunteer, Events Volunteer, Skill-Based Volunteer): www.wish.org ; <https://wish.org/volunteer>
- New York Immigration Coalition: www.nyic.org ; <https://www.nyic.org/get-involved/volunteer/>
- Nursing Home volunteer (Activities: crafts/music/tutoring/fitness/companionship – please check nursing homes in your local area for potential volunteer options):

- Sunrise Senior Living
- CareFirstNY
- Elderwood
- The Bristal Assisted Living
- Cobble Hill LifeCare
- Menorah Park of CNY
- NYSDEC (Department of Environmental Conservation – various volunteer opportunities): www.dec.ny.gov ; <https://dec.ny.gov/about/employment/volunteers>
- NYC Public Schools (service in schools): www.schools.nyc.gov
- Parks and Trails New York (help to preserve): www.ptny.org
- Regional Food Banks (sorting, distribution, collection)
 - NYS Dept. of Health (interactive map locating regional food banks in your area): www.health.ny.gov
 - Feed More WNY: www.feedmorewny.org
 - Food Bank of the Southern Tier: www.foodbankst.org
 - Food Bank of Central New York: www.foodbankcny.org
 - Regional Food Bank: www.regionalfoodbank.net
 - Feeding Westchester: www.feedingwestchester.org
 - Island Harvest Food Bank: www.islandharvest.org
 - City Harvest: www.cityarvest.org
 - Long Island Cares: www.inc-liares.org
 - Food Bank for New York City: www.foodbanknyc.org
 - Feeding NYS: www.feedingnys.org
- Salvation Army (volunteer experiences vary by location): www.salvationarmyusa.org
- Ulster Corps (connects volunteers with service opportunities throughout Ulster County): www.ulstercorps.org
- United Way (volunteer experiences vary by location): www.unitedway.org
- Veterans Hospitals (direct patient interaction, patient services, compassionate contact corps, recreational activities, administrative support, specialized program support; List of locations): www.va.gov
- Volunteer New York (opportunities in Lower Hudson Valley): www.volunteernewyork.org

***This is a list of potential volunteer experiences within New York State.**

****Some organizations listed are only available in specific regions of the state.**

*****This document is for informational purposes only.**

******Check your local area for specific volunteer experiences near you.**