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### Volunteer Center | VolunteerWashtenaw.org

#### Our Volunteer Center is here to help you do what you love. For others!

From arts to the environment. From raking to reading. From serving meals to serving seniors. If you or your team want to dig in and give back, we've got you covered!

#### **Online Volunteer Listing**

VolunteerWashtenaw.org connects individuals and groups with hundreds of nonprofits! Find 300+ volunteer opportunities, updated regularly, at a variety of organizations.

We make it easy to find your perfect fit:

- Use filters to choose an interest area, such as Health Care or Housing & Homelessness.
- Choose "Family Friendly" to find options for volunteering with children.
- Check out <u>our calendar</u> to find one-time volunteer needs.
- Search with a key phrase, such as Seniors, Veterans, Animals.
- Search by age to find age-appropriate opportunities.
- Find opportunities within a certain distance of your zip code.
- Browse our <u>list of Agencies</u> and use the many filters available to narrow down the list by service areas for which you are passionate (for example, Animals or Disabilities).

#### **Top Tips for Volunteering**

- If you don't hear back from an agency right away, follow-up. Most nonprofits are doing a lot with a little. It doesn't mean they don't want your help!
- Approach volunteering as if you are applying for a job. Be professional, polite, and responsive.
- Consider the causes that matter most to you when choosing where to volunteer your time.
- Give yourself plenty of time. Nonprofit staff are not always able to accommodate short-term requests and shifts during popular times sometimes book up in advance. In addition, many nonprofits have a screening and/or training process before new volunteers can get started.
- Be flexible and communicate your needs clearly.

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