# Service Project Ideas & Links

# **Combine/Co-Sponsor**

- Academic Honor Societies (national list) Is there a chapter on your campus?
- Campus Student Governance.
- Circle K.
- Fraternities & Sororities.
- Member connections organizations, causes...
- Other Clubs.

#### **Local Opportunities**

- Animal Shelter walk and/or play with animals to provide human contact, attention, and care.
- Blood Drives American Red Cross.
- Clean-up Projects: Beach, Creek, Park, Trail... Search "\_\_\_\_\_ cleanup near me" to find out if there is an organization sponsoring a cleanup in your area. **Adopt-a-Highway** national link.
- Community Programs Search "Community Center near me" for possible meal donation options.
- End of semester clothing/food/furniture... collections for area agencies coordinated with housing and/or commuter services. Find agencies by searching clothing, food, or furniture donations Where can I donate \_\_\_\_\_ near me.

#### 11 Organizations Offering Free Furniture Donation Pick Up

- Food Pantry sorting, distributing, collection (drive by) Feeding America or search "local food pantry."
- <u>Habitat for Humanity</u> Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization that helps families build and improve places to call home. Volunteer \* Shop \* Donate.
- National Disaster Relief/Aid Ready lists a variety of agencies.

<u>Power the Polls</u> – "Our democracy depends on ordinary people who make sure elections run smoothly and everyone's vote is counted. This year, we're facing an unprecedented shortage of poll workers that could mean closed polling places and long delays. You can help make sure we have a safe, fair, efficient election for all voters."

• Signs of Support – Create signs for first responders... For consideration: Texas Markers

• Young/Old (hospitals, homes, shelters) – Reading, singing, concerts, arts & crafts. Search "Homes, Shelters, or Hospitals near me."

Reward Volunteers Program Reward Volunteers is a free volunteer management system that enables you to easily track the time you spend volunteering at non-profit organizations in your community. But there's more! When you log your time using our web-based program, you have the chance to earn rewards in cash or prizes for your contributions – and the organizations you serve have the opportunity to win rewards as well! You may also volunteer for a school, co-op, or government run volunteer organization, but only certain organizations are eligible to win.

#### **Virtual Opportunities**

- Alzheimer's Site: When you click, our sponsors fund Alzheimer's research and support.
- Animal Rescue Site: When you click, our sponsors fund food and supplies for shelter pets.
- Autism Site: When you click, our sponsors fund therapy and support for kids on the spectrum.
- Breast Cancer: When you click, our sponsors fund mammograms and support for women in need.
- Diabetes Site: When you click, our sponsors fund diabetes research and support.
- Hunger Site: When you click, our sponsors fund food and support for the hungry.
- Literacy Site: When you click, our sponsors fund books and supplies for children.
- The Rainforest Site: When you click, our sponsors fund conservation efforts and the preservation of habitat.
- The Veterans Site: When you click, our sponsors fund meals and supplies for needy veterans.
- & Greater Good: Together we care for People, Pets & Planet



#### 9 PLACES TO VOLUNTEER ONLINE

- 1. <u>United Nations Volunteers</u>: If you're looking to take your online volunteering worldwide, this is the place to start.
- 2. <u>Catchafire</u>: This volunteer search tool is exclusively for online volunteer projects. Each one has a timeline that can range anywhere from an hour to a few weeks.
- 3. <u>Smithsonian Digital Volunteers</u>: Help make their collections more accessible by volunteering online to transcribe historical documents or edit Wikipedia articles related to their artifacts and research.
- 4. <u>Amnesty Decoders</u>: Operated by Amnesty International, this network of digital volunteers helps conduct research into global human rights violations.
- 5. <u>Translators Without Borders</u>: For those fluent in more than one language, check out this nonprofit that combines language skills with humanitarian aid.
- 6. <u>Crisis Text Line</u>: Here's a perfect example of technology being used for good. Become a volunteer to help the Crisis Text Line continue to offer free, 24/7 support for those in crisis.
- 7. **Zooniverse**: A platform for people-powered research that literally wouldn't be possible (or practical) without the help of online volunteers.
- 8. <u>Project Gutenberg</u>: Founded in 1971, this may just be the virtual volunteering effort that started it all. The goal is to create the largest digital library, and so far they've amassed 59,000 free eBooks. Volunteer by donating eligible materials, transcribing books into a digital form, or proofreading others' work.
- 9. **DoSomething.org**: DoSomething empowers young people to enact social change both online or off. Volunteer online through one of our campaigns to help solve real-world problems. DoSomething members have used the internet to successfully urge Apple to diversify their emojis, change the dictionary definition of "Black/black", and create the largest crowdsourced anti-bullying guide.

AND

**AARP** – Working with the elderly. (recording or listening to audiobooks).

**<u>Red Cross Digital Advocate</u>** – We have a wide variety of remote opportunities available.



### **Fund Raising/Donations**

Survey members for local and national charities and then vote.

- If remote, unused funds set aside for food and in-person programs.
- Chapter <u>Gofundme</u> for local organizations, emergency situation.
- Meal Donations (swipes) for food insure students (Basic Needs) and/or converted to cash for donation(s).

# **ALD National Service Project**

- \*#STAYHOMEFORUS
- \*Have food delivered to the station or hospital floor.
- \*Write Congress for Help / Ask for Funding.
- \*Face Masks.
- \*Donate Blood.
- \*Raise Money.
- \*Volunteer at a hospital.
- \*Adopt a Nursing Home.
- \*Volunteer at a Hospice.

Deadline for the National Service Project is June 30, 2021.



Feel free to contact me if you have questions or need planning assistance.