



Volunteer Ideas for Elementary Students (Spring 2023)

Agate Housing & Services: Create comfort and weather protection kits for families/individuals experiencing housing and food insecurity. Adopt-a-Meal allows families to make meals at home/on site to serve to clients (all ages).

To register as a volunteer, [click here](#)

Contact: Abigail Abele, abigail.abele@agatemn.org

Arc's Value Village: Assist Arc's thrift stores in their donation centers (age dependent on activity).

To register as a volunteer, [click here](#)

Contact: Michelle Theisen, michellethesen@arcminnesota.org

Bountiful Basket Food Shelf: Assist Bountiful Basket Food Shelf in picking up donated food in Chaska and Chanhausen. Opportunities on weekdays and Saturday mornings (age dependent on activity).

To register as a volunteer, [click here](#)

Contact: Robin, volunteer@bountifulbasketfoodshelf.org

Bridging: Purchase and assemble dressers for clients moving into new homes. Collect items and prepare welcome kitchen kits.

To register as a volunteer, [click here](#)

Contact: Joel Bisser, joel.bisser@bridging.org

Campfire MN: Assist Campfire MN with outdoor clean-up and preparation for summer programming. Volunteer Day is scheduled for April 29 (ages 6 and up, under 16 with an adult).

To register for the event, [click here](#)

Contact: info@campfiremn.org

Deephaven Woods (Deephaven): Entertain residents with a special talent, play games with residents, create art for residents, assist with parties/special events, and building-wide recycling (age dependent on activity).

Contact: Katy Swanson, katy.swanson@fairview.org

FamilyWise Services: Create craft kits at home to be used by children who are affected by homelessness, substance abuse, or domestic violence (all ages).

To register as a volunteer, [click here](#)

Contact: Stephanie Mickelson, volunteer@familywiseservices.org

Feed My Starving Children (Chanhausen): Pack meals for children around the world experiencing hunger (ages 5 and up, under 16 with an adult).

To register as a volunteer, [click here](#)

Free Geek (Minneapolis): Assist in recycling technology parts and refurbish computers and other technology. Volunteers can work at Free Geek or at home (16 and older independently, under 16 with an adult).

To register as a volunteer, [click here](#)

Contact: Dave, [volunteer information](#), 612-223-5967

Good In The 'Hood: Help sort and organize shoes for the Shoe Away Hunger program, assist staff with food distribution for their Food Shelf in a Box or Food in the Hood programs (ages 8 and up, under 16 with an adult).

To register as a volunteer, [click here](#)

Contact: info@goodinthehood.org

Greater Minnesota Crisis Nursery: Cook a meal at home/on site for children staying at the crisis nursery. Times available on weekdays and some weekends. Groups of 4 are encouraged (ages 18 and older independently, under 18 with an adult).

To register as a volunteer, [click here](#)

Contact: Ellen, eklahn-grove@crisisnursery.org

Havenwood Senior Living (Minnetonka): Assist with memory care unit programming, provide support with music, crafts, creative projects, and social visits (ages 5 and up, under 16 with an adult).

Contact: Leah Fricke, lfricke@havenwoodofminnetonka.com

Helping Paws, Inc: Act as a foster home for golden retrievers. Typically, a 2-year commitment and requires training. Dog sitting opportunities also available (under 18 with an adult).

To register as a volunteer, [click here](#)

Contact: Chelsey Bosak, cbosak@helpingpaws.org

ICA Food Shelf: Help distribute food and assist with special events.

To register as a volunteer, [click here](#)

Contact: Rebecca Mackenzie, rebecca@icafoodshelf.org

Interfaith Outreach: Create snack packs, hygiene kits, spice packs, repackage laundry detergent, plant a garden, work at the resource center (all ages).

To register as a volunteer, [click here](#)

Contact: Ashley Wyatt, awyatt@iocp.org

Loaves and Fishes (Multiple Locations): Help cook and serve meals at community meal sites (ages 8 and up, under 16 with an adult).

To register as a volunteer, [click here](#)

Contact: Latisha Moening, lmoening@loavesandfishesmn.org

Lutheran Social Services: Prepare a meal at home and deliver to a homeless shelter in the Twin Cities (all ages).

To register as a volunteer, [click here](#)

Contact: Metrohomelessyouth@lssmn.org

Lyngblomsten (St. Paul-Como): Provide pet therapy for seniors with disabilities. Your family pet must be at least 1 year-old and fully vaccinated (ages 15 and older independently, under 15 with an adult).

To register as a volunteer, [click here](#)

Contact: Melanie Jagolino, mjagolino@lyngblomsten.org

Many Hands Many Meals: Prepare life-saving meals to help with world hunger. Assist in packaging meals during packathons or private group events (ages 5 and older, under 14 with an adult).

To register as a volunteer, [click here](#)

Contact: mhmm@mountcalvary.org

Mt. Olivet Rolling Acres: Prepare a meal at home and deliver to a group home or share music and fellowship with residents (age dependent on activity). Become a House Ally (group/family) and share a meal, celebrate a birthday, and play games 4-5 times a year (ages 15 and older independently, under 15 with an adult).

To register as a volunteer, [click here](#)

Contact: Sarah Hennes, sahennes@mtolivet-mora.org

Open Arms: Help make meals, deliver meals, and work on the organization's organic farm (ages 6 and up, under 16 with an adult).

To register as a volunteer, [click here](#)

Contact: Anthony Gortarez, antony@openarmsmn.org

Pinky Swear Foundation: Write encouraging letters and create uplifting artwork for pediatric patients being treated for cancer (all ages).

Contact: Chloe Czaplewski, chloe.czaplewski@pinkyswear.org

Reach for Resources: Your family/group can engage with people with disabilities in fun adaptive recreation programs (ages 8-17 with an adult).

To register as a volunteer, [click here](#)

Contact: Kate Bottiger, kbottiger@reachforresources.org

Ronald McDonald House Upper Midwest: Assemble snack kits, activity kits, or game night kits for families. Collect pop tabs, prepare a meal for families staying at RMH, or plan and host a birthday party for a guest (under 16 with an adult, some limitations for children under 10-dependent on activity).

To register as a volunteer, [click here](#)

Contact: Tony Welch, twelch@rmhc-uppermidwest.org

Second Harvest Heartland: Assist with sorting, labeling, weighing, and packaging various food items for families experiencing food insecurity (ages 8 and up, under 16 with an adult).

To register as a volunteer, [click here](#)

Contact: info@2harvest.org

Senior Community Services: Help seniors with yardwork/Spring outdoor projects and technology support (ages 7 and up, under 16 with an adult).

To register as a volunteer, [click here](#)

Contact: scsvolunteer@seniorcommunity.org

The Glenn Senior Living (Minnetonka): Assist residents with activities, crafts, bingo, etc. Take residents for a walk and provide one-on-one interaction. Connect virtually with our residents via sing-along, cooking demo, reading, musical performances, etc. (ages 7 and up, under 15 with an adult, all ages for virtual).

To register as a volunteer, [click here](#), [volunteer flyer](#)

Contact: Alissa Dvorak, advorak@greatlakesmc.com

The Humanity Alliance: Help prepare or deliver food to food insecure families in the Twin Cities (ages 6 and up, under 16 with an adult).

To register as a volunteer, [click here](#)

Contact: hello@humanityalliance.org

Trouvaille Memory Care (Excelsior): Provide entertainment/enrichment for residents by creating videos of musical performances, art demonstration, skits, reading a story/poem, etc. Assist with preparing craft projects for theme events and help with outdoor garden maintenance during the fall (ages 7 and up, under 15 with an adult, all ages for virtual).

Contact: Ann Webb, awebb@trouvaillehomes.com

Serve Others in Your Neighborhood or From Home

- Visit [Greater United Way](#) to learn about their **Volunteer@Home** initiative.
- Plan to help a neighbor with spring clean-up.
- Walk your neighborhood and pick up trash and debris left from the winter.
- Think about spreading positivity/kindness by creating & delivering May Day baskets to area senior centers or elderly neighbors.

Additional Student/Family Volunteer Resources

[Hands On Twin Cities](#)



[Doing Good Together](#)



[Volunteer Match](#)



Questions? Need help connecting with volunteer opportunities? Contact Sarah Johnson, Community Service Specialist, sarah.johnson@minnetonkaschools.org or 952-401-5766