



THE EPISCOPAL SCHOOL of DALLAS

Summer Volunteer Opportunities

Listed below are suggested community service projects for the summer. This is by no means an exhaustive list. Students are welcome to volunteer for any nonprofit organization. Students may utilize the online database of the [Volunteer Center of North Texas](#) to find out about youth volunteer opportunities in the DFW area.

[The Alzheimer's Association, Greater Dallas Chapter](#)

"Your voice can make a difference! The Alzheimer's Association provides resources to individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's disease. The Dallas and Northeast Chapter relies on volunteers to help raise awareness through the chapter's **Speaker's Bureau** program. The **Speaker's Bureau** program allows you provide education and hope to your peers and the community. Other opportunities include volunteering to help with the Walk to End Alzheimer's in October, and providing data entry support in the chapter office. Contact Nia Simmons, Manager for Special Events, for more information at nsimmons@alz.org.

[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, visit the website (bridgelacrossedallas.org/volunteer) or send an email to info@bridgelacrossedallas.org.

[Brother Bill's Helping Hand](#) is a social service agency committed to enriching the lives of men, women, and children in West Dallas. Volunteers are needed Monday - Friday to stock the food pantry, work with children, prepare for upcoming programs, and assist neighbors. Contact Adair Neely at 214-638-2196 or volunteer@bbhh.org. Also, there are specific programs which are listed below.

- Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.: Volunteers are needed to help with food distribution and make crafts with young children.
- Monday mornings (9:30-12:00) and Wednesday afternoons (1:30-3:30) - Volunteers are needed to help with grocery store restocking.
- Soccer Clinic, June 7-9, 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.: Upper School students are needed to serve as coaches at a three day soccer camp for children. Volunteers must be able to coach all three days
- Saturday, August 12, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.: Back to School Carnival for West Dallas Elementary School students. Volunteers are needed to distribute school supplies, assist with games, and serve lunch.

[CitySquare](#) exists to fight the causes and effects of poverty through service, advocacy, and friendship. We believe in fighting poverty with the poor rather than for the poor.

Food on the Move Program - CitySquare needs volunteers (all ages) to serve with its *Food on the Move*

summer feeding program that seeks to bring nutritious meals and provide a fun summer-camp-like environment for low-income kids who don't have access to traditional summer programs. We need volunteers to help with activities, like relay races, water balloon fights, crafts, and games to make the summer special for kids! Contact Natalie Sundberg at 469-904-7005 or volunteercoordinator@citysquare.org to get involved!*Food on the Move* runs May - August, Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Food Pantry - The food pantry is unique in that you have the opportunity to provide direct service to our neighbors as they shop for items that will allow them to allocate grocery funds to other needs! In addition, volunteers help stock shelves, repackage bulk items and sort through donations. The pantry is located at our Opportunity Center, [1610 S Malcolm X Blvd](#) in Dallas, Texas. It is open Tuesday-Friday 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm. While the pantry itself is not open for shopping on Saturday's, we ask volunteers to consider helping us prepare for the week during our Saturday Pantry Prep that takes place 9:30am-11:30am. Contact Mamie Murry at 817-919-6321 or mmurry@citysquare.org to get involved!

[Community Partners of Dallas](#) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring safety and restoring dignity to abused and neglected children by providing resources to the caseworkers of Dallas County Child Protective Services. Volunteers are needed Monday - Friday to assist in the Rainbow Room. Contact Sarah Holden at 214-624-7585 or sarah@cpdtx.org to schedule a shift. Also, there are designated volunteer days in July for their back-to-school projects.

- Tuesdays in July, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. – Back to School Drive: sort and count school supplies, organize uniforms, stuff backpacks. Contact Martha in advance to sign up for these shifts.
- To apply for their 2018-2019 Teen Board (THANKs), visit their site for the online [application](#) and contact information.

[The Dallas Arboretum](#) offers a volunteer program for students whose mission is to develop a dedicated team of teen leaders who work together to volunteer their time and efforts to support the organization. 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 and up. The program takes place from August 2017 - May 2018.

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.

[Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity](#) - Using affordable homeownership as an anchor for hope, change, and stability, Dallas Habitat has served more than 1,600 low-income families since 1986, resulting in an investment of approximately \$150 million in more than 25 Dallas area neighborhoods. Volunteers are needed for the following summer opportunities.

Neighborhood Clean-ups - Neighborhood clean-ups make an immediate and visible difference in the areas we serve. Volunteers help us to transform not only the lives of our partner families, but also of all the families in our neighborhoods. Each clean-up is from 8:30-10:30 AM.

To sign up: Individuals- Visit [VolunteerHub](#) and search for openings, "Neighborhood Clean-up." Groups of up to 100 or those seeking another date- Email Gretchen Weaver at GWeaver@dallas-habitat.org.

ReStores - One hundred percent of the profits from our ReStores go to support our mission of building homes, communities and hope. We have four ReStore locations around the Dallas area. Each store can take up to 25 volunteers at a time. Duties include general retail work (stocking, merchandising, straightening, cleaning, etc.). You can volunteer for 3-hour shifts (morning, afternoon, evening).

To sign up: Individuals- Visit [VolunteerHub](#) and search for openings, "LOCATION ReStore Shift."
Groups of up to 25- Email Gretchen Weaver at GWeaver@dallas-habitat.org .

VolunteerHub Instructions:

1. Every individual who plans to volunteer (as an individual or part of a group) must register at our [website](#) .
2. Set up an account by clicking "Sign Up"
3. Click "Create an Account" and follow the prompts. Skip the step that asks for join code.
4. Read the Liability Waiver, then select "I accept"
5. View the listings scheduled and sign up for specific events/dates. Please pay attention to the minimum age posted for each opportunity as it varies from 14-18

[The Dallas Children's Theater](#) relies on volunteers to usher during the week and on the weekends at their live theater productions. Performances this summer will run through July 8. They also need summer volunteers to help with filing, photocopying, and organizing. Contact Wanda Roberson 214-978-0110 or wanda.roberson@dct.org to volunteer.

[The Dallas Museum of Art](#) The DMA Teen Ambassador program provides opportunities for high school students to initiate and deepen their relationship with the museum by facilitating summer family art making activities and gallery experiences. Teen Ambassadors are required to attend a three day orientation June 8-10, and must complete 24 hours over the course of the summer, up to a maximum of 40 hours. The 2018 Teen Ambassador program runs from June 12 - August 10. To apply, please visit the Volunteer page of the DMA website for the application. Applications will be accepted until April 29th for the 2018 season. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Thompson, Manager of Teen Programs, at 214-922-1822 or JThompson@dma.org.

[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. <http://dallaslibrary2.org/supportUs/volunteer.php>

[The Episcopal School of Dallas Lower School](#) -- Help is needed to pack up and store technology equipment in early June and then redeploy all equipment in late July. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Mr. Mike Cogliandro at: cogliandrom@esdallas.org to volunteer.

[Equest](#) provides therapeutic horseback riding to children and adults with all types of disabilities, learning differences, emotional and other challenges as well as veterans returning from active serving and their families. Volunteers prepare the horses for class and follow the directions of the class instructor. Minimum age is 14 and up. Times available are morning, afternoon, and evening Monday - Saturday. Summer 2018 Trainings at Texas Horse Park: Saturday, June 2 from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and Sunday, June 9 from 8:30 a.m. -2:30 p.m. See their flyer [here](#) or contact Ellie Grant at egrant@equest.org for more information.

[Future Leaders Program](#) – The Bickel & Brewer Foundation sponsors a Future Leaders Program for gifted and talented students from DISD in hopes that each student will graduate from high school and college and take their place as leaders in the community. The Future Leaders Program offers a summer program for DISD students during the month of June. Volunteers are needed to serve as mentors and student assistants. The summer program takes place at various locations, including Greenhill School. Contact Mrs. Rosie De La Garza at rrd@bickelbrewer.com or 214-653-4881 to volunteer.

[Genesis Women's Shelter](#) provides shelter, safety, counseling and expert services to women who have experienced domestic violence. Genesis served nearly 1300 women and children last year and relies on

the generous support of the Dallas community to continue providing these services at no cost to clients. We are looking to provide volunteers (age 15 and up) an opportunity to spend 2-3 hours with the children at our outreach counseling facility, playing with them or facilitating a structured activity. Please make a weekly commitment, any night, Monday - Thursday from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. Contact Chandra Adkins, Volunteer Manager, at 214-389-7701 or cadkins@genesishelter.org for more information.

Goodwill Dallas provides job training and employment to those with disabilities and disadvantaging conditions. Their standing available volunteer days in the summer are as follows:

- Goodwill warehouse: Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Goodwill retail stores: Seven days a week, variable hours

A full listing of retail stores where students/families can volunteer can be found on their website. Our volunteers sort and organize our donated merchandise, the revenue from which funds the hiring and training of persons with disabilities and barriers to employment. To get started volunteering, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at 214.638.2800, ext. 249 or via email at volunteercoordinator@goodwilldallas.org in order to complete the application process.

Heart House is a nonprofit that provides safety, education, and opportunity to refugee and underprivileged children. The Organization supports students academically and socially, helping to raise the next generation of multilingual leaders. Heart House provides these services through the Head, Heart, Hands (H3) program, a holistic endeavor that strengthens the students' cognitive (head), emotional (heart) and behavioral (hands) development so that they can grow into strong leaders. Volunteers are needed to assist with their summer program Monday - Thursday from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. beginning the week of June 5. Please Christa Martinez at volunteer@hearthousedallas.org to volunteer.

Heroes for Children is a nonprofit that provides financial and social program assistance to families with children battling cancer. The Heroes for Children Teen Board is a volunteer program that provides teens in grades 7th - 12th with an opportunity to give back to their community and help families with a child battling cancer. Members will gain both leadership and volunteer experience within their communities and schools. The Heroes for Children Teen Board is an excellent opportunity for students interested in getting hands-on experience with a non-profit organization. The term of service will be one year (August - August). Applications may be renewed annually. Please contact Morgan Funk at mfunk@heroesforchildren.org for application information.

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. To volunteer, contact Jason Garza at 214-918-4133 or jgarza@hungerbusters.com.

Jubilee Park and Community Center needs volunteers for their summer enrichment program for neighborhood children. One week sessions will be offered from June 12 - August 3. Volunteers will be required to attend an orientation and commit to one entire week from 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Click [here](#) for the application. Volunteers must be at least 15 years old. For more information, contact the volunteer office at 214-887-1364 x 268 or volunteer@jubileecenter.org.

Mi Escuelita Preschool provides early childhood education to underserved children in the Dallas area. They need volunteers in late May, early June, and early August to help them get ready for the new school year by spreading wood chips on the playgrounds and helping teachers set up their classrooms. Please contact Roxanne Pittman at 214-526-0220 x 20 or rpittman@miescuelita.org.

North Dallas Shared Ministries is a social service organization that helps the less fortunate in the Dallas community by providing emergency assistance and long-term stability. Volunteers are needed in the food pantry, the clothing closet, and the administrative offices. Contact Ruth Ann Janson at volunteer.director@ndsm.org or 214-358-8767. Also, volunteers are needed to assist with school supply

and school uniform programs beginning in August through the end of the summer. Various shifts are available from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

[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. Look there for scheduling specifics or contact volunteer@ntfb.org. Groups and individuals please schedule weekday warehouse volunteer times [here](#).

[Preston Hollow Presbyterian School](#) needs volunteers to assist with their summer language lab program for children with learning differences. Lab runs from 8:00 a.m. - 2:45 p.m. from June 5-June 30. Volunteers must be 15 years old or older and must be available for at least 3 of the 4 weeks in order to secure the volunteer placement. Contact Loretta Clariday at 214-368-3886 x 165 or lclariday@phps.org.

[Project Transformation](#) sponsors day camps for over 1,100 underserved children and youth at 10 sites throughout the Dallas area. Volunteers are needed to serve as reading tutors Monday - Thursday from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. from June 13 - July 26. To learn more or schedule a time to volunteer, contact Lynne Rhodes at 214-946-3600 or rhodes@projecttransformation.org.

[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 Saturdays, June 3 and June 10, from 12:30 to 5:00 pm and include outside water activities, in addition to our regular inside activities. We'll have a huge water slide and many more water activities for our volunteers and children to participate in!! Lunch will be provided to all! In August, we will have events on August 4, 11 and 18 from 5:30 to 10:00. We'd love to see you at Rays of Light this summer! If you are interested in volunteering at any of these events, please contact Debbie Solomon at debbie@raysoflightdallas.org.

[Readers to Leaders](#) - Readers 2 Leaders is looking for high school students to serve as good role models and reading buddies in our summer day camp. Volunteers will help students build their literacy skills through 1-on-1 tutoring and fun literacy games. The summer camp is from June 11th - July 19th, Monday-Thursday from 9:45-11:35am or 1:45-3:35pm. You must attend a pre-camp training the week of June 4th and volunteer a minimum of 5 days Parents are welcome to volunteer with their children! For more information, email volunteer@readers2leaders.org.

[Ronald McDonald House of Dallas](#) has an active teen board that sponsors monthly events for families at the house. Teen Board facilitates family activities throughout the year including meals, game nights, movie nights etc. Applications will open May 1st for the 2018-2019 school year. To apply to become a member or for more information click [here](#) or contact the volunteer coordinator at jsiddons@rmhdallas.org

[Trinity River Audubon Center](#) has five miles of established trails and many acres of wetland ponds and grasslands. Use your muscle to benefit these diverse ecosystems when you help clear and expand existing trails, remove invasive species, or restore prairie and wetland habitats. Projects vary monthly and may be cancelled due to weather. Saturday Habitat Work Day takes places Every Saturday of the Month 9am-12p (summer hours June-September: 8-11am). This opportunity is open to the general public over age 12. Ages 12-17 must be accompanied by adult or have written permission from parent. This is a great team-building opportunity, ideal for both youth and adults groups. Please call or email to reserve your spot—projects, supplies and staff are limited!

[VNA Meals on Wheels](#) needs summer volunteers for the projects listed below. Please contact Melanie Crommett at 214-689-2685 or crommettm@vnatexas.org for more information.

- Make holiday greeting cards for homebound elderly and disabled clients of the VNA Meals on Wheels. You can choose the number of cards you would like to make and make them at home.
- Serve as substitute drivers to deliver meals Mondays-Fridays in the summer. Volunteers are needed to deliver a route of 10-12 meals in the late morning hours a few times per month. Students may want to do this with a parent or another adult.
- Join the VNA Meals on Wheels Teen Board, open to all Upper School students. The group meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month during the school year to plan and lead service projects. Applications are due by July 1. Contact Melanie for an application.

[Wesley-Rankin Community Center](#) is sponsoring *B3X: Beakers, Base Ten, and the Beat*, a science, math, and arts enrichment camp for neighborhood children. The camp runs Monday - Thursday from June 11 - July 17 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Contact Mary Gallegos at mary@wesleyrankin.org to sign up.

Summer Reading Program - Fair Park

The program runs for 8 Monday's from 1pm to 2pm. Starting June 11th and ending the last Monday in July, the 30th. The buddy ideally would be assisting their buddy find an age appropriate book and helping them read by either reading to them or asking them questions about what the child read. There is a structured program in place to guide the Buddy through the program. Contact Jaime Perez at jaime.perez1@dallascityhall.com to sign up.