

# Local Volunteer Opportunities

*Contact organizations directly for age requirements and current opportunities.*

A.A.R.F. - <http://www.aarf.org/volunteering.htm>

American Red Cross of Richmond - <http://www.redcross.org/va/richmond/volunteer>

Art 180 - <http://www.art180.org/volunteer.shtml>

Bon Secours - <http://richmond.bonsecours.com/about-us-mission-and-outreach-volunteer-opportunities.html>

Camp Easter Seals UCP - <http://www.campeastersealsucp.com/index.php/jobs>

CenterStage - <http://www.richmondcenterstage.com/content/volunteer>

Central Virginia Foodbank - <https://feedmore.org/volunteer/become-a-volunteer/youth-volunteers/>

Children's Museum of Richmond - <http://www.c-mor.org/volunteer>

Circle Center Adult Day Services -

[http://www.circlecenterads.info/Volunteer\\_Circle\\_Center\\_Adult\\_Day\\_Services.html](http://www.circlecenterads.info/Volunteer_Circle_Center_Adult_Day_Services.html)

Comfort Zone Camp - <https://www.comfortzonecamp.org/volunteers>

Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen - <http://www.artsglenallen.com/facility-info/volunteer.php>

Firehouse Theatre Project - <http://www.firehousetheatre.org/volunteer/>

Goodwill of Richmond - <http://www.goodwillvirginia.org/donate/volunteeropps.html>

A Grace Place - <http://www.agraceplaceacc.org/support/volunteer/>

HandsOn Greater Richmond - <http://www.handsonrva.org/>

HCA Virginia - <http://hcavirginia.com/patients-and-visitors/volunteer-information.dot>

Henrico County Volunteer Program - <http://www.co.henrico.va.us/rec/volunteer/>

HomeAgain - <http://www.homeagainrichmond.org/>

Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens - <http://www.lewisginter.org/volunteers/index.php>

Maymont - <http://www.maymont.org/volunteer>

Richmond Multisports - <http://www.richmondmultisports.com/volunteers.htm>

Richmond SPCA - <http://www.richmondspca.org/volunteer>

Science Museum of Virginia - <http://www.smv.org/join/volunteer>

Sierra Club—Falls of the James Chapter - <http://virginia.sierraclub.org/foj/>

Richmond Metropolitan Habitat for Humanity - <http://www.richmondhabitat.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

Tricycle Gardens - <http://tricyclegardens.org/get-involved/>

Virginia Repertory Theatre - <http://va-rep.org/volunteer.html>

Virginia State Parks - <http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/volunteers.shtml>

YMCA - <http://www.ymcarichmond.org/give-time-give-money/volunteer-opportunities/>

YWCA - <http://www.ywcarichmond.org/get-involved/volunteer>

## Tips for Finding Volunteer Opportunities

- ✓ Talk to your school's Community Service Learning coordinator (usually a teacher you already know) and ask if they know of a volunteer project that would suit you.
- ✓ Search online volunteer databases like HandsOn Greater Richmond ([handsonrva.org](http://handsonrva.org)) and VolunteerMatch ([volunteermatch.org](http://volunteermatch.org)).
- ✓ Search for local nonprofit organizations at ConnectVA ([connectva.org](http://connectva.org)), visit their websites, and contact them to ask if they take volunteers like you.
- ✓ Ask around at camps, programs, places of worship, and events you attend. Just like adults network for jobs, you can network for great volunteer opportunities.
- ✓ Be open to trying something new! A lot of volunteer opportunities will require you to get dirty, talk to new people, help others, and learn on the job.
- ✓ Come up with an idea on your own volunteer project and ask your friends to help. Be sure to get approval from your school's Community Service Learning coordinator before you start. You could clean up a park, plant trees, walk dogs for seniors, or be a listening ear for younger students learning to read.
- ✓ Keep a record of where you've applied and follow up in person if you can! And while you're waiting to hear back, try to get involved where you're applying. It helps to have a face with the name.