



## Volunteer Ideas for Elementary Students (Winter 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](mailto: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](mailto:michellethesen@arcminnesota.org)

**Bountiful Basket Food Shelf:** Assist Bountiful Basket Food Shelf in picking up donated food in Chaska and Chanhassen. Opportunities on weekdays and Saturday mornings.

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

Contact: Robin, [volunteer@bountifulbasketfoodshelf.org](mailto:volunteer@bountifulbasketfoodshelf.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](mailto: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](mailto:volunteer@familywiseservices.org)

**Feed My Starving Children (Chanhassen):** 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, 16 and under with an adult).

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

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

**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, 18 and under with an adult).

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

Contact: Ellen, [eklahn-grove@crisisnursery.org](mailto: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](mailto:lfricke@havenwoodofminnetonka.com)

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

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

Contact: Rebecca Mackenzie, [rebecca@icafoodshelf.org](mailto:rebecca@icafoodshelf.org)

**Interfaith Outreach:** Create snack packs, hygiene kits, spice packs, repackaging 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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).

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

Contact: [mhmm@mountcalvary.org](mailto: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).

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

Contact: Sarah Hennes, [sahennes@mtolivet-mora.org](mailto:sahennes@mtolivet-mora.org)

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

Contact: Chloe Czapski, [chloe.czapski@pinkyswear.org](mailto:chloe.czapski@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: Jesse Hartrick, [jhartrick@reachforresources.org](mailto:jhartrick@reachforresources.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). Great idea for a family!

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

Contact: [info@2harvest.org](mailto:info@2harvest.org)

**Senior Community Services:** Help seniors with yardwork/outdoor projects and technology support (ages 7 and up, under 16 with an adult). Great idea for a family!

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

Contact: [scsvolunteer@seniorcommunity.org](mailto:scsvolunteer@seniorcommunity.org)

**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](mailto:info@goodinthehood.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 if virtual).

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

Contact: Alissa Dvorak, [advorak@greatlakesmc.com](mailto: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). Great idea for a family!

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

Contact: [hello@humanityalliance.org](mailto: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 if virtual).

Contact: Ann Webb, [awebb@trouvaillehomes.com](mailto: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 snow removal, errands, or caring for a pet this winter.
- Collect essential items (hats, gloves, self-care) for youth and adults experiencing housing Insecurity.

## 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](mailto:sarah.johnson@minnetonkaschools.org) or 952-401-5766