

Community Service Opportunities

Nearby Westchester Organizations

Please find below a list of nearby organizations for which students can volunteer. These are just a few ideas – please be on the lookout for updated community service opportunities throughout the year.

NEW ROCHELLE HUMANE SOCIETY

5 Portman Road New Rochelle, NY 914 632 2925

Info@HumaneSocietyofWestchester.org

www.newrochellehumanesociety.org

- Goal: Help a Humane Society work to enable the adoption of stray, abandoned and abused cats and dogs.
- What You Do: The Virtual Volunteer Program allows volunteers of all ages, all walks of life, and all areas of the country to volunteer time to help us help our animals by collecting monetary and in-kind donations. You will earn 5 hours of community service for every day of your sale or Supplies Drive!
- What's Required: Fill out virtual volunteer form.
- See website for dates and details.

SARAH NEUMAN/JEWISH HOME LIFECARE

845 Palmer Avenue Mamaroneck, NY www.jewishhome.org

Volunteer coordinator: Eric Dietz

EDietz@jewishhome.org 914.864.5141

- Age: 10-13 need to be accompanied by adult 14+ can volunteer alone
- What You Do: anything from reading a book out loud to playing checkers. All coordinated by volunteer office
- What's Required: Contact Mr. Dietz via email to request application and interview date. Attend orientation at date communicated during interview process. Get medical clearance from your physician: The medical clearance is necessary in order to protect the elderly from any potential illness or infection.

THE SHARING SHELF/FAMILY SERVICES OF WESTCHESTER

47 Purdy Avenue

Port Chester, NY

914-305-4868

www.fsw.org

- Ages: 13+
- Goal: provide nice gently used clothes for children in Westchester.
- What You Do: Sort clothing by type, gender, and size so that a week's worth of clothing can be sent to a child in need.
- What's Required: [Fill out volunteer questionnaire](#). See website for weekly sorting hours and events.

NEW YORK SPECIAL OLYMPICS

1207 Route 9, Suite 1C Wappinger Falls, NY 12590 845-765-2497

www.nyso.org

- Age: Middle school and up. NOTE: 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult
- Goal: Provide event support at sporting events in Westchester and Hudson Valley for individuals with disabilities.
- What's Required: Sign up for an event and on-site training provided. [Volunteer Profile](#)

THE MIRACLE LEAGUE OF WESTCHESTER

www.mlwny.org

- Age: MATURE middle school students and older. Must feel comfortable working with children with special needs.
- Goal: enable special needs kids to participate in baseball and other sports and events from which they are generally excluded.
- What's Required: Go to website and go to "volunteer" tab. Register for contact information and complete appropriate release forms. Once registered, you will become part of a database and receive information about upcoming events where volunteers are needed.
- The organization operates seasonally with the height of activity in the Spring and Fall and punctual events like open-air movie nights in the summer.

THE FOOD BANK OF WESTCHESTER

200 Clearbrook Road Elmsford, NY

914-923-1100

<https://feedingwestchester.org/>

- Age: Anyone over the age of 7 can volunteer (parental supervision required for ages 7-16)
- Goal: Provide food for families and individuals in need in Westchester.
- What You Do: Sort and pack food for distribution
- What's Required: Sign-up & REGISTER in advance!

THE LARCHMONT-MAMARONECK FOOD PANTRY

CAP Center

134 Center Avenue Mamaroneck, NY 914-698-3558

www.lmfoodpantry.org

- Age: Middle school and older.
- Goal: provide food for individuals and families in need Larchmont & Mamaroneck.
- What You Do: Unload, organize, pack or help deliver groceries
- What's Required: Prior sign-up via website: <http://www.lmfoodpantry.org/volunteer/>

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF WESTCHESTER

524 Main Street New Rochelle 914-636-8335

www.habitatwc.org

AGE: Generally, for high school students. Everyone under 18 must get parental waiver to work onsite.

GOAL: Provide housing and eliminate homelessness in Westchester County and the world.

WHAT'S REQUIRED: Mandatory orientation sessions.

THE WESTCHESTER CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

100 Playland Parkway

PO Box 397
Rye, NY 10580
<https://discoverwcm.org/>

Age: 16 + or older

What You Do: Help with museum floor staff; special events; fundraising/marketing/programming, etc.

What's Required: Sign-up to register on website. Ability to work with a diverse group of staff and visitors. Excellent communication skills.

NY MARINE RESCUE CENTER

New York Marine Rescue Center
467 East Main Street
Riverhead, NY 11901

[How To Help | NY Marine Rescue Center](#)

Ages: 12-18

What's Required:

- A registration donation of \$50.00 made payable to the New York Marine Rescue Center
- A minimum commitment of two shifts of service per month (8 hours total) for six months
- Successful completion of Volunteer Orientation
- Compliance with the policies and procedures of Long Island Aquarium and the New York Marine Rescue Center
- Must commit to a volunteer schedule but be flexible in specific volunteer assignments.
- To register: [MyImpactPage - Application Form - The New York Marine Rescue Center \(betterimpact.com\)](#)

Benefits: Free admission to the Long Island Aquarium the day of your shift, one free meal day of your shift (4-hour shift minimum), two free guest passes to the Long Island Aquarium for every 6 months of continuous volunteer service, one year membership to the New York Marine Rescue Center, annual recognition/awards ceremony

SPECIAL EVENTS – ONE DAY ONLY

Light the Night Walk: Leukemia and Lymphoma Society

Happens annually in October

Rye Playland - Rye, NY

- What's Required: Help set up, greet & cheer on walkers on for 2 – 4 hour time slots. You can volunteer with family & friends. **Community service letter provided for students.** Many positions are available. Pizza and drinks available for volunteers
- To register: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EADAC22A2F4C34-50636105-2024#/>
- For questions: Contact Volunteer Lead: Cindy@WorkwithSeas.com

VIRTUAL OPPORTUNITY

CONVERSATIONS TO REMEMBER

Connecting high school and college students with senior citizens to combat the epidemic of loneliness. Putting a smile on the faces of seniors, including those experiencing cognitive decline, creating a bridge between seniors and youth.

Age: Students in grades 9-12

What's Required:

- Volunteers are expected to allocate a minimum of one hour each week to be on a video call with a resident from a community that they've partnered with.
- To submit a volunteer interest form: [Student Volunteers – Conversations to Remember](#)

OTHER RESOURCES

Resource for matching people with volunteer opportunities and events across region.

- <https://www.volunteermatch.org>
- <https://www.volunteernewyork.org/>

HOSPITALS:

Many hospitals have volunteer programs in which older teens can participate. Most will require medical clearance and a formal application process. The work involves everything from lending a hand in a department to comforting someone in need who might not have friends or family to rely on. *CONTACT YOUR LOCAL HOSPITAL.*

LIBRARIES:

City and town libraries have enriching volunteer programs for students of different ages, with preference for age 13 and up. Volunteers can do everything from help set up and monitor craft activities to participate in reading games. Teens can also help teens with computer and technical projects.

- www.mamaronecklibrary.org
- www.larchmontlibrary.org
- www.harrisonpl.org

