

Volunteering has many benefits. It is a great way to learn about yourself; your likes and dislikes, and careers that you may enjoy. It also gives you the opportunity to help and give back to the community. The main areas colleges look for their best applicants, reveals Jill F. ConGruben, author of *College Countdown* (McGraw Hill, 2000), are work, volunteer and summer experience; school, athletic and community service activities; and awards. You may also end up with a paying job! Here is a list of local volunteer opportunities to help get you started...

ORGANIZATIONS REQUESTING OFFICE ASSISTANCE/LIBRARIES

Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra	499 Franklin St., Buffalo	
Phone: (716) 242-7869	Website: https://bpo.org	E-mail: bpoushercorp@bpo.org
Elma Public Library	1860 Bowen Road, Elma	
Phone: (716) 652-2719	Website: www.buffalolib.org	
Heart and Hands of WNY	2710 N. Forest Rd. Suite 205, Getzville	
Phone: (716) 406-8311	Website: http://www.hnhcares.org/volunteer	
March of Dimes	Website: https://www.marchofdimes.org	
National MS Society	Website: http://www.nationalmssociety.org	

HEALTHCARE FACILITIES/HOSPITALS/NURSING HOMES

The McGuire Group Health Care Facilities	Website: http://www.mcguiregroup.com	
Autumn View	4650 Southwestern Blvd., Hamburg	Phone: (716) 648-2450
Garden Gate	2365 Union Rd., Cheektowaga	Phone: (716) 668-8100
Seneca Manor	2987 Seneca Street, West Seneca	Phone: (716) 828-0500
Catholic Health Care Facilities	Website: https://www.chsbuffalo.org	
St. Elizabeth's Home	5539 Broadway, Lancaster	Phone: (716) 683-5150
Sisters of Charity Hospital	2157 Main St., Buffalo	Phone: (716) 862-1106
Absolut Care of Aurora	292 Main Street, East Aurora	
Phone: (716) 652-1560	Website: https://www.absolutecare.com/aurora-park/	
Brothers of Mercy Nursing Center	10570 Bergtold Rd., Clarence	
Phone: (716) 759-6985	Website: www.brothersofmercy.org	
Greenfields Health & Rehabilitation	5949 Broadway, Lancaster	
Phone: (716) 684-3000	Website: www.thegreenfields.org	
Elderwood Health Care	1818 Como Park Blvd., Lancaster	
Phone: (716) 683-6165	Website: www.elderwood.com	
Lord of Life Adult & Child Services, Inc.	1025 Borden Road, Depew	
Phone: (716) 668-8000	Website: https://www.lordoflife.us	
Mercy Hospital of South Buffalo	565 Abbott Road, South Buffalo	
Phone: (716) 828-2098	Website: http://www.chsbuffalo.org/Facilities/Hospitals/MercyHospitalofBuffalo/volunteer	

ORGANIZATIONS WORKING WITH THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED AND CHILDREN

Camp Good Days & Special Times, Inc.	6430 Transit Rd., Suite 200, Depew	
Phone: 1-800-785-2135	Website: http://www.campgooddays.org/volunteer	
Erie County Special Olympics	2821 Wehrle Drive, Suite 7, Williamsville	
Phone: (716) 580-3346	Website: http://specialolympics-ny.org/western/contact-page	
Gliding Stars of WNY	1307 Military Road, Buffalo	
Phone: (716) 608-8345	Website: http://glidingstars.org/wny.html	
Lothlorien Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc.	15 Reiter Road, East Aurora	
Phone: (716) 655-1335	Website: www.lothlorientrc.org	
Make-A-Wish of WNY	100 Sylvan Parkway, Suite 101, Amherst	
Phone: (716) 810-9474	Website: http://wny.wish.org/ways-to-help	
SABAH, Inc. (Skating Athletes Bold at Heart)	2607 Niagara Street, Buffalo	
Phone: (716) 362-9600	Website: http://www.sabahinc.org/volunteer	

ORGANIZATIONS WORKING WITH THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED AND CHILDREN CONT.

WNY D.D.S.O (Developmentally Disabled Adults & Adolescence)	1200 East & West Rd., West Seneca
Phone: (716) 636-5275	Website: https://opwdd.ny.gov/
EMW Boys & Girls Club of Elma	2080 Girdle Rd., Elma
Phone: (716) 652-9292	Website: http://www.bgcemw.org
Boys & Girls Club of East Aurora	24 Paine Street, East Aurora
Phone: (716) 652-4180	Website: http://www.bgcea.org
Explore & More , A Children's Museum	300 Gleed Avenue, East Aurora
Phone: (716) 655-5131	Website: http://www.exploreandmore.org
Moving Miracles (Dance Program)	954 Union Road, Suite 1, West Seneca
Phone: (716) 656-1321	Website: http://www.movingmiracles.org
Under the Apple Tree Day Care	Faith Lutheran Church, 1230 Bowen Road, Elma
Phone: (716) 652-0776	Website: http://www.appletreefaith.com
United Way of Buffalo & Erie County	742 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo
Phone: (716) 887-2626	Website: https://www.uwbec.org/volunteer
YWCA of WNY Children & Youth Services	1005 Grant Street, Buffalo
Phone: (716) 852-6120 ext. 107	Website: https://ywca-wny.org
YMCA – Southtowns	1620 Southwestern Boulevard, West Seneca
Phone: (716) 674-9622	Website: http://www.ymcabuffaloniagara.org/support-the-y/volunteer/

FOOD DISTRIBUTION/SOUP KITCHENS

Meals on Wheels for WNY	12482 Broadway, Alden
Phone: (716) 937-7105	Website: https://www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org/
FISH of East Aurora	960 Main Street, East Aurora
Phone: (716) 652-7272	Website: http://www.facebook.com/fishofeastaurora/
Buffalo City Mission	100 East Tupper Street, Buffalo
Phone: (716) 854-8181	Website: http://www.buffalocitymission.org/volunteer-positions/
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	1298 Main Street, Buffalo
Phone: (716) 882-3360	Website: http://svdpwny.org/
St. Luke's Mission of Mercy	325 Walden Avenue, Buffalo
Phone: (716) 894-4476	Website: https://www.stlukesmissionofmercy.org/

ANIMALS, NATURE AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Buffalo Animal Shelter	380 North Oak Street, Buffalo
Phone: (716) 851-5694	Website: http://members.petfinder.com/~NY341/general.html
Buffalo Zoo	300 Parkside Avenue, Buffalo
Phone: (716) 837-3900	Website: http://www.buffalozoo.org
Habitat for Humanity	1675 South Park Avenue, Buffalo
Phone: (716) 204-0740	Website: https://habitatbuffalo.org/get-involved/individual-volunteer-opportunities
Hull House	5976 Genesee Street, Lancaster
Phone: (716) 681-6451	Website: https://www.hullfamilyhome.com/
Pet Connection	12935 Williston Road, Marilla
Phone: (716) 652-0192	Website: http://www.petconnectionprogramsinc.com
St. John's Lutheran Church	2131 Woodard Road, Elma
Phone: (716) 652-9161	Website: http://www.stjohnselma.org/
SPCA	300 Harlem Road, West Seneca
Phone: (716) 875-7360	Website: http://yoursPCA.org/
US Fish and Wildlife Service	405 North French Road, Suite 120B, Buffalo
Phone: (716) 691-3635	Website: http://www.fws.gov

SEARCH ENGINES

Volunteer in Buffalo	Website: http://www.volunteermatch.org
Volunteer Western New York	Website: http://www.volunteerwny.org