



Summer Service Opportunities

Consider giving your time in service to your neighbor this summer! Below is a list of service opportunities throughout the Greater Houston Area.

Track your completed service hours using the *HelperHelper* app by selecting “add past commitment” and answering the prompted questions. All submitted hours must be validated by the service organization, so please be sure to enter the coordinator email address correctly.

Ministry of Community

The Amazing Place

The Amazing Place believes that those living with dementia can live full, meaningful lives. The Amazing Place empowers families facing the challenges of dementia and Alzheimer’s by providing programming that encourages active and independent lifestyles.

Volunteers are needed to assist at the front desk, culinary services, bible study, coffee talk, and Spanish language programs.

In addition, the STARS (Student Training in Alzheimer’s and Respite) program is looking for exceptional students aged 16 - 22 to work directly with the staff and program participants to create, shape, and enhance exciting programs for the Amazing Place West campus. If you are interested in this specific program, please contact Mari Bosker, Volunteer Manager mbosker@amazingplacehouston.org

To learn more about current volunteer opportunities, please contact:

Susie Howard, Director of Volunteer Services showard@amazingplacehouston.org

Monica McCloskey, Volunteer Coordinator mmccloskey@amazingplacehouston.org

Brookdale Galleria

Brookdale Galleria offers independent living, assisted living, and skilled nursing on one campus in the heart of Houston’s Galleria district. Brookdale volunteers are a valued part of the team – bringing joy, energy, and connection to the residents.

Volunteers are needed to assist in large group activities, small group activities, one-on-one activities, clergy services, and off-site outings.

To learn more about current volunteer opportunities, please contact:

Tracy Ahrens Director of Resident Engagement tahrens@brookdale.com or (713) 993-9999

Christian Community Service Center (CCSC)

The Christian Community Service Center seeks to reduce the effects of poverty in the Houston area and to remain grounded in the values of compassion, volunteer-based, dignity, and respect.

On-site volunteers are needed to assist in the food pantry, clothing pantry, and at youth events. Off-site volunteers can equip CCSC with much-needed items for their clients, including running a food drive, packing hygiene kits, making no-sew blankets, and running a clothing drive.

To learn more about current volunteer opportunities, please contact:

Beth Robertson, Volunteer Manager volunteer@ccschouston.org or (713) 961-3993

The Guild Shop of St. John the Divine

The Guild Shop is a 501(C) 3 nonprofit corporation and Houston's premier resale destination for art, clothing, designer clothing/accessories, household items, and furniture/rugs. Proceeds are used to provide financial support for the elderly in need throughout the Greater Houston area.

Volunteers are needed to assist as salespeople, merchandise pricers, merchandise researchers, and cashiers.

To learn more about current volunteer opportunities, please contact:

Donna Bruegel, Volunteer Engagement Manager donna@theguildship.org or (713) 528-5095

Houston Humane Society (HHS)

The Houston Humane Society strives to protect and improve the well-being of animals, the people who care for them, and our community by providing compassionate support, essential resources, and education to help pets and wildlife live their best lives.

Volunteers are needed to spend quality time socializing with the cats/kittens, walk dogs, assist with administrative and office support, and assist staff during special events and fundraisers. Volunteers under 18 years old are required to have a parent/guardian present for service events and orientation. Volunteers 18 or older can apply individually on the Houston Humane Society website.

In addition, the HHS is looking for dedicated students interested in being a counselor at Camp Pawsome and Junior Camp.

To learn more about current volunteer opportunities, please contact:

The Volunteer Coordinator Team volunteer@houstonhumane.org or (832) 906-9134

Houston Methodist Hospital

Volunteers are an essential part of Houston Methodist's health care team, helping deliver compassionate, world-class care to our patients. Houston Methodist is looking for volunteers with integrity, compassion, accountability, respect, and excellence.

Volunteers can browse service opportunities at nine locations throughout the Greater Houston Area by clicking the following link: <https://www.houstonmethodist.org/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities/>

Pursuit Center

The Pursuit Center believes everyone has unique talents waiting to be uncovered – its programming creates pathways for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to explore interests, develop skills, and achieve personal milestones.

Volunteers are needed to assist staff and participants with activities in the Day program. Volunteers 13 – 17 years old must serve with a parent/guardian and volunteers 18 or older must complete a background check.

To learn more about current volunteer opportunities, please contact:

Camille Boudreaux, Assistant Director of Development CBoudreaux@pursuitcenter.org or (713) 525-8400

Ministry of Education

First Tee Greater Houston

First Tee is a program of the Houston Golf Association that seeks to empower kids and teens, ages 7-18, through the game of golf.

Junior Mentors provide a vital service to the First Tee community by decreasing the student-to-instructor ratio in classes, directly improving young golfers' learning experience, and building real world career competencies. Junior Mentors will work directly with Coaches and will receive ample support, guidance, and seasonal coach trainings.

To learn more about becoming a Junior Mentor, please use the following link and click **sign-up** today: <https://firstteegreaterhouston.org/junior-mentor-2/>

Nehemiah Center

Nehemiah Center creates a safe haven in which children are motivated, inspired, and equipped to realize their God-given potential. Nehemiah Center provides a high-quality education for students while helping their families get the information and resources necessary to have stability in the home.

To learn more about current volunteer opportunities, please contact:

Ava Karathanos, Volunteer Coordinator AKarathanos@NehemiahCenterHouston.org

St. Paul's United Methodist Church

St. Paul's United Methodist Church offers a welcome to everyone, regardless of who they are, how they identify or where they find themselves on their faith journey. The church is a place of faith formation, but faith transformation to join hands in building the world God intends.

Volunteers are needed to assist in the St. Paul's Children's Music Camp: TEAM World! This music camp highlights seven of the countries that will be playing World Cup games in Houston this summer. Each morning and afternoon session will highlight a different country with songs, sports, games, food, crafts, and activities related to each country. For more information, click the following link:

<https://www.stpaulshouston.org/events/2026/1/20/st-pauls-childrens-music-camp-team-world>

Volunteers are also needed to assist in the 2026 Vacation Bible School Rainforest Falls program. Rainforest Falls promises a week of wonder as kids explore the powerful nature of God! Through life-changing Bible stories, the coolest animal buddies, and joyful worship, they'll discover who God is and how to stay rooted in His love. For more information, click the following link: <https://www.stpaulshouston.org/vbs>

If you are interested in participating in either of these volunteer opportunities, please email the Rutabaga Program Director [Anna Anderson](mailto:Anna.Anderson@stpaulshouston.org), at Anna@stpaulshouston.org

Ministry of Environment

Houston Audubon

Houston Audubon's mission is to advance the conservation of birds and their habitats in the Greater Houston Gulf Coast region. The Audubon envisions a future where birds are thriving in healthy natural areas, people are inspired by the sense of wonder birds bring, and diverse communities are connecting through a shared appreciation of the avian world.

Volunteers can browse service opportunities by clicking the following link:

<https://houstonaudubon.org/about/ways-to-help/volunteer/>

Buffalo Bayou Partnership

Volunteers are invited to care for the parks, trails, and unique spaces along Buffalo Bayou. Join together to help tend native vegetation, pick up trash, and beautify the public spaces along Houston's most significant natural waterway.

Volunteer opportunities include monthly volunteer days, helping at public events, or lending a hand individually. Please click on the following link to browse available opportunities:

<https://buffalobayou.galaxydigital.com/need/>

Hermann Park Conservancy

Volunteers are an integral part of keeping Hermann Park clean, beautiful, and welcoming. In the Park, volunteers help with weeding, mulching, planting, trail maintenance, and more. Locations through the Park include McGovern Centennial Gardens, the Japanese Garden, the Commons, Bayou Parkland, and the Heart of the Park along the Reflection Pool.

Volunteers can browse service opportunities by click the following link:

<https://hermannpark.org/support/volunteering-opportunities/>

Memorial Park Conservancy

Volunteering with Memorial Park Conservancy means becoming a part of a community dedicated to restoring, preserving, and enhancing one of Houston's most cherished green spaces.

Volunteers can browse service opportunities by clicking the following link:

<https://memorialparkconservancy.volunteerhub.com/vv2/>

Nature Discovery Center

The Nature Discovery Center is looking for volunteers for the summer of 2026 to help maintain the park and learn about native Houston species! If you are a new volunteer aged 13 -17, you must attend a mandatory orientation on May 23rd from 10:00 am – 11:00 am. If you are a new volunteer aged 18 or older, you must attend a mandatory orientation on May 24th from 10:00 am – 11:00 am. If you have already volunteered at the Nature Discovery Center, you are not required to attend an orientation session.

If you'd like to volunteer with the Nature Discovery Center, please email your full name and intention to attend orientation to: erobinson@naturediscoverycenter.org

Wildlife Center of Texas – Houston SPCA

The Houston SPCA's Wildlife Center provides emergency lifesaving care to injured, ill, and orphaned native wildlife. The team works tirelessly to provide short-term and long-term rehabilitation with the ultimate goal of releasing these patients back to the wild.

The Houston SPCA's Wildlife Center does not have a minimum weekly hour requirement. However, each volunteer must commit to at least six hours during a six-month period. All potential volunteers must be at least 16 years old. Volunteers must have consistent access to the internet and email to schedule their volunteer shifts and receive important volunteer updates.

Volunteers can browse service opportunities by clicking the following link: <https://houstonsPCA.org/houston-sPCA-wildlife-center/volunteer-wildlife-rescue/>

The Beacon

The Beacon is more than a meal. It's a way of homelessness. The Beacon meets the daily needs of hundreds of homeless men and women while also empowering them with housing case management, appropriate program referrals, and civil legal aid.

The Beacon is looking for volunteers who are passionate about its mission and willing to serve individuals in need. Volunteers can browse service opportunities by clicking the following link:

<https://www.beaconhomeless.org/volunteer-with-us>

Lord of the Streets

Lord of the Streets is a church community that relieves suffering and reveals dignity by rebuilding lives through ministries and relationships with people facing homelessness. Lord of the Streets envisions a city in which people experiencing homelessness are quickly housed and immersed in communities that reveal dignity, health, and meaningful engagement in society.

Lord of the Streets is looking for volunteers to assist serving weekday meals, serving breakfast on Sunday mornings, organization within the administrative offices, in the clothing and hygiene center, and to participate in bible study.

Interested volunteers can complete the Volunteer Interest Form by clicking the following link:

<https://www.lotshouston.org/volunteer-interest.html>

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity empowers people to build a better future for themselves and their families by completing financial and home maintenance training, building homes alongside volunteers, and purchasing their homes with an affordable mortgage.

Each volunteer is essential to Habitat for Humanity's mission to create affordable places for Houstonians to call home. Interested volunteers can create an account and browse service opportunities by clicking the following link: <https://houstonhabitat.volunteerhub.com/vv2/#>

Star of Hope Houston

Star of Hope is a Christ-centered ministry founded on faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Star of Hope serves the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of homeless men, women, and children.

Volunteers can browse service opportunities by clicking the following link:

<https://sohmission.galaxydigital.com/need/>

Houston Food Bank

The Houston Food Bank distributes food and other essentials to those in need through a network of more than 1,600 community partners. In addition, The Houston Food Bank also provides programs and services aimed at helping families achieve long-term stability, including nutrition education, health management, and help in securing state-funded assistance.

On-site volunteer shifts include: Monday through Saturday from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm, Monday through Saturday from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm, and Tuesday through Friday from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm.

Register as an individual volunteer and access the service opportunities by clicking the following link:

<https://houstonfoodbank.civicore.com/index.php?action=profile>

Kids' Meals

Kids' Meals is working to end childhood hunger by delivering free, healthy meals to the doorsteps of Greater Houston's hungriest preschool-aged children and, through collaboration, providing their families with resources to help end the cycle of poverty.

When you volunteer at Kids' Meals, you may make sandwiches, bag trail mix, pack lunches, decorate lunch bags, sort food donations, or whatever is needed most that day.

Register as an individual volunteer and access the service opportunities by clicking the following link:

<https://kidsmealsinc.volunteerhub.com/vv2/>

Target Hunger

The mission of Target Hunger is to alleviate hunger and its root causes in Houston neighborhoods. Target Hunger is on the front lines of hunger every day through its food distribution system that includes multiple food pantries, educational food fairs, an extensive home delivery program, summer break food programs for children, mobile distribution sites, a growing community partner program, emergency food assistance, and two gardens.

Register as an individual volunteer and access the service opportunities by clicking the following link:

<https://targethunger.volunteerhub.com/vv2/>