

How to Volunteer in Alexandria

National
Volunteer
Week
April 18-24

A select list of Alexandria's resources for volunteers. All the titles listed below are available at the Beatley Central Library, located at 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia. Bibliography donated by the Alexandria Jaycees, a chapter of Junior Chamber International.

Find an opportunity to volunteer:

Alexandria Volunteer Bureau

<http://www.alexandriavolunteers.com>
Lists over 400 community organizations who need volunteer help in the Alexandria region.

Corporation for National & Community Service

<http://www.nationalservice.org>
Volunteer opportunities for all Americans, from youth to seniors.

Idealist.org

<http://www.idealist.org>
Lists over 50,000 opportunities in 165 countries.

NetworkForGood.org

Lists almost 200 volunteer opportunities for kids, teens, seniors, and groups in Alexandria alone.

Volunteermatch.org

<http://www.volunteermatch.org>
Search over 1,000 requests for help from Alexandria area organizations.

Alexandria Jaycees

<http://www.alexjaycees.org>
Volunteer for any of over 100 projects conducted annually.

Serving Well on a Non-Profit Board of Directors

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Houle, Cyril. **Governing Boards: Their Nature & Nurture.** 1997. 658.422 Hou

Kouzes, James. **Leadership Challenge: How to Get Extraordinary Things Done in Organizations.** 1987. 658.4 Kou

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Why Volunteer? Help solve a community problem, develop as a person, help a favorite cause, make a difference in someone's life.

- learn or practice new skills
- gain valuable work experience
- meet new people
- feel needed and valued
- make business contacts
- meet a community fulfill a need

Volunteering Makes a Difference

Additional resources to explore volunteering and volunteerism.

Fundraising

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Bergen, Helen. **Where the Money is: Advancement Research for Nonprofit Organizations.** 2001. 361.7 Ber

Greenfield, James. **Nonprofit Handbook: Fundraising.** 2000. 658.1522 Non

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Stallings, Betty. **How to Produce Fabulous Fundraising Events: Reap Remarkable Returns with Minimal Effort.** 1999. 658.1522 Sta

General Information

Cohen, Lilly. **Careers For Dreamers & Doers: A Guide to Management Careers in the Nonprofit Sector.** 1989. 658.0023 Coh

Garr, Robin. **Reinvesting In America: The Grassroots Movements that are Feeding the Hungry, Housing the Homeless, and Putting Americans Back to Work.** 1995. 361.7 Gar

Hopkins, Bruce R. **Starting and Managing a Nonprofit Organization: A Legal Guide,** 3rd ed. 2001. 346.7306 Hop

Steckel, Richard. **In Search of America's Best Nonprofits.** 1997. 361.763 Ste

Understanding Nonprofit Organizations: Governance, Leadership, and Management. 2001. 658.048 Und

Volunteerism: The Directory of Organizations, Training, Programs and Publications, 3rd ed. 1991. Ref. 361.8025 Vol

Running a Non-profit Organization

Leet, Rebecca. **Marketing for Mission.** 1998. 658.8 Lee

Leifer, Jacqueline. **The Legal Obligations of Nonprofit Boards: A Guidebook for Board Members.** 1997. 346.064 Lei

Letts, Christine. **High Performance Nonprofit Organizations: Managing Upstream for Greater Impact.** 1999. 658.048 Let

Szanton, Peter. **Evaluation and the Nonprofit Board.** 1998. 658.048 Sza

Using Performance Measurement to Improve Public and Nonprofit Programs. 1997. 658.4013 Usi

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Hall, Colin. **Taking Time Off: Inspiring Stories of Students Who Enjoyed Successful Breaks from College and How You Can Plan Your Own.** 1996. 378.03 Hal

Luks, Allan. **The Healing Power of Doing Good: The Health and Spiritual Benefits of Helping.** 1992. 158.3 Luk

Raynolds, John F. **Beyond Success: How Volunteer Service Can Help You Begin Making a Life Instead of Just a Living.** 1988. 361.37 Ray

Volunteering Tip: Combine Your Goals

Look for volunteer opportunities that will also help you achieve your other goals for your life. For example, if you want to lose a few extra pounds, pick an active volunteer opportunity, such as cleaning a park or working with kids. Or, if you've been meaning to take a cooking class, try volunteering at a food bank that teaches cooking skills.

Volunteering Makes a Difference

Thinking about volunteering?

If you are interested in volunteering but are not sure where to begin, try asking yourself the following questions to determine what kind of volunteer opportunities will suit you best:

I am only one; but still I am one.
I cannot do everything, but still
I can do something.
I will not refuse to do the something
I can do.

Helen Keller

What Matters Most to You?

- If you had all the human and financial resources in the world, what problem would you solve, what would you change or what would you create? Your answer will tell you what matters the most to you.

Time & Place

- What kind of time commitment are you willing to make? Are you looking for a regular weekly volunteer commitment or maybe a short-term or one-time opportunity?
- Would you like to volunteer with other people or by yourself?
- Would you like to volunteer from your own home or at an organization?
- If you would like to volunteer away from home, where is the best location for you? Near your home, your work, your child's daycare?

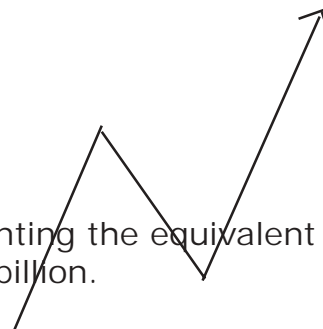
Your Skills

- Do you have specific skills or talents you would like to share with an organization?
- Would you like to develop a specific skill?
- What are your personal goals? Would you like to re-enter the workforce? Meet new people?

Source: Volunteer Canada
<http://www.volunteer.ca/>

Trend Line

83.9 million American adults volunteer, representing the equivalent of over 9 million full-time employees, at a value of \$239 billion.



Source: The Independent Sector
<http://www.independentsector.org/>