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## **Caring & Connecting During COVID-19 How You Can Help**

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Dear Friend,

Here are more ways to care, connect and make a difference in NYC.

- BC Voices
- Behind the Book
- 911 Memorial & Museum
- The Neighbor Network
- Travelers Aid at JFK
- NYC Votes
- Common Cause New York
- Do Your Part - Census 2020

For previous newsletters listing many additional volunteer opportunities, go to <https://volunteer-referral.com/media-press-room/>

VRC is open and we look forward to meeting you, ready to do what we do best, connecting volunteers with nonprofit agencies who need them. You can meet with us by phone, by appointment. Please call us at 212 889-4805 or email [info@volunteer-referral.org](mailto:info@volunteer-referral.org) to request an appointment.

If you missed our special event ***Build Your Resume for Success by Volunteering!*** you can view the video by clicking the following link: <https://youtu.be/itfHCFgnn5E>. This webinar will be helpful to those who are looking to build, sharpen or update their resume and interviewing skills required to secure new opportunities in 2020.

Please consider making a donation to ensure that VRC continues to perform its vital role as a volunteer pipeline, counseling and connecting individuals and groups who want to serve, with our more than 300 partner agencies.

"Fight for the things that you care about,  
but do it in a way that will lead others to join you."  
Ruth Bader Ginsburg 1933 - 2020

Best wishes,

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**You Can Make a Difference**

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## ***BC Voices***

BC Voices' mission is to collect, preserve and share the stories of women coming of age in the tumultuous late 1960s/early 70s – and then riding the crest of the second wave of feminism over the past half century when doors have opened for women, but not all the way.

### **Volunteer Website Manager (Ongoing Opportunity)**

- Update two websites as needed and redesign pages as needed
- Monitor and report on usage and recommend changes to increase traffic and donations
- Develop and manage a newsletter (Knowledge of Squarespace and Go Daddy platforms required. Their websites are: <https://www.standupspeakout.org/> and <https://www.bcvoices.org>.)



### **Marketing Outreach Manager**

Manage outreach to engage community interest in online docuseries on women's rights. Work online remotely at times of your choice, with occasional daytime work needed to contact community organizations during business day.

- Contact community organizations to invite collaborations.
- Arrange virtual events and ongoing partnerships, such as online promotion, video screenings, discussion sessions, and viewing parties.
- Help promote outreach via website, email, social media, and phone calls.
- Report on outreach results and help us increase audience.

Skills needed: Outgoing, articulate, patient, confident, well-organized. Comfortable communicating via email, phone calls, video chats, texting, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter. Sales and Marketing background helpful. Hours per week: Depends on need. Expected minimum of 10 hours.

For more information, please contact Katherine Brewster at 212-222-9859.

## ***Behind the Book***

**Behind the Book's** mission is to inspire New York City public school students to love reading by bringing accomplished authors and their books into classrooms and creating rich, innovative literacy programs. Our programs take place in underserved public schools, are part of the class curricula and meet the Common Core Learning objectives.

Volunteers are needed to help prepare and give out books outside of their office on 135th St. in Harlem!

### **Thursday, October 8 & Friday, October 9**

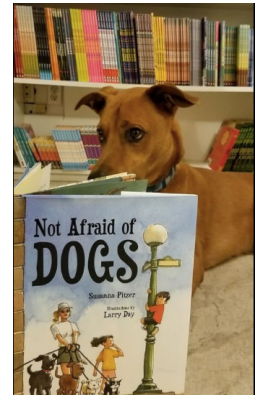
- Anytime between 10AM and 6PM.
- Two people each day for a minimum of two to three hours each
- Prepare the books for giveaway

### **Saturday, October 10**

- 10AM - 11AM Set Up: Two people to help carry and arrange books
- 11AM - 1PM Wo-Man the Table: Two people to help give out books
- 1PM - 3PM Wo-Man the Table: Two people to help give out books
- 3PM - 3:30PM Clean Up: Two people to help break down the table and carry leftover books inside.

Masks, gloves, and hand sanitizer will be provided.

If you are interested in volunteering, send an email to Emily at [volunteer@behindthebook.org](mailto:volunteer@behindthebook.org)!



## ***911 Memorial & Museum***

As a monument to human dignity, courage, and sacrifice, the 9/11 Memorial & Museum honors the nearly 3,000 people killed in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 and February 26, 1993, recognizes the courage of those who survived, and salutes those who risked their lives to help others.



The 911 Memorial Museum reopened its doors to visitors on September 12. For questions about becoming a volunteer, send an e-mail to [volunteer@911memorial.org](mailto:volunteer@911memorial.org). Currently there are no office-based volunteer positions, but please consider a public-facing opportunity.

Courteous people with excellent communication skills are encouraged to help in our public-facing opportunities, ensuring visitors have an enriching experience at the Memorial and Museum. Please note, we are currently full for these roles but hope to resume recruitment soon. If you are interested, we ask you to apply now to be added to a wait list.

### **Public-Facing Volunteer Opportunities Include:**

Visitor Services Volunteers  
Retail Greeter Volunteers

For information on time commitment, eligibility and selection process and to fill out an application, please click here: <https://www.911memorial.org/support/volunteer>.

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## ***The Neighbor Network***

The Neighbor Network matches volunteers with seniors to call in New York City during the COVID-19 crisis.

These regular calls help to fight social isolation, connect older New Yorkers with the resources they need, and build relationships that will bring joy and comfort to seniors and volunteers alike.



### **STEP ONE (45 minutes) - Virtual Training**

Attend a short online video training with other volunteers covering how to make calls, tips for your conversations, and when and how to reach out for help

### **STEP TWO (30-60 minutes) - Match with 1-3 Seniors**

Make short introductory calls to seniors until you connect with 1-3 who want to receive ongoing calls

### **STEP THREE (10-60 minutes a week, it's up to you!) - Build a Friendly Relationship!**

Build relationships with your senior neighbors by calling them once or twice a week for the duration of the COVID-19 crisis

Sign up for virtual training and get started making calls: <https://theneighbornetwork.org/p/sign-up>

## ***Travelers Aid at JFK***

Travelers Aid at JFK International Airport welcomes and assists passengers from all around the world giving information regarding a variety of travel-related services. This is an excellent opportunity to improve your communication skills and gain experience assisting and working with people.



Volunteers are placed at key locations throughout the airport. Shifts are available 7 days a week from 10-2 or 2-6. We require one four-hour shift per week. In addition to the satisfaction of helping travelers, volunteers also receive transportation (local subway and bus fare or parking).

Travelers Aid adheres to all CDC guidelines regarding proper way to wear a mask and maintain social distancing. All employees and passengers, including Travelers Aid staff and volunteers must follow the mandate to wear a mask when in the airport.

To learn more about volunteering with Travelers Aid and to arrange a tour of their program, send an email to [jfkinfo@travelersaid.org](mailto:jfkinfo@travelersaid.org) or call [718-656-4870](tel:718-656-4870).

## ***NYC Votes (Sponsored by NYC Campaign Finance Board)***

NYC Votes is the voter outreach and engagement campaign of the Campaign Finance Board, conducted under the guidance of its [Voter Assistance Advisory Committee \(VAAC\)](#). All of their initiatives are nonpartisan.



The following are the volunteer text banks NYC Vote will be conducting between now and November 3. These events are remote, and volunteers will be able to participate from their homes by use of a computer, tablet or smart phone. Individuals that are interested can contact Sean O'Leary at 212-409-1842 or by email at [soleary@nyccfb.info](mailto:soleary@nyccfb.info). A link to sign up will be then be sent.

Absentee Ballot Application Reminder Text Bank -Saturday, October 17 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Early Voting Text Bank  
Friday, October 23 –  
Text bank 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Early Voting Text Bank  
Saturday, October 24 -  
Text bank 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Get Out The Vote Text Bank  
Saturday, October 31 –  
Text bank 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Get Out The Vote Text Bank  
Tuesday, November 3 –  
Text bank 10:00 am - 8:00pm

Remember to be an engaged, informed voter! Register to vote, see who's running, learn how and where to cast your ballot, and help us get more New Yorkers involved. For more information click <https://www.nyccfb.info/nyc-votes/>.

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## ***Common Cause New York***

The national, nonpartisan Election Protection coalition works so all voters have an equal opportunity to participate in the political process. Made up of more than 100 local, state and national partners, Election Protection works year-round to advance and defend your right to vote.

Everyone agrees that the 2020 General Election is one of, if not the most, important elections in our lifetime. As we saw during the June primaries, the pandemic has created new challenges for voters around the state.



Volunteer to help ensure things go smoothly during Early Voting and on Election Day.

For years, our Election Protection program has trained and placed non-partisan election monitors at busy polling places to help voters and report problems so they can be fixed quickly. During the 2016 presidential election, we deployed over 400 volunteers to help voters in New York. This year, Common Cause New York is recruiting volunteers to help safeguard our elections in three different ways. Sign up to be a:

- Poll Monitor: volunteer outside an assigned polling place to help voters.
  - Roving Poll Monitor: drive (or bike!) between designated polling places to collect information and report problems.
  - Social Media Monitor: identify mis/disinformation online and help voters cast their ballots.
- Click here to [JOIN THE TEAM](#)

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## ***Do Your Part Census 2020***

**The Census is for Everyone! Your Community is Counting on You!**

2020 Census counts everyone living in the United States and its five territories ([Puerto Rico](#), [American Samoa](#), [the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands](#), [Guam](#), and [the U.S. Virgin Islands](#)).



The results of the 2020 Census will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into communities every year for the next decade. That funding shapes many different aspects of every community, no matter the size, no matter the location.

Did you know that census data helps communities respond to natural disasters and secure funding for hospitals and fire departments? Explore these videos and stories to learn more.

### **Responding to the Census**

Please complete your form online, by phone, or by mail when your invitation to respond arrives. Visit [my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov) to begin.

(For more information, visit [Questions Asked.](#))

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