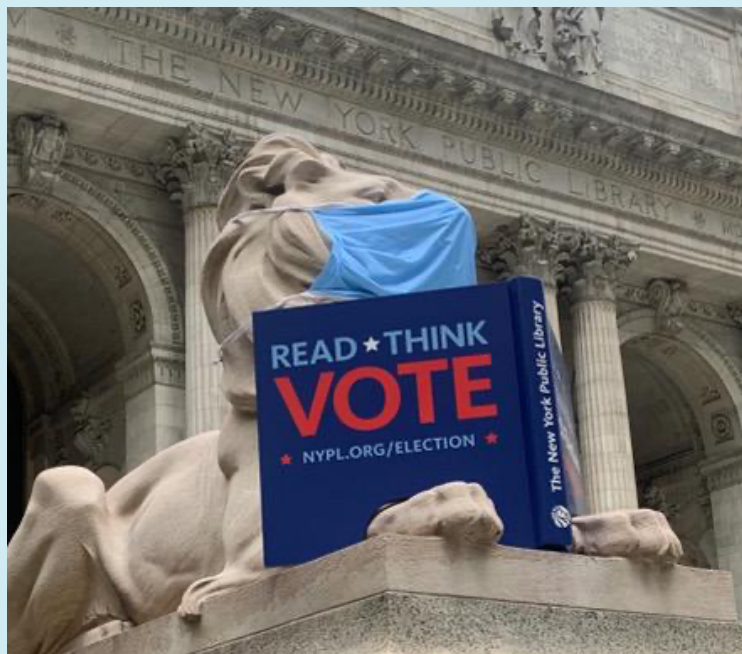




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Caring & Connecting During COVID-19 How You Can Help



Dear Friend,

The most important thing to do now is **VOTE!** And help others to vote. Vote early, October 24-November 1, or Election Day November 3.

"Someone struggled for your right to vote. Use it"
Susan B Anthony

Go to **[Vote.NYC](#)** for specific information about your voting site and the hours it is open.

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

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

SAVE THE DATE!

Volunteering Is Ageless – no one is too young or too old!

Thursday November 12, 3:30 - 4:30
Registration and Zoom details to follow

This will be a virtual event. Volunteer directors from a broad range of nonprofits will present their organizations and the important roles volunteers of all ages play. Some opportunities are virtual, others have more direct involvement following CDC guidelines. All are important.

KEEPING IT PERSONAL!

Please consider a year-end gift to our **KEEPING IT PERSONAL** technology campaign, enabling VRC to provide its services free-of-charge and one-on-one into 2021 and beyond.

Your gift will help ensure that VRC continues to perform its vital role as a volunteer pipeline, connecting and counseling individuals and groups who want to serve, with our more than 300 partner agencies.

Our goal is \$50,000 by Thanksgiving. In support of this, anonymous donors have stepped forward to offer a one-to-one match for the first \$25,000.

Thank you and best wishes,

Patricia Girardi
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Health Advocates for Older People

HEALTH ADVOCATES for Older People promotes safe and healthy aging through programs designed to facilitate independent living, physical well-being and greater social interaction.

Are you concerned about seniors getting out to vote in the upcoming election?

Volunteers are needed to assist seniors to and from polling sites during the early voting period October 24 - November 1. Volunteers are also needed for general office work, especially phone work.

To sign up, please call Nancy Houghton at 212-980-1700.



CASA-NYC ***(Court Appointed Special Advocates of NYC)***

The Court Appointed Special Advocates of NYC (CASA-NYC) play a crucial role in assisting New York City's overburdened Family Courts to meet the needs of the city's most vulnerable children and families involved in the child welfare system.



Currently, over 200+ volunteer Advocates, along with a small staff of masters-level child welfare professionals and attorneys, work collaboratively with all parties on children's cases to conduct comprehensive needs assessments for each child and family; commit as much time as necessary to help children, youth and families access services; help address barriers to a child's reunification with parents or adoption; and provide objective reports to family court judges to help them make decisions in the best interest of children and youth in foster care.

CASA-NYC's volunteer Advocates are needed now more than ever to monitor the safety and well-being of children and offer support to families/foster families during this difficult time. Please watch this video that brings to life the ways that we are working to help our city's most vulnerable children, youth and families to get through this trying time.

You may find the full volunteer Advocate role description [HERE](#). If you are interested in becoming a CASA-NYC volunteer Advocate, please contact Lizaura German, Volunteer Coordinator, by email at volunteer@casa-nyc.org or by phone at [212-918-4753](tel:212-918-4753).

Actors Theatre Workshop

ATW is an award-winning non-profit theatre and educational institution. They help people from all walks of life achieve their potential through drama and education.

The volunteer program includes a regular weekly volunteer commitment that depends on the particular areas in which you volunteer. Different operating aspects of the theatre that volunteers may be involved with include: theatre administration, marketing & PR, fundraising, video production, facility maintenance & beautification, program/event/production support, graphic design, and grant writing. The program begins with an orientation to the theatre. A short training period allows volunteers to learn about ATW's core mission and creative philosophy while gaining hands-on knowledge of its operations.



Volunteer Opportunities:

- Street Team Volunteers for Non-Profit Theater!
- Volunteer for the 25th Anniversary of Award-winning Theater Program for Homeless Children - RSVP for 2/8, 2/22, 3/3, 3/7, 3/10 Info Session!
- Mentor Homeless and At-Risk Children
- In-Kind Donations Volunteers for Non - Profit Theatre
- IT Volunteers for Non - Profit Theatre
- Maintenance Volunteers Needed for Non-Profit Theatre

Click the following link to [**fill out the online application**](#)

Lighthouse Guild

Lighthouse Guild is a not-for-profit healthcare organization committed to preventing and addressing vision loss so those at risk or affected can live fully and independently.

Volunteer Resource Timekeeper

This position is ideal for an individual with an interest in or experience with non-profit management, human resources administration or business management, who also possesses a strong customer service orientation and communications skills who is interested in an opportunity with critical responsibilities in a busy department. For more information on principle duties, responsibilities and requirements, please click [here](#)



Reading Service Intern

This position will help implement and administer the Reading Services Program by coordinating schedules, receiving clients and volunteers and ensuring the smooth running of the program. In addition, this position will assist with matching clients and volunteers. The responsibilities will range from outreach to potential clients, identification of candidates for the program and recruiting and placing volunteers to support the program's reading needs. This intern will also assist with the execution of the business development plan for the Reading Services Program. For more information on principal duties, responsibilities and requirements, please click [here](#)

Helping Hands for the Disabled

Helping Hands for the Disabled is an organization of disabled people helping disabled people. We believe that disabled people should have the right to control their own lives even if at times we need assistance.

Helping Hands for the Disabled of NYC needs volunteers who can help blind adults with shopping, running errands and reading mail on the third Saturday of every month. The next day we need help is 11/21/2020 from 1pm-5pm.

If you are interested, please contact Alice Crespo at 917-696-8115 or hhdfor NYC@gmail.com.



Make the Road New York

Make the Road NY builds the power of immigrant and working class communities to achieve dignity and justice.

Naturalization Mock Interviews - Help our students prepare for their citizenship interviews. All interviews are conducted remotely. Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings.

- Mutual Aid Bike/Car Brigade
- Do you have a bike or a vehicle?
- Are you willing to deliver groceries to people in need?
- Volunteers are needed to make deliveries from Make the Road food pantries in Jackson Heights and Bushwick.
Brooklyn deliveries - Fridays; Queens deliveries -
Wednesdays, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm.

Are you tech Savvy, bilingual and good at facilitating? Sign up for MRNY Tech Support Volunteer position. Conduct workshops, flexible hours. Help the community with digital literacy.

To get involved or for more information with the above opportunities, email valentina.mogollon@maketheroadny.org.



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. A link to sign up will be then be sent.



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/>.

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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