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***Caring & Connecting During Covid-19 How You
Can Help in the New Year!***

Dear Friend,

With the new year comes bright new hope, and more chances to give back to our neighbors and community.

The Volunteer Referral Center can help you find the right volunteer opportunities, virtual as well as in-person, for you. Be a mentor or be a friend. Lead a troop, distribute food, be a friendly visitor to an isolated senior, or share your skills in development or technology. Whatever your strengths, VRC can help you find a special way to be engaged and make a difference!

Organizations featured in this edition include:

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- Search and Care

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- Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen
- NYC Dept. of Aging - Friendly Visitor Program

For more ideas go to our website to see previous newsletters and events at <https://volunteer-referral.com/media-press-room/>

Please consider supporting us to 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.

With best wishes for happy and healthy holidays and the New Year,

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Go Project



Website: <https://www.goprojectnyc.org/>

The GO Project levels the playing field for under-resourced and low-income public school students in New York City who are performing below grade level at the earliest stages of development. For more than five decades, GO has equipped thousands of children with the confidence and skills needed to make academic gains, perform at or above grade level, enroll in high-performing middle and high schools, graduate on time, and achieve college success.

Development and Special Projects Volunteer

GO Project is seeking an undergraduate, graduate student, or community member to participate in a part-time volunteer opportunity to assist with our spring benefit planning from January - May 2022. This volunteer will report to and work closely with the Director of Individual Giving & Events and GO Project's development team. This position will primarily work remotely with an option for in-person work closer to the benefit in April.

Primary responsibilities include:

- Assist in the planning of GO Project's annual spring benefit event in April 2022 held at Pier Sixty, NYC
- Solicit items for the benefit's silent auction and maintain an organized database for items once received
- Research prospective foundations and corporate donors
- Provide administrative support and perform other duties as assigned

Qualifications:

- Previous event planning and fundraising experience a plus, not a must
- Superior organizational and communication skills
- Strong attention to detail and a demonstrated ability to take initiative
- Proficient in Microsoft Office applications, google suite and strong internet skills required

Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to Lindsay Mitcher, Director of Individual Giving & Events at lmitcher@goprojectnyc.org. No phone calls, thank you!

Girl Scouts of Greater New York



Website: <https://www.girlscoutsnyc.org>

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Founded in 1913, the Girl Scouts of Greater New York is New York City's largest girls-only leadership program, reaching over 31,000 girls ages 5 to 18 in every zip code of the five boroughs.

Virtual Programing Facilitator

Lead/Facilitate virtual programming and troop meetings as part of the GSUSA Virtual Starter Troop initiative. Starter Troops are facilitator-run troops with the goal of transitioning to a fully functioning, volunteer-led troop. Volunteers will be trained by Council Staff and facilitate multiple meetings over a span of 4-6 weeks experiencing a variety of purposeful troop activities, participating in Girl Scout traditions, and exploring various topics in accordance with the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE).

BENEFITS:

- Impact the life of a Girl Scout by inspiring them to explore new interests and experiences
- Facilitate a wide range of fascinating programs and curriculum topics
- Build skills in time management, working with youth, and leading activities with a small group
- Build your skills in digital presentation (for virtual engagement)
- Official documentation of volunteer service

TIME COMMITMENT:

- Volunteer Onboarding Training (offered asynchronously through gsLearn): 60-90 minutes
- Virtual Starter Troop Specific Training
- Pre-meeting prep work: approximately 1-2 hours
- Girl Scout Virtual Troop Meetings: 60-90 minute meetings

PRIMARY TASKS:

- Facilitate virtual troop meetings with Girl Scouts in accordance with the GSLE
- Assist Girl Scouts in earning badges from their program level
- Build sustainable membership by supporting Girl Scouts and their families in their introduction to Girl Scouting, identifying and mentoring potential leaders, and connecting them to council staff for additional details on continuing their involvement
- Coordinate technical challenges to ensure the best possible experience for Girl Scouts
- Coordinate with council staff to ensure dates, times, and details are set up for each meeting
- Host troop meetings using a GSUSA licensed Zoom account and engage with Caregivers to ensure girl participation.

View position descriptions and complete an interest form here!

<https://www.girlscoutsnyc.org/en/volunteer-nyc/ways-to-volunteer.html>

Fortune Society



Website: <https://fortunesociety.org>

We believe in the power of people to change. We help individuals with justice involvement rebuild their lives, through innovative services and advocacy.

Food Distribution Volunteers Needed

Need 2-3 people every Wed

Where: The Fortune Society - 625 W 140th St Harlem St

- Fill and distribute bags of food as well as setup/breakdown food demo area
- Must be able to lift 20LBS
- Need to provide proof of vaccination PRIOR to volunteer service
- Must be age 18+ (cannot bring family under 18 years of age, no exceptions)

Please contact Ashley Otto at aotto@fortunesociety.org to sign up in advance. Please do not show up without contacting/confirming with Ashley first.

MJHS Hospice and Palliative Care



Website: <https://www.mjhs.org/our-services/mjhs-hospice-palliative-care/>

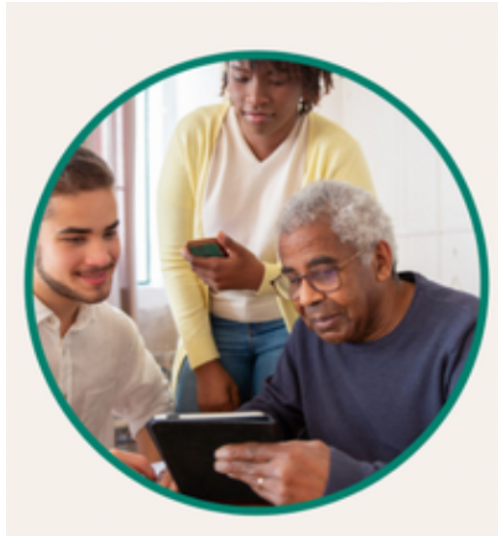
MJHS Hospice and Palliative Care serves the needs of patients and families across Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx and Nassau County. As one of the largest and most respected not-for-profit programs in the greater New York region, we are committed to offering patients and families with chronic or advanced illness compassionate, expert care, along with peace of mind and comfort.

We are seeking volunteers in Manhattan, Bronx, Nassau, Queens and Brooklyn who are interested in supporting our hospice patients and/or their families.

Asking for volunteers that will contribute their time to visit with patients in their homes, nursing facilities, or assist patient family members and/or caregivers with small tasks (shopping, pharmacy etc.). In addition, volunteers can contribute their time in administrative capacities; making cards, sending positive messages or office work.

Please contact us at ehewort@mjhs.org

Search and Care



Website: <https://www.searchandcare.org>

Search and Care, a 49-year-old Upper East Side nonprofit that works to help older adults remain safely and comfortably independent, would love to have you as part of our Connectivity Team.

Silver Circles

Our agency's "Silver Circles" older adult computer education program provides one-on-one and group sessions to help older men and women use technology on varying devices.

As a volunteer you can expect to do:

One-On-One Computer Coaching: helping older adults through one-on-one in-person sessions with learning how to use their devices - computers, tablets, smartphones, etc. - in whatever ways fit each client's needs and interests.

or

Group Assistance: helping older adults connect to our remote groups (both telephonic and via video chat) by helping them understand how to connect to groups, being available during the time of a group to assist one or more clients to get connected, as well as guiding them if they get kicked out of a group or have technical difficulties while participating.

Volunteer schedules are flexible. Once you are matched with a client,, you will then schedule an appointment time with them where you can spend an hour assisting in a coaching session.

Volunteers must:

- Have experience, patience, and passion for working with older adults and technology.
- Are willing to travel. We service the Upper East Side, East Harlem, and the Upper West Side. We also provide remote coaching over the phone!
- Have the ability to set appropriate boundaries if/when necessary.
- Bilingual English/Spanish-speaking a plus!!

*Home visits are currently on pause".

For more information, please contact: Jacob Gonzalez (jagonzalez@searchandcare.org) or Michelle Carr (carr@searchandcare.org)

Dorot



Deliver Warmth & Winter Packages

**Connect with an older neighbor
this January!**

Sign up to deliver a package and make a
friendly phone call to an older adult
through DOROT's Winter Package Delivery.



Website: www.dorotusa.org

DOROT is a nonprofit organization addressing the challenges of an aging population.

We serve our clients with a diverse range of programs and services.

We deliver those programs and services through intergenerational connections with volunteers of all ages.

Winter Package Delivery Program

DOROT's Winter Package Delivery program brings hundreds of older adults and volunteers together to share warmth and companionship. Join us on January 30 and January 31 in Manhattan or Westchester for this incredible volunteer opportunity and bring joy to an isolated older adult in the community.

Volunteers will:

1. Pick up a Winter Care Package.
2. Deliver the package to an older adult.
3. Connect with the older adult by phone for a 20–30-minute friendly phone call.

Advance registration is required. Register today at: www.dorotusa.org/winter.

911 Memorial & Museum



Website: <https://www.911memorial.org>

Summer Retail Greeter Volunteer

In College and looking for a fantastic opportunity for over the Summer? The 9/11 Memorial & Museum welcomes millions of visitors each year from around the world. We are looking for volunteers to help us in our busy Summer season to assist in our Museum store. The 9/11 Memorial Museum Retail Greeter assists by providing an informative, meaningful and quality visitor experience. We are looking for help during our busy Summer season. The Retail Greeter will welcome and greet visitors into the store and provide visitors with accurate and helpful information that positively enhances their visit.

Duties include:

- Assist in welcoming and providing a memorable experience for visitors to the 9/11 Memorial & Museum store
- Provide information regarding products and their connection to the Memorial.
- Manage crowd control procedures inside Museum store.
- Accurately answer visitor questions, concerns and complaints promptly and efficiently utilizing information provided by the 9/11 Memorial during training.

Requirements:

- Background Check
- Must be at least 16
- Orientation or Training
- Minimum - 8 hours a week, during the summer.

For questions about becoming a volunteer, send an e-mail to volunteer@911memorial.org.

Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen



<https://holypostlesnyc.org/soup-kitchen-and-pantry/>

Our mission is to feed the hungry, comfort the afflicted, seek justice for people experiencing homelessness, and provide hope and opportunity to those in need.

Volunteers are the heart of our whole operation.

From packing lunches to serving a hot meal, distributing pantry bags of food to passing out haircut vouchers, it is our volunteers who enable us to be here for our guests.

You can sign up to volunteer any weekday.

Sign up for an available shift on hask.volunteerhub.com. We have shifts available Monday-Friday from 9:15am-1:15pm, and on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 1pm-3pm.

Department of Aging - Friendly Visitor Program



Website: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dfta/services/friendly-programs.page>

New York City is home to approximately 1.64 million older adults, and the Department for the Aging (DFTA) is committed to helping them age with dignity in their homes and communities. Our mission is to eliminate ageism and ensure the quality of life of diverse older adults. We also work to support caregivers through service, advocacy, and education.

Volunteers Needed - Friendly Visitor Program

The Friendly Visitor Program provides a meaningful friendship to seniors who are no longer able to leave their homes. Volunteers chat with a homebound senior via ***phone, in-person, or both***, alleviating social isolation and providing companionship for the senior, and for the volunteer, too.

Volunteers in this program commit for a period of six months, once a week for an hour. In-person volunteers must be fully vaccinated. The seniors for this program live in Washington Heights, West 110th Street to 235th Street and from the West Side to the River.

For more information, reach out to: Kathy Fuentes, Friendly Visitor Coordinator
kfuentes@mjhs.org / 212-342-9694 / cell: 919-699-3507.

If you live in other areas of Manhattan or any of the five boroughs, and you wish to volunteer in person, you can contact the Department of Aging at 212-244-2469 and they will give your information to the respective Friendly Visitor Coordinator in your area.

Need More Ideas?

The Volunteer Referral Center has been helping New Yorkers of all ages find great volunteer opportunities for 32 years. With over 300 partner agencies, VRC will guide you to a perfect match.



To schedule a free appointment sign up at <http://volunteer-referral.com/volunteer-opportunities-2/>

Click here <https://volunteer-referral.com/media-press-room/> to check out our Caring & Connecting During COVID-19 newsletters for more volunteer opportunities.



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