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Caring & Connecting Newsletter



Dear Friend,

Volunteer opportunities are 'springing' up all over New York City! The Volunteer Referral Center can help you find that special way to be engaged and make a difference.

The parks, the zoos, and the ballparks are open and ready for volunteers. From reading partners to hunger relief to disaster relief, great causes in your community are looking for your time and compassion.

Organizations featured in this edition of our Caring & Connecting Newsletter include:

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VRC's offices are reopening for in-person interviews this spring. Following the latest CDC guidelines and using our comprehensive, and personalized interview process, VRC will meet with you in our midtown location and match you with one of our 300 nonprofit partner agencies. VRC can help find the right volunteer opportunity for you, be it in-person or virtual.

Call us at (212) 889-4805 or visit our website <https://volunteer-referral.com/volunteer-opportunities-2/> and set up your free appointment.

All the best to you,

Deborah McCandless, President

Carolyn Ng, Executive Director

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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.

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American Red Cross



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

If you're passionate about helping people and looking for a volunteer career with a visionary humanitarian organization, you can make a difference with the American Red Cross. Red Cross volunteers are ordinary individuals who are empowered to do extraordinary things. Take the first step to becoming a volunteer with the American Red Cross Greater New York Region by clicking the link below.

Blood Collection Support: Join a lifesaving team to help support blood collections in your community. Click *"Apply Now,"* (see link below) then search for *"Blood"* or *"Biomed"* in the search bar to find positions.

Disaster Action Team: You can be part of a team that helps people who are forced from their homes due to fires, storms and other disasters. Click *"Apply Now,"* then search for *"DAT"* or *"Disaster Action Team"* in the search bar to find positions. Please note that positions will vary by location.

Please note: Volunteers applying for in-person position assignments must be fully vaccinated. Instructions on providing information and supporting documentation of vaccination will be provided once you submit your application.

For more information and to apply click here: <https://www.redcross.org/volunteer/become-a-volunteer/urgent-need-for-volunteers.html/?icid=surge&imed=referral&isource=lobib>

DREAM (formerly Harlem RBI)



Website: <https://wearedream.org>

DREAM provides inner-city youth with opportunities to Play, Learn, and Grow. We use the power of team to Coach, Teach, and Inspire youth to recognize their potential and realize their dreams.

Volunteer Rookies T-Ball Coaches

Working with the Volunteer Manager and the Athletics, Health, and Wellness Manager, the Volunteer Rookies Coaches will facilitate T-Ball practices and games for rising 1st and 2nd graders (ages 5-7). Sign up here: <https://startup.jobs/summer-22-rookies-t-ball-coach-volunteer-dream-2899633>

Volunteer Homework Helper

Homework Helpers work with elementary school students individually and in groups to complete their homework and grow academically. Homework Helpers work alongside program staff to support students in subjects including mathematics, reading/writing, social studies, and science. The ideal candidate is passionate about youth development, has a strong academic background, and has prior tutoring or teaching experience. To apply to volunteer, click here: <https://wearedream.org/volunteer-form/>

Volunteer Baseball/Softball Coaches

DREAM is seeking volunteer coaches to work with youth between the ages of 11-18 in practices and games. Coaches teach baseball/softball and provide youth with opportunities to play, learn, and grow, inspiring them to recognize their potential and realize their dreams.

The ideal candidate is passionate about youth development, has played and/or coached baseball/softball, and is an effective communicator.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Coach youth in technical skills, team building and personal development
- Lead practices, facilitate team meetings, and attend professional development trainings
- Provide a positive, team-based environment focused on teaching baseball, softball, and life skills
- Attend one weeknight practice and one weekend game each week during the season

Qualifications

- Organizational skills, energy, and flexibility
- Solid oral communication skills
- Ability to commit to the coaching position for at least one full season
- Baseball/Softball playing or coaching experience for ages 13 and up
- Experience with inner-city coaching a plus

You must be at least 18 years of age. Hours Time commitment varies by age group but is generally 4-8 hours/week. **To apply to volunteer, click here:** <https://wearedream.org/volunteer-form/>

Central Park Conservancy



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

Central Park is New York City's 843-acre backyard, an essential space that welcomes over 42 million visitors annually. The City of New York has entrusted the Central Park Conservancy with the complete day-to-day care of this iconic public space, which requires dedicated expertise that we've honed during our 40-year history.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer activities will resume this spring after winter hiatus. If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out a [Central Park Conservancy Application](#) (link below) indicating your interest in any upcoming volunteer opportunities.

The following are the volunteer positions available:

- Greeters
- Weekly Landscape Volunteers
- Saturday Green Team Volunteers
- Teen Volunteer Days
- Tour Guides
- Family Volunteer Days
- Corporate "Day in the Dirt"
- School Group Volunteer Days

For more information and to fill out an application click here: <https://www.centralparknyc.org/volunteer>

Prospect Park Zoo



Website: <https://prospectparkzoo.com/>

The Prospect Park Zoo is part of an effort to save wildlife that began 120 years ago with the creation of the New York Zoological Society, an organization founded on science and hope, which has since grown to become the Wildlife Conservation Society.

The Prospect Park Zoo offers two ways to volunteer:

- **Discovery Guide** (Youth Volunteer 14 - 24 years) - you'll answer questions about animals, direct visitors around the zoo, help out at special events, and run children's activities. **Click here for more information and to apply:** <https://prospectparkzoo.com/volunteering/discovery-guide>
 - **Adult Volunteer** (21+ years) - you'll interpret animal exhibits, lead tours, interact with families in the Discovery Center, assist with educational programs, and have the opportunity to train as a narrator for daily Sea Lion feedings. **For more information and to apply, click here:** <https://prospectparkzoo.com/volunteering/adult-volunteers>
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Slice Out Hunger



Website: <http://www.sliceouthunger.org/>

Slice Out Hunger produces pizza-related events and campaigns to fight food insecurity across the U.S.

Pie It Forward

Pie it Forward is an ongoing project that is designed to get pizza to the nation's food insecure by setting up deliveries to soup kitchens, food banks, free meal programs, senior centers, clinics, and hunger action centers. As a virtual volunteer, you would be assigned hunger action centers to contact by phone so you can work with them on the logistics of what day and time will be best for a delivery.

This is an ongoing project so we've divided the year up into roughly quarterly sessions. We ask that you commit 2 or more hours on weekdays (those hours can and should be broken up into 30-45 min intervals throughout the week) for one or more of the following sessions:

- Session II - March 13 - June 4
- Session III - May 29 - Aug 27
- Session IV - Aug 21 - Nov 19

Onboarding sessions to get you up to speed on making calls and moving requests through our project management system, will be offered on Zoom the first week of each session.

Who can volunteer?

We welcome all volunteers 18 years or older. This is a virtual project so all you need is access to a phone, computer, and WIFI and you're all set!

You can sign up using by clicking this link: <https://sliceouthunger.org/volunteer> Fill out the form with your contact information and we will reach out with potential dates for your virtual onboarding session. You can email any questions to info@sliceouthunger.org.

Reading Partners



Reading Partner's mission is to help children become lifelong readers by empowering communities to provide individualized instruction with measurable results.

Reading Partners is excited to launch their **Spring Into Action Campaign** to engage more organizations and volunteers in impactful 1:1 literacy tutoring. They have more than a hundred students currently waiting to be paired with a tutor.

There is an urgent need for tutors from **8 am - 2 pm**.

If you are interested, please click

here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1D_98EBWRV1atFX4JEzVWEe-ae27DYbS7B8kHMC8YEFQ/viewform?edit_requested=true

For more information about volunteering with Reading Partners, click

here: <https://readingpartners.org/volunteer-new-york-city/>

Need More Ideas?

The Volunteer Referral Center has been helping New Yorkers of all ages find great volunteer opportunities for 33 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 previous Caring & Connecting newsletters for more volunteer opportunities.



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