

# Needham Youth Services Volunteer Opportunities in Needham



## Introduction

Welcome to the Youth Services Volunteer Program: Opportunities in Needham!  
Our volunteer opportunities are listed under the following categories

- **Animals:** volunteer opportunities with organizations that care for and work with animals. These organizations include rescue shelters, therapeutic riding programs, and more.
- **Arts & Entertainment:** volunteer opportunities pertaining to art, music, communication, and entertainment organizations. These organizations include music centers, television stations, and more.
- **Community Outreach:** volunteer opportunities to work with organizations focusing on issues surrounding the community. These organizations include tutoring programs, special needs programs, and more
- **Environmental:** volunteer opportunities in organizations that support ecological conservation and sustainability. These organizations include local farms, local park conservation programs, and more.
- **Human Services:** volunteer opportunities with organizations created to help people in need. These organizations include elderly care facilities, hospitals, and more.
- **Temporary opportunities are listed at the end.**

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**Temporary opportunities listed last**

## Animal Volunteer Opportunities

Name of Organization	Location	Volunteer Position	Age Minimum	Contact Information
Science Center at Needham	Needham, MA	Contact for available positions	Contact for age information	(781) 455-0475 (Ask for Mary)

## Arts and Entertainment Volunteer Opportunities

Name of Organization	Location	Volunteer Position	Age Minimum	Contact Information
Great Hall Performance Foundation	Needham, MA	Contact for available positions	Grade 9+	<a href="mailto:margiebrodsky@yahoo.com">margiebrodsky@yahoo.com</a>
Plugged In	Needham, MA	<i>Pending</i>		
The Needham Channel	Needham, MA	Contact for available positions	13+	<a href="mailto:info@needhamchannel.org">info@needhamchannel.org</a>

## Community Outreach Volunteer Opportunities

Name of Organization	Location	Volunteer Position	Age Minimum	Contact Information
Charles River YMCA	Needham	Contact for available positions		(781) 449-6646
Chestnut Children's Center	Needham	<i>Pending</i>		
Circle of Hope	Needham	Contact for available positions		617-462-0669 <a href="#">Volunteer Application</a>
Community Center of Needham	Needham	- Luminary Stroll Planning Volunteer - Community Center Board Volunteer		<a href="mailto:katydirks@verizon.net">katydirks@verizon.net</a>
Congregational Church of Needham	Needham	- The Center Volunteer - Vacation Bible School Volunteer - Sunday Service Childcare Volunteer	Grade 9+ (The Center; Childcare)  Grade 6+ (Vacation Bible School)	Rev. Jamie Green Klopotski: 781-444-2520 ext 104 <a href="mailto:revjamie@needhamucc.org">revjamie@needhamucc.org</a>

JCC Youth Literacy Corps	Roxbury (JCC van picks up volunteers at Needham High School)	- Corps Member	Grade 9+	<a href="mailto:teens@jccgb.org">teens@jccgb.org</a> <a href="#">Volunteer Application</a>
Needham Community Council	Needham	Contact Kris DeGraw Danna for available positions	Grade 9+	Kris DeGraw Danna: 781-444-2415 ext. 1034 <a href="mailto:kddanna@needhamcommunitycouncil.org">kddanna@needhamcommunitycouncil.org</a>
Needham Council on Aging	Needham	- Friendly visitor - Group leader - Group teacher - Newsletter Volunteer - Receptionist Volunteer - Clerical Volunteer		781-455-7555
Needham Exchange Club	Needham	- 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Celebration Volunteer		Mark McDonough: 781-264-6582 <a href="mailto:mjmcdonough1@verizon.net">mjmcdonough1@verizon.net</a>
Needham Free Public Library	Needham	- Library Volunteer		<a href="#">Volunteer Application</a>
Needham Historical Society	Needham	- Docent Volunteer - Gift Shop Volunteer - Membership and Fundraising Volunteer - Program and Hospitality Volunteer - Special Events Volunteer		<a href="mailto:greis@needhamhistory.org">greis@needhamhistory.org</a> <a href="#">Volunteer Application</a>
Needham Park and Recreation	Needham	- Summer Camp Program Volunteer (variety of programs) - Rosemary Pool Swim Instructor Assistant	Grade 6+ (confirm age req)	<a href="#">Position Information and Volunteer Application</a>
Needham Park and Recreation	Needham	Snow Dayz Volunteer looking for help with crafts and games during February vacation. Program meets Tues to Friday 16-19 from 9am-12pm at Mitchell	High School	Sarah Mallard (781)455-7550; Option 3 <a href="mailto:smallard@needhamma.gov">smallard@needhamma.gov</a>
Needham Women's Club	Needham	Contact Sharyn Greenstein for available position information	Grade 9+	<a href="mailto:sagreenstein@comcast.net">sagreenstein@comcast.net</a>
Needham Youth Services	Needham	VIP program. Spots available for "Big" VIPs. Meets Tuesday evenings.	Grades 9+	<a href="mailto:kcolthart@needhama.gov">kcolthart@needhama.gov</a>

		November to April. Contact Katy Colthart		
Needham Youth Services	Needham	-Peer Tutor Program - Tutors needed Meets weekly from October until end of school year. Contact Liz Loveless	Grades 9+	<a href="mailto:ctracey@needhamma.gov">ctracey@needhamma.gov</a>
Needham Youth Services	Needham	-Project VAN Summer dates run July 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, and 30 <sup>th</sup> . Contact Liz Loveless	Grades 9+	<a href="mailto:ctracey@needhamma.gov">ctracey@needhamma.gov</a>
The Friendship Circle	Needham	- Friend at Home Volunteer - Holiday Program Volunteer		<a href="mailto:friendship@jewishneedham.com">friendship@jewishneedham.com</a>

### Environmental Volunteer Opportunities

Name of Organization	Location	Volunteer Position	Age Minimum	Contact Information
Conservation Department	Needham	- Clerical Volunteer		Matthew Varrell: 781-455-7500x248  <a href="mailto:mvarrell@needhamma.gov">mvarrell@needhamma.gov</a>
Needham Community Farm	Needham	- Open Summer Volunteer		<a href="mailto:Needhamcommunityfarm.outreach@gmail.com">Needhamcommunityfarm.outreach@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:volunteers@needhamfarm.org">volunteers@needhamfarm.org</a>

### Human Services Volunteer Opportunities

Name of Organization	Location	Volunteer Position	Age Minimum	Contact Information
Avery Crossing Assisted Living	Needham	<i>Pending</i>		
Avery Manor	Needham	<i>Pending</i>		
Best Buddies	Needham (NHS and Pollard)	- Buddy Volunteer	Grade 9-12	<i>Find out who runs BB at schools)</i>
Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital	Needham	- Gift Shop Volunteer - Patient Escort Volunteer - Greeter Volunteer	15+	<a href="mailto:khinden@bidneedham.org">khinden@bidneedham.org</a>  <a href="#">Volunteer Application</a>
Briarwood	Needham	<i>Pending</i>		

Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center				
Charles River Center	Needham	Annual 5k Run/Walk event volunteer (contact for specifics)		Hilary Ryan at: <a href="mailto:hryan@charlesrivercenter.org">hryan@charlesrivercenter.org</a>
Needham Community Council	Needham	Contact for position information	13+	<a href="mailto:kddanna@needhamcommunitycouncil.org">kddanna@needhamcommunitycouncil.org</a>
North Hill Retirement Community	Needham	<i>Pending</i>		
Walker School	Needham	- Club Volunteer - Special Events Assistant - Library Volunteer - Office Assistant		<a href="mailto:mmarshall@walkerschool.org">mmarshall@walkerschool.org</a>
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# Temporary Opportunities

## Student Community Service Program with Carter Church

We are looking to build a team of students over time to engage with in fulfilling their Community Service hours. We see this as a long-term relationship with the school and the students.

We can offer students the chance to participate in fun, diverse, and meaningful projects that have impact on a local, national, and international scale. Students can select among the available projects as they wish - they can choose to focus on one or two projects or experience a wide variety of projects. We can offer students at least 30 – 60 service hours in projects that they can space out as they wish over up to four years. We invite anyone to apply; no religious affiliation is required. Students are welcome to apply at any time from their freshman year through their senior year. Some examples of available programs include:

**Helping the Hungry (May 7 and May 21, 2017).** There are two activities during May focused on helping the hungry. On May 7, we are sponsoring a group of people who will be doing the Walk for Hunger. And on May 21, we will be sponsoring a Rise Against Hunger event, where a large group will pack 10,000+ meals to be distributed to needy children in school meal programs overseas.

**Assisting at Vacation Bible Camp (June 26-30, 2017).** Serving as a counselor at our Vacation Bible School, which is an affordable week long summer camp experience for children in Needham.

**Helping at our Pumpkin Patch (October 2017).** Helping to unload pumpkins from trucks and assisting and welcoming visitors. We purchase the pumpkins from a farm located on a Navajo reservation in New Mexico which provides employment and financial support for the Navajo people. All proceeds after paying for the pumpkins are donated to service and charitable organizations.

**Organizing Gifts for Foster Children (December 2017).** Helping to organize holiday gifts for foster children being supported by the Massachusetts Department of Family Services.

**Supporting our Christmas Tree Recycling Program (January 2017).** Helping on trucks which pick up Christmas trees from Needham homes and deliver them to the Town recycling station to be composted. The service is free but donations are accepted. All donations are contributed to charity – in 2016, the donations went to the Needham Community Council and to the Needham Gift of Warmth program. In previous years, the program has supported the global Imagine No Malaria program.

**Assisting at our Bread of Life Community Meal Program (Ongoing).** Helping to prepare food, serve and clean up at our Bread of Life community meal. This is a free meal which allows those who attend to have fellowship and music during dinner.

**Volunteering at service organizations (Ongoing).** Joining groups of people to volunteer at Boston area service organizations such as Rosie's Place, the Greater Boston Food Bank, Generic Ministry, and Common Cathedral. The latter two organizations support the homeless in Boston.

We offer scholarships to graduating students based on community service. Students who participate in this program are welcome to apply for these scholarships.

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## Rise Against Hunger event at Carter Church (May 21, 2017)

**Event:** On May 21, we are sponsoring a large group who will pack 10,000 or more nutritious meals for the needy through a program with Rise Against Hunger. This organization distributes literally millions of meals each year, primarily to school feeding programs in developing countries. We understand from other groups that have hosted events that it is a great service activity which brings together people of all ages. This activity is available as part of a program of community service activities that students can participate in to obtain 30 or 60 hours of community service.

**What Will We Do?:** We will do assembly line packaging of dehydrated meals. The meals are comprised of rice, soy, vegetables, and 23 essential vitamins and minerals. We understand that a group of 40-50 or more people can pack 10,000+ meals in two hours.

**When:** Sunday, March 21 at 12:00 noon.

**Where:** Carter Church, 800 Highland Ave., Needham

**Who:** This event is for all ages – including children as young as five, youth, and adults of all ages. There are a variety of different roles in the packing process so that people can be given an appropriate role.

**Website:** The website for Rise Against Hunger's meal packaging program is <http://www.riseagainsthunger.org/get-involved/host-a-meal-packaging-event/>

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