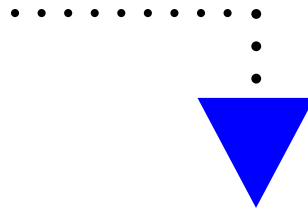


**"How wonderful it is that no one  
need wait a single moment to  
start to improve the world."**

**- Anne Frank**



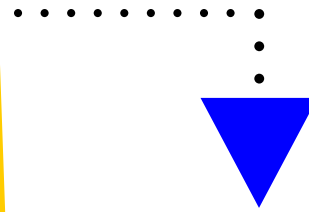
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# **B'nai Mitzvah & Teen Volunteer Opportunities**

~Welcome~

Follow your passion and find a "Mitzvah" volunteer opportunity that will give you a sense of accomplishment as you set out to repair the world!



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Happy to meet up in person to help in your decision-making. Be in touch!

Susan Hyman at [shyman@jfcfcleve.org](mailto:shyman@jfcfcleve.org) or call 216-593-2887



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## ANIMAL CARE

### GEAUGA HUMANE SOCIETY'S RESCUE VILLAGE

*Acts on behalf of animals and inspires people to build a more humane community. This organization envisions a humane world where animals are treated with compassion and respect.*

- Ages:** 12+ accompanied by a parent/guardian
- Position:** **Cat Tales and Dog Tales Volunteer**
- Description:** Reading helps bring comfort to and reduce anxiety of sheltered animals. They learn how to relax around kids and teaches high energy animals to be calm.
- When:** Monday - Friday varied hours
- Time:** Afterschool hrs.
- Requirements:** Complete an online application form
- Contact:** Pamela Pray, Volunteer Assistant  
(440) 338-4819, ext. 18  
volunteer@geaugahumane.org



**Address:** 15463 Chillicothe Rd.  
Russell Twp., OH 44072

**Web Address:** [www.geaugahumane.org](http://www.geaugahumane.org)



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## BE A SPECIAL FRIEND

### BLUE RIBBON—SOLON RECREATION

*Blue Ribbon provides community-based recreation activities for people with developmental disabilities, enabling them to enhance their potential by sharing in the emotional, social & physical benefits through community based activities.*

**Ages:** 13—18

**Description:** Teen volunteers needed to serve the special needs population, ages 5+ in sports, life-skills, special events and fitness.

**When:** Varied hrs.

**Contact:** Linda Creviston, Yachad Assistant  
(440) 337-1427  
lcreviston@solonohio.org

**Address:** 34200 Bainbridge Rd.  
Solon, OH 44139



**Web Address:**  
<https://www.solonohio.org/793/Blue-Ribbon-Adapted-Recreation-Programming>



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## BE A SPECIAL FRIEND

### CLEVELAND YACHAD

*Yachad, meaning "togetherness", is an inclusive group of individuals with developmental disabilities & mainstream high school and university students who meet to socialize and have fun.*

**Ages:** 13+

**Description:** Enhance and advance the lives of those with special needs in our community

**When:** Varies

**Contact:** Olivia Kushner, Yachad Assistant  
(216) 299-1004  
clevelandyachad@ou.org



**Address:** 4429 Baintree Rd.  
University Heights, OH 44118

**Web Address:** [www.yachad.org/cleveland](http://www.yachad.org/cleveland)



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## BE A SPECIAL FRIEND

### FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

*Connects children with special needs with teenage volunteers for friendship, while providing a full range of social and recreational experiences, plus provides parents and siblings with respite and support.*

**Ages:** 12+

**Description:** Teen volunteers needed to serve the special needs population, ages 5+ in sports, life-skills, special events and fitness.

**When:** Varied hrs.

**Contact:** Estie Marazov, Co-Director  
(216) 377-3000. ext. 1005  
Estie@friendscleveland.com



**Address:** 27900 Gates Mills Blvd.  
Pepper Pike, OH 44124

**Web Address:** [www.friendscleveland.com](http://www.friendscleveland.com)



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## CARE FOR THE ELDERLY

### MENORAH PARK

*Enriches the lives of seniors and those requiring specialized quality health care through direct services, research and education with respect and dignity in a framework of Jewish values.*

**Ages:** 12 +

**Description:** Work with elderly residents in a variety of ways such as: be a friendly-visitor; escort wheelchair-bound residents to special events, read to a resident

**When:** It's flexible!

**Contact:** Vicki Snyder, Director of Volunteer Services  
(216) 831-6500  
vsnyder@menorahpark.org



**Address:** 27100 Cedar Rd.  
Cleveland, OH 44122

**Web Address:** [www.menorahpark.org](http://www.menorahpark.org)



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## CARE FOR THE ELDERLY

### MONTEFIORE

*Montefiore cares for Cleveland's aging Jewish and general community by providing excellent and comprehensive care to individuals as they age and supports to families.*

**Ages:** 12—18

**Description:** Enhance the lives of senior adults by interacting with them in activities such as bingo, arts & crafts, reading or “adopt” a grandparent or learn about the Junior Volunteer summer program

**When:** It's flexible!

**Requirements:** Complete an online application form, interview & background check

**Contact:** Diane Weiner, Volunteer Manager  
(216) 910-2566  
dweiner@montefiorecare.org



**Address:** 1 David N. Myers Pkwy.  
Beachwood, OH 44122

**Web Address:** [www.montefiorecare.org](http://www.montefiorecare.org)



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## CARE FOR THE SICK

### CLEVELAND CLINIC

*A world class hospital in patient experience, clinical outcomes, research and education. Volunteers serve as ambassadors by fulfilling the organization's mission.*

**Ages:** 15+

**Position:** **Junior Ambassador**

**Description:** Greet and escort patients and families from all over the world; deliver flowers, magazines and mail to patients; Volunteer with special projects or events

**When:** Monday - Friday

**Time:** TBD

**Requirements:** Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better; complete online application form by end of March; group interview; attend mandatory; orientation in June

**Contact:** Jennifer Reinke, Volunteer Services Director  
(216) 445-2588  
reinkej@ccf.org



**Address:** 9500 Euclid Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44195

**Web Address:**  
<https://my.clevelandclinic.org>



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## CARE FOR THE SICK

### UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS

Advances the science of health and the art of compassion treating those in the community with respect and empathy.

**Ages:** 15+

**Position:** **Summer Youth Volunteer Assistant**

**Description:** Deliver flowers, distribute books and magazines to patients, clerical duties and more in a caring and safe environment.

**When:** Monday - Friday

**Time:** 3—4 hrs. /wk.

**Requirements:** Complete an online application form by the end of April, attend an information meeting and interview

**Contact:** Margaret Galla, Volunteer Services  
(216) 445-6986  
margaret.galla@uhhospitals.org



**Address:** 11100 Euclid Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44106

**Web Address:**  
[www.uhhospitals.org](http://www.uhhospitals.org)



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## EDUCATION & LITERACY

### CLEVELAND KIDS' BOOK BANK

*Fosters improved literacy and a love of reading by providing free books to children in need in Greater Cleveland.*

**Ages:** 13+

**Description:** Sort and pack donated books by category for distribution to schools, community centers & Little Neighborhood Libraries

**When:** Monday — Friday

**Time:** Various shifts available

**Contact:** Colleen Watt, Volunteer Coordinator  
(216) 382-7202  
colleen@kidsbookbank.org



**Address:** 3635 Perkins Ave., Ste. 1E  
Cleveland, OH 44114

**Web Address:** [www.kidsbookbank.org](http://www.kidsbookbank.org)



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# EDUCATION & LITERACY

## CUYAHOGA COUNTY LIBRARY

*The very best in public library services and dedicated to creating an environment where reading, life-long learning and civic engagement thrive.*

**Ages:** 14+

**Description:** Help children in Grades 1-3 develop critical reading skills in the 1-2-3 READ program

Tutor children in subjects such as: Language Arts, Science, Math, Social Studies

**When:** Monday — Friday

**Time:** Various times afterschool beginning at 4:30 pm

**Requirements:** Complete an online application form & background check

**Contact:** Nicole Beleske, Volunteer Coordinator  
(216) 749-9400  
nbeleske@cuyahogacountylibrary.org



Cuyahoga County  
Public Library

**Address:** Various branches throughout CLE

**Web Address:** [www.cuyahogacountylibrary.org](http://www.cuyahogacountylibrary.org)



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## GOING GREEN

### DRINK LOCAL.DRINK TAP

*Inspires individuals to recognize and solve our water issues through creative education, events and providing safe water access to people in need.*

**Ages:** 12+

**Description:** Volunteer to be on a beach cleanup crew for a few hours To keep Great Lake Erie Great!

**When:** April—September - One Sunday/month

**Time:** Mornings

**Contact:** Russa Wenzel, Executive Assistant  
(440) 381-6430  
russa@drinklocaldrinktap.org



**DRINK LOCAL  
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**Address:** 1455 West 29th St.  
Cleveland, OH 44133

**Web Address:** [www.drinklocaldrinktap.org](http://www.drinklocaldrinktap.org)



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## GOING GREEN

### NATURE CENTER AT SHAKER LAKES - Spring & Summer

*Conserves a natural area, connects people with nature and inspires environmental stewardship.*

**Ages:** 13+

**Position:** **Outdoor Adventure Camp Assistant**

**Description:** Work with children ages 3-12. Assist naturalist staff to manage and educate campers with hands-in educational games and crafts.

**Position:** **Youth Stewardship Assistant**

**Description:** Learn all about land management while doing trail and invasive species management, native species cultivation and landscaping.

**When:** Monday - Friday

**Time:** 9:30 am —3:30 pm

**Requirements:** Complete online application, interview and reference check

**Contact:** Kristina Arthur, Volunteer Coordinator  
(216) 321-5935, ext. 237  
volunteer@shakerlakes.org



**Address:** 2600 South Park Blvd.  
Cleveland, OH 44120

**Web Address:** [www.shakerlakes.org](http://www.shakerlakes.org)



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# HUNGER RELIEF

## CLEVELAND KOSHER FOOD PANTRY

*The Cleveland Kosher Food Pantry, a partner agency of the Cleveland Food Bank, leads our community in the fight against hunger as CKFP volunteers serve struggling families in Cleveland's Eastern suburbs.*

**Age/Grade:** 13+

**Description:** Help sort and deliver food to senior apartment complexes, provide friendly home visits when delivering food to shut-ins. Pack nonperishable food that is distributed to over 4,000 clients each month.

**When:** Sunday - Thursday

**Time:** Various shifts available

**Contact:** Rivka Goldstein, Program Director  
(216) 382-7202  
info@kosherfb.org



**Address:** 2004 S. Green Rd.  
Cleveland, OH 44121

**Web Address:** [www.kosherfb.org](http://www.kosherfb.org)



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# HUNGER RELIEF

## GREATER CLEVELAND FOOD BANK

*The largest hunger relief organization in northeast Ohio that works to ensure that everyone in our communities has the nutritious food they need every day.*

**Age/Grade:** 12+

**Description:** **Sort and Pack** canned goods and non-perishable food items

**Community Kitchen** - make food distributed to schools, hunger centers and community center. provide friendly home visits when delivering food to shut-ins. Pack nonperishable food that is distributed to over 4,000 clients each month.

**When:** Monday - Friday

**Time:** Various 2-hr. shifts available

**Contact:** Al Fratus, Volunteer Services Manager  
216-738-2053  
afratus@greaterclevelandfoodbank.org



**Address:** 15500 S. Waterloo Rd.  
Cleveland, OH 44120

**Phone:** (216) 738-2265

**Web Address:** [www.greaterclevelandfoodbank.org](http://www.greaterclevelandfoodbank.org)



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## POPULATIONS AT-RISK

### AMERICAN RED CROSS

*Prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.*

**Ages:** 14+

**Position:** **Donor Ambassador**

**Description:** Greet blood donors and be their liaison with the medical care team.

**When:** 1 shift per month minimum of 4 hrs.

**Requirements:** Complete an online application form

**Contact:** Melanie Collins, Volunteer Recruitment Representative  
(330) 204-6615  
Melanie.collins4@redcross.org



**Address:** 3747 Euclid Ave.  
Cleveland, OH 44115

**Web Address:** <https://www.redcross.org/local/ohio/northeast/about-us/locations/greater-cleveland.html>



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## POPULATIONS AT-RISK

### CLEVELAND CHESED CENTER

*Our mission is to ease the financial burden on Jewish families throughout Cleveland by providing access to food, clothing, household necessities and furniture at no cost, all while respecting privacy and dignity.*

**Ages:** 12+

**Description:** Sort, fold and organize donated clothing, unpack canned goods, household items and hygiene products

**When:** It's flexible!

**Requirements:** Complete an online application form

**Contact:** Meira Friedman, Manager  
(216) 932-3115  
info@clevelandchesedcenter.org



**Address:** 1898 S. Taylor Rd.  
University Heights, OH 44118

**Web Address:** [www.clevelandchesedcenter.org](http://www.clevelandchesedcenter.org)



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