

IDEAS FOR VOLUNTEERING AT HOME

You can still make a difference in your community from your home. Here are some ideas to get you started.

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- Organize a neighborhood food drive for your local Food Bank
- Write cards to nursing home residents who can't have visitors
- Perform outdoor yard work for local residents in need
- Make bookmarks for your library
- Collect hotel-sized toiletries to donate to a local shelter
- Collect pet food for the Meals on Wheels AniMeals program
- Decorate paper lunch bags with inspirational messages and quotes for the local senior center or Meals on Wheels
- Paint rocks with inspirational messages and leave them around your neighborhood or donate to a local organization (our public library loves them)
- Start a lending library
- Write letters to overseas soldiers
- Decorate the covers of blank composition notebooks or one-subject notebooks for organizations like Children's Safe Harbor (childrenssafeharbor.org)
- Make dog and cat toys for the animal shelter
- Decorate cards for Angel Tree (prisonfellowship.org/about/angel-tree/)
- Tutor students on Zoom
- Become a volunteer writer for a community magazine
- Sew cloth masks or make headbands with buttons for masks
- Make no-sew blankets to donate to a local shelter or for Project Linus (www.projectlinus.org)
- Read to local children on Zoom
- Become a digital volunteer for the Smithsonian (<https://www.si.edu/volunteer/DigitalVolunteers>)
- Make and deliver sack lunches for a food pantry
- Pick up trash on walks around your community
- Write letters to local hospital staff
- Deliver food for Meals on Wheels
- Knit hats, blankets, bears and more for organizations in need (themakeyourownzone.com/knitting-for-charity-10-ways-to-donate)
- Narrate or listen to audiobooks (learningally.org/Get-Involved/Volunteer-Opportunities)

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- Adopt a grandparent (<https://www.iheart.com/content/2020-03-26-nursing-home-lets-you-adopt-a-lonely-grandparent-in-isolation>)
- Find other local volunteer opportunities (volunteermatch.org)
- Be a virtual volunteer for the Library of Congress (<https://crowd.loc.gov/>)
- Check out the opportunities with DoSomething.org
- Organize a coat drive in your community or at your school to benefit a local homeless shelter
- Offer to mow neighbors' yards (<https://weareraisingmen.com/the-50-yard-challenge>)
- Help map areas where humanitarian organizations are trying to meet the needs of vulnerable people (<https://www.missingmaps.org/>)
- Help nonprofits in emerging markets (<https://www.givingway.com/search.give?searchMode=online>)
- Serve your local community, both virtually and in-person, through JustServe.org