

# ORGANIZING A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

REPAIR  
THE WORLD

## ASK YOURSELF

### WHAT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO THE COMMUNITY?

Volunteering is about having a real impact in a local community. Remember: the community defines what is helpful and your success is measured by the community's satisfaction, first and foremost.

### WHAT ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT?

Your passion is contagious. When you are passionate about the issue your friends will be motivated to join you.

Your passion is sustaining. It will keep you coming back and allow you to build relationships with an organization and community.

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## REACH OUT TO LOCAL NON-PROFITS & SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

**Search for organizations in your area** that are doing good work using your city and your area of interest such as “Miami Hunger Relief,” “Chicago Youth Mentoring,” and “Los Angeles Homelessness.”

**Call or send an e-mail** to the organization's volunteer coordinator. Some organizations have online sign ups.

**Check out a volunteer project aggregator** like [Hands-on-Network](#), [VolunteerMatch.org](#), [AllForGood.org](#), [United Way](#), [Feeding America](#), or your local Jewish Federation volunteering website.

**Don't get discouraged if you do not hear back right away.** Often organizations get hit with an influx of requests because of time of year (Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc.), because of current events, or something else. Follow up with them in a week or two.

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## PREPARE FOR THE DAY

**Research your passion area.**

Ask yourself: Who is most affected by this issue?  
Are there any news stories about this issue?

**Volunteering is more fun with friends!**

Send your friends the details to see if they want to join you.

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## REFLECT & FOLLOW UP

**Talk to your friends and fellow volunteers about the experience.** What did you like? What challenged you? What do you need to learn more about?

**Volunteer again:** experienced volunteers are really valuable to non-profits. If it wasn't your cup of tea, find another place that connects to your values and passions.

