

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES **-Nearby Westchester Organizations-**

FRENCH-AMERICAN SCHOOL OF NEW YORK

Please find below a list of nearby organizations for which students can volunteer. Many FASNY students have already had rewarding experiences at these institutions that in turn have greatly benefitted from FASNY students' participation. This list is **hardly** exhaustive. Internet searches, local papers and town halls can also provide information on volunteer opportunities in your respective communities.

NEW ROCHELLE HUMANE SOCIETY

5 Portman Road
New Rochelle, NY
914 632 2925

www.newrochellehumanesociety.org

AGE: 10-13 need to be accompanied by adult as "Family Volunteer"
14+ can volunteer alone as "Junior Volunteer"

GOAL: Help a Humane Society work to enable the adoption of stray, abandoned and abused cats and dogs.
WHAT YOU DO: fold laundry, straighten up shelves and closets, feed/water/give treats to dogs, clean food and water bowls, cuddle and play with cats to help socialize them, help at community outreach events.
WHAT'S REQUIRED: Fill out application; read handbook and attend training session held last Sunday of every month.
See website for dates and details.

AFYA

140 Saw Mill River Road
Yonkers, NY 10701
914-920-5081

www.afyafoundation.org

AFYA works closely with international relief organizations including Partners in Health. AFYA was a key supplier of medical and other supplies to Haiti after the earthquake.

AGE: Middle school and up.

GOAL: provide unused medical and other supplies to countries in need or in crisis.

WHAT YOU DO: sort and pack items to prepare for shipment.

WHAT'S REQUIRED: Nothing. Consult website for "Sunday Sort Days".

SARAH NEUMAN/JEWISH HOME LIFECARE

845 Palmer Avenue

Mamaroneck, NY
www.jewishhome.org

Volunteer coordinator: Amy Lionheart
alionheart@jhha.org 914-864-5140

AGE: 10-13 need to be accompanied by adult
 14+ can volunteer alone

GOAL: bring joy to the elderly

WHAT YOU DO: anything from reading a book out loud to playing checkers to bringing in your pet on pet day. All coordinated by volunteer office (in other words, you don't just show up)

WHAT'S REQUIRED:

- Contact Ms. Lionheart via email to request application and interview date.
- Attend orientation at date communicated during interview process
- Get medical clearance from your physician:
 - Annual physical form from Dr as long as it shows 2 dates for MMR vaccine
 - Childhood immunity record
 - TB skin test at center or at your Dr.

The medical clearance is necessary in order to protect the elderly from any potential illness or infection. This is required by many volunteer programs and in hospitals where volunteers could come into contact with frail or otherwise weak individuals.

THE SHARING SHELF/FAMILY SERVICES OF WESTCHESTER

47 Purdy Avenue
 Port Chester, NY

Founder: Deborah Blatt
thesharingshelf@fsw.org
www.fsw.org
 914-305-4868

AGES: 13 +

GOAL: provide nice gently used clothes to needy children in Westchester.

WHAT YOU DO: sort clothing by type, gender and size so that a week's worth of clothing can be sent to a child in need.

WHAT'S REQUIRED: Nothing – just pay attention to what you're sorting!

See website for weekly sorting hours and events.

Kids' Kloset: They collect and pack clothes for needy children

Pass it on...Kids' Kloset - A program of Westchester Jewish Community Services

Sign up can be done via e-mail or calling Kid's Kloset [\(914\)831-7616](tel:9148317616)

[For more information please e-mail or call Kid's Kloset: kidskloset@wjcs.com](mailto:kidskloset@wjcs.com)

Kid's Kloset site #:(914)831-7616

Our address: 170 E. Post Rd. off Mamaroneck Ave. in White Plains

Thank you,
Stephanie Roth,
Kid's Kloset, Founder and Director
(914)831-7616

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<http://www.facebook.com/pages/WJCS-Pass-It-On-Kids-Kloset/222243067788695?ref=ts&fref=ts>

Donation drop off location:

- 1) Directly at Kid's Kloset during volunteer/donation hours above
- 2) Straight A's wonderful educational toy store located at 180 E. Post Rd. in White Plains. 7 Days a week during business hours
- 3) WJCS Headquarters located at 845 N. Broadway, White Plains. Monday - Thursday 9am - 4pm and Friday 9am - 3pm
- 4) NYSC Larchmont - 7 days a week during club hours

NEW YORK SPECIAL OLYMPICS

1207 Route 9, Suite 1C

Wappinger Falls, NY 12590

Phone: (845) 765-2497

Linda Efraimsen, program coordinator
lefraimsen@nyso.org

Mercedes Vincent
Administrative Assistant
Vincent@nyso.org
www.nyso.org

AGE: Middle school and up. **NOTE: 16 and under must be accompanied by an adult**

GOAL: provide cheering, hugging and event support at sporting events in Westchester and Hudson Valley for special needs individuals.

WHAT'S REQUIRED: Nothing. Sign up for an event and on-site training provided.

THE MIRACLE LEAGUE OF WESTCHESTER

www.mlwny.org

Contact: Stephen Medey smadey@mswny.org

AGE: MATURE middle school students and older. Must feel comfortable working with children with special needs.

GOAL: enable special needs kids to participate in baseball and other sports and events from which they are generally excluded.

WHAT'S REQUIRED: Go to website, and go to "volunteer" tab. Register for contact information and complete appropriate release forms. Once registered, you will become part of a database and receive information about upcoming events where volunteers are needed.

The organization operates seasonally with the height of activity in the Spring and Fall and punctual events like open-air movie nights in the summer.

THE FOOD BANK OF WESTCHESTER

200 Clearbrook Road

Elmsford, NY

914-923-1100

www.foodbankofwestchester.org

Volunteer Coordinator: Nancy Lyons

Nancy.lyons@foodbankofwestchester.org

AGE: Middle School and up. Note: Children under 16 need to make special arrangements for registration.

GOAL: Provide food for needy families and individuals in Westchester

WHAT YOU DO: Sort and pack food for distribution

WHAT'S REQUIRED: nothing but you need to register with Ms. Lyons prior to an event in order to participate:

- Family re-pack days: 9-12 noon on 1st Saturday of every month.
- Community hours: 4-6 pm on 3rd Thursday of every month

THE LARCHMONT-MAMARONECK FOOD PANTRY

CAP Center

134 Center Avenue

Mamaroneck, NY

914-698-3558

www.lmfoodpantry.org

FASNY contact: Sarah Duffy

AGE: Middle school and older.

GOAL: provide food for needy individuals and families in Larchmont & Mamaroneck

WHAT YOU DO: Unload, organize, pack or help deliver groceries

WHAT'S REQUIRED: Prior sign-up with CAP via FASNY or directly.

FASNY works closely with the CAP Center in Mamaroneck and has packing days for FASNY students throughout the year. If your child misses these, you may contact the organization directly.

Habitat for Humanity of Westchester

Provide housing and eliminate homelessness in Westchester County and the world.

524 Main Street

New Rochelle

914-636-8335

www.habitatwc.org

Generally for high school students. Everyone under 18 must get parental waiver to work onsite. Mandatory orientation sessions. Contact: Jason@habitatwc.org

The Westchester Children's Museum

www.discoverwcm.org

914-421-5050

Contact: Pat Caruso at iluv2tch1@verizon.net or volunteer@discoverwcm.org

AGE: Grades 9-12

GOAL: keep outreach and educational events in the Museum Without Walls program going leading up to the construction of a children's museum in Westchester County and after it's up and running.

WHAT YOU DO: help out at educational events for kids; fundraising events

WHAT'S REQUIRED: sign up to register on website or with Ms. Giordano

The Westchester Children's Museum is due to open in 2014. Here's the description of the future site from the Museum organization:

The Westchester Children's Museum will be a vibrant, interactive learning space providing children, families and school groups the opportunity to nurture curiosity, enhance knowledge and ignite imagination through creative hands-on exploration. The WCM is committed to broadening knowledge of the arts, the environment, multiculturalism, and the local and global communities in an educational and recreational atmosphere.

HOPE – Community Services:

With the assistance and support of a host of volunteers, HOPE opened the doors of its first soup kitchen in 1984. Since its early days, HOPE has grown to become the largest emergency food pantry and soup kitchen in the region. Although HOPE Community Services was founded to respond to hunger in the community, it quickly became apparent that food was not the only thing our clients were lacking. Clothing, language skills, emotional support, immigration services, and other daily necessities were also needed. HOPE Community Services expanded its services to meet the needs of its diverse client population.

Volunteers: We have recruited over 300 volunteers to supplement our small paid staff of mostly part-time employees, making us one of New Rochelle's largest volunteer efforts.

Volunteer Opportunities at HOPE

If you wish to take advantage of any of these volunteer opportunities, you are more than welcome! You are required to schedule a date for groups of 3 or more people. Single volunteers can just show up.

Soup Kitchen

Dinner is served every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and the last two Mondays of the Month. Volunteers generally are needed between the hours of 4:30 and 6:00 PM on those days. Volunteers serve dinner to our clients, prepare “take-away” meals for distribution at the end of the meal and assist in clean up after dinner. **MINIMUM AGE: 13.**

Pantry

Pantry bags are distributed every other Wednesday between the hours of 9AM and 12NOON. Volunteers are needed every Tuesday and Wednesday between 9 and 12. Pantry volunteers help unload and sort non-perishables that are delivered to HOPE. On the Tuesdays of distribution weeks volunteers pack the bags that will be distributed the next day. **MINIMUM AGE: 13.**

Food Drives

HOPE encourages groups and individuals to conduct food drives in their neighborhoods. Please call us at 914-636-4010 for further information regarding the non-perishables needed.

If you require any additional information, please email us at info@hope-cs.org or call 914-636-4010.
50 Washington Avenue,
New Rochelle, NY 10801

Tommie Cares Foundation:

The Tommie Cares Foundation builds community, possibility, compassion, and understanding through inclusive, real-life adventures for those with special needs. With the assistance of local volunteers, we can do anything!

Email: info@tomiecares.org

Phone: 917-283-2292

Mail: **Tommie Cares Foundation**

74 S. Moger Ave

Mt. Kisco, NY 10549

OTHER RESOURCES

Volunteer Center for Southwestern Fairfield County
www.ucanhelp.org

Resource for volunteer opportunities in Southern Fairfield County

The United Way For Westchester and Hudson Valleys

www.volunteer-center.org

Resource for matching people with volunteer opportunities and events across region.

HOSPITALS:

Many hospitals have volunteer programs in which older teens can participate. Most will require medical clearance and a formal application process. The work involves everything from lending a hand in a department to comforting someone in need who might not have friends for family to rely on. CONTACT YOUR LOCAL HOSPITAL.

LIBRARIES:

City and town libraries have enriching volunteer programs for students of different ages, with preference for age 13 and up. Volunteers can do everything from help set up and monitor craft activities to participate in reading games. Teens can also help teens with computer and technical projects.

www.mamaronecklibrary.org

Teen coordinator: Ellen McTyre
emsmamaroneck@yahoo.com
 914 630-5875

www.larchmontlibrary.org

Teen coordinator: Rebecca Teglas rteglas@wlsmail.org

www.nrpl.org (New Rochelle)

Teen coordinator: Ken Petrilli
 914-813-3735

www.harrisonpl.org

Bonnie Tjomstal
 914-835-0324

www.ryelibrary.org

Kitty Little – Library Director, 914-231-3160 klittle@ryelibrary.org

Children’s coordinator: Donna Harvey – teens looking to work with children
dharvey@ryelibrary.org 914-231-3162

Teen coordinator: Bettyjane Surabian – teens looking to work with teens
bsurabian@ryelibrary.org 914-231-3161

NOTE: SCARSDALE LIBRARY DOES NOT WORK WITH VOLUNTEERS