

Volunteer Opportunities exist in many categories. Below are just a small sample of ideas. Start by determining how you would like to make a difference, then create a project that has personal meaning for you and your family.

Mazon- Food Insecurity

Beth Sholom Merow Family Mitzvah

Food Pantry

Help to stock shelves, organize food donations for distribution or create a fundraiser doing something you love to raise monetary donations.

Jewish Relief Agency

Warehouse in Northeast Philadelphia

One Sunday a month pack and/or deliver food boxes to those with food insecurities in different sections of Philadelphia.

Contact info: volunteering@jewishrelief.org

Philabundance

Jewish Family Services Food Pantry

Sunday Mission Breakfast

Volunteer at various homeless shelters.

Contact info: Philabundance <https://www.philabundance.org/volunteer> 215-339-0900; Jewish Family Services Food Pantry 609-822-1108; Sunday Mission Breakfast 877-306-HOME

Penn Hillel's Soup Kitchen

Volunteer to set up, feed and interact with guests. Prepare food to go.

Contact info: <https://pennhillel.org/program/soup-kitchen-at-hillel/>

University City Hospitality Coalition

Volunteers needed to help serve meals at multiple sites in University City.

Contact info: volunteers@uchphiladelphia.org

Organization: Saint John's Hospice

(1221 Race St)

Make food to be distributed to the homeless population. Can be as simple as PB and J Sandwiches.

Contact info: <https://saintjohnshospice.org/volunteer/volunteer-info/>

Hachnasat Orchim - Welcoming the Stranger

Philly Friendship Circle

Participate in their MVP program designed for young teens teaching them about inclusion. Spend Sunday afternoons gathering where teens are paired with children/teens with special needs to play together and develop friendships.

Contact info: <https://www.phillyfriendship.com/>

The Mitzvah Circle

Host a clothing collection drive, sort donations in the warehouse, create packages for those in need.

Contact info: <https://mitzvahcircle.org/volunteer/individuals-families-groups/>

JFCS-Jewish Family & Children's Services

Volunteer opportunities include grocery delivery, clothing drives, virtual volunteering and building relationships with seniors.

Contact info: <https://jfcsp Philly.org/children-teens/>

Cradles to Crayons

Cradles to Crayons is working to mitigate clothing insecurity in the Greater Philadelphia Area. Participate in hands on processing of goods that are donated, making them ready to distribute directly to children in need.

Contact info: <https://www.cradlestocrayons.org/philadelphia/take-action/volunteer/in-the-giving-factory/>

HIAS PA

Make welcome basket, make basic needs baskets, create a fundraiser doing something you love to raise donation money.

Contact info: <https://hiaspa.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

Reach Out and Read (ROR)

Collect books to donate to hospitals and other organizations.

Contact info: <https://reachoutandread.org/get-involved/>

Bikur Cholim – Caring for the Sick

The Jared Box

Give the gift of play by putting together boxes that will be donated to children in the hospital.

Contact info: thejaredbox@gmail.com

Sara Smiles Foundation

The charity creates Inspiration Kits to be sent to kids in the hospital. Set up an inspiration station to create notes for the kits or have a fundraiser for monetary donations.

Contact info: <https://saras-smiles.org/>

Kibud Zekanim – Honoring Our Elders

The NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community)

Participate in projects run through this JCFS agency to deliver food, complete projects for seniors and build relationships with clients.

Contact info: <https://jfcspshilly.org/the-norc-naturally-occurring-retirement-community/>

Ahavat Ha'Aretz – Stewardship of the Planet Earth

Jewish National Fund

Create a fundraiser doing something you love to raise money to plant trees in Israel.

Contact info: <https://www.jnf.org/>

Tza'ar Ba'alei Chayim – Caring for Animals

Thorncroft Equestrian Center

A center that provides riding lessons for people with special needs. Must be 13 years old to volunteer in person.

Contact info: volunteer@thorncroft.org; 610-644-1963

Israel Guide Dog

Create a fundraiser doing something you love to raise money for the Guide Dogs.

Contact info: <https://israelguidedog.org/>