



This list contains highlighted volunteer initiatives from members of the Greater Philadelphia Corporate Volunteer Council (GPCVC). If you would like to add your volunteer opportunities to the list, contact gpcvc@philafound.org.

The Philadelphia Foundation and GPCVC encourage everyone to follow [CDC guidelines](#) during the pandemic, especially if electing to volunteer in person. We are not recommending one type of volunteering over another and each person needs to use their best judgment when deciding how to volunteer. The GPCVC defers to each member company's internal policies and discretion when promoting volunteer opportunities to their employees. That includes any opportunities listed below.

LOCAL VIRTUAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

[Philadelphia Foundation Key Skills Hub](#)

The Key Skills Hub is a marketplace for volunteerism where the community and the corporate sector of Philadelphia meet to work towards improving the quality of life of our neighborhoods, our city and beyond. The hub matches passionate, skills-based volunteers with opportunities to donate their time to nonprofits seeking assistance in the areas of business strategy, marketing, accounting, graphic design, human resources, website development and more COVID-19 related projects are receiving priority matching at this time.

[2020 Census At Home Action](#)

Help ensure a complete and accurate 2020 Census count by calling households in census tracts with the lowest participation rates in order to encourage residents to complete the census.

[City of Philadelphia – Serve Philadelphia](#)

While the city is urging the general public to stay at home, volunteers are considered essential personnel during this time. The city encourages individuals who feel able to continue to visit the Mayor's Volunteer Corps portal to sign up for volunteer opportunities.

[COVID-19 Community Response Captain Program](#)

The COVID-19 Community Response Captain program is designed around the idea of everyday people helping each other. In times of shared crisis, we look to our friends, family, and neighbors for information and support. Upon completing the training, COVID-19 Community Response Captains will be able to relay the most accurate and updated information to their peers, and provide support when needed.

[Penn Medicine Notes of Gratitude](#)

Write a virtual message of support to the front-line staff of Penn Medicine to show how grateful the community is for their hard work and sacrifice.



[Share Food Program](#)

Handle distribution calls. Help connect to cupboards in the region to receive nutritious food. As a [cupboard caller](#), you will receive a list of cupboards to call the day before to confirm the delivery schedule. Lists will come with a script and any other details necessary.

[United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey \(UWGPSNJ\)](#)

The United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey offers a variety of virtual volunteer opportunities. Make sure to use the search criteria “virtual”.

NATIONAL AND GLOBAL VIRTUAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

[American Red Cross](#)

During times of disaster, the Red Cross utilizes digital volunteers to monitor online discussions to find people who need help, and to share important updates on social media. While this work is done remotely, Digital Volunteers report directly to the Red Cross National Headquarters Social Engagement team in coordination with their local chapter communicators.

[Ancestry World Archives Project](#)

The Ancestry World Archives Project has allowed thousands of people around the world help to preserve history that would otherwise be lost. Help families discover more of their stories and share them with future generations.

[Bookshare](#)

Offers thousands of books to people with reading disabilities. As an online volunteer, either scan books to be added to the collection or edit books that have been scanned.

[Career Village](#)

An online platform in which students ask career questions that are answered by people working, or who have worked, in that field. All volunteers need is a LinkedIn account to start helping students.

[Compass: On Demand Consulting](#)

Consult with a nonprofit to address a single key issue and provide information or options to nonprofit clients in two to six weeks. Clients will be connected to an individual, or small team, with the relevant experience to understand the nonprofit's challenge quickly and provide a tailored product to meet its needs.

[Early Connections Learning Center: Volunteer from Home Opportunity](#)

Early Connections Learning Center is looking for volunteers to call local community services and ask questions (confirm their location, and if they can post flyers).



[Fast Forward Accelerate Good: Tech Volunteer Opportunities](#)

Career advisors, tutors for under-served high school students, mental health coaches for inner-city youth, peer counselors, mental health support for veterans, and assistance for the visually impaired are just a few virtual opportunities listed.

[Focused Athletics](#)

Remote tutoring. Help go over SAT prep lessons with the young men enrolled in their program. To sign up, email info@focusedathletics.org. Note: Child abuse certifications are required.

[Hire Heroes USA](#)

Volunteers help veterans and their spouses with mock interviews, career counseling, or providing guidance on job searches, preparing resumes, and filling out applications.

[Moving Worlds Volunteering Resources](#)

List of Volunteering resources. Contains both opportunities already listed here and new opportunities.

[The National Map Corps](#)

The National Map Corps (TNMCorps) is an online crowdsourcing mapping project with volunteers successfully editing structures data in all 50 States, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Structures include schools, hospitals, post offices, police stations, cemeteries, and other important public buildings.

[Produce Audiobooks](#)

Help produce audiobooks. Volunteer opportunities include: Narrators, Listeners and Quality Assurance testers.

[The Smithsonian: Become a transcriber](#)

The Smithsonian Institute offers virtual volunteers the opportunity to help transcribe historical documents. Become a Smithsonian Digital Volunteer and help them make historical documents and biodiversity data more accessible.

[Soldiers' Angels](#)

Several family friendly options to give back to our troops and veterans. Some involve joining a virtual team to write letters, send cards or bake treats to send to soldiers. To join a team, you'll need to pay a \$1 monthly donation. Other virtual volunteering (no team required) involves making masks, no-sew blankets, para-cord bracelets and cards of support.

[StoriiTime](#)

Allows parents to set up a video call with their child and an isolated senior. Seniors can read children's books to little ones, or kids can read to a senior. "This virtual interaction can improve a child's listening, social and vocabulary skills and support seniors by bringing joy and a connection to an experienced older generation."



[Table Wisdom](#)

Ease an international student's transition to America and help them improve their conversational English through weekly mentoring via video chat with Table Wisdom. This St. Louis-based social enterprise has already matched more than 90 mature adults with young people born abroad (recent immigrants and international students).

[Tarjimly](#)

Provides refugees with on-demand language access via volunteers who can help with translation support through a live chat session.

[The Trevor Project](#)

TrevorChat/TrevorText volunteers are trained to answer chat messages or texts online from young people who are struggling with issues such as coming out, LGBTQ identity, depression, and suicide. Advocacy volunteers conduct research related to our current local, state, and federal campaigns that advance laws and policies supporting LGBTQ youth in crisis.

[UN Volunteers](#)

Open to anyone in the world, all virtual volunteering opportunities

[UPChieve](#)

UPChieve is a free, online platform that connects low-income high school students in the US with live, volunteer coaches (that's you!) any time they need it. Their volunteer experience was designed to be ultra-flexible because they believe it should be easy for awesome people like you to help students succeed. You can help students from anywhere with an internet connection.

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