

Local Service Opportunities

Local organizations that have participated in recent Longfellow Charity Fairs and/or are have good opportunities for Longfellow student volunteers.

Alternative House

P.O. Box 694

Dunn Loring, Virginia 22027

(703) 506-9191

Contact: Christine Bartell, Volunteer Coordinator

Christine_Bartell@TheAlternativeHouse.org

<http://www.thealternativehouse.org>

Mission: The mission of Alternative House is to provide support to at-risk children, youth, and their families through counseling, shelter, crisis intervention, and outreach. Its programs include: The Emergency Shelter for Teens; Community Outreach, offering afterschool programs; Assisting Youth Mothers (AYM), a home for homeless, pregnant, and parenting teens and their babies; and Homeless Youth Initiative (HYI), which provides unaccompanied teens a safe refuge and help in continuing education.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers are needed to help with yard work and other maintenance projects at the Emergency Shelter or other locations, donation drives, snack food collection, meal preparation and delivery, and a variety of other needs. Teen volunteers may need to be accompanied by a parent. For volunteer opportunities, please see:

http://www.thealternativehouse.org/vol_sproj.htm

Columbia Baptist Church Food Pantry & Gardens

301 N. Washington Street

Falls Church, Virginia

Contact [Pantry]: Betsy Pankey

BetsyPankey@aol.com

Contact [Gardens]: Georgianna Hall

Georgi.Hall@verizon.net

<http://columbiabaptist.org/>

Mission: Provides groceries to over 60 needy families every Saturday morning. The three gardens provide fresh produce for distribution through the pantry and instructs clients on how to grow fresh vegetables and herbs on their own.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers are needed to serve in the pantry every Saturday, from 9:30 am – noon. Volunteers weigh, shelve and pack food, as well as serve families who come for assistance. Volunteers can also donate food or sponsor a food drive. Garden volunteers can

clean up gardens in preparation for winter, and assist in planting, watering, weeding and harvesting during the 2012 season.

Colvin Run Mill Historic Site

10017 Colvin Run Road
Great Falls, Virginia 22066
(703) 759-2771

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator Ann Korzeniewski

ann.korzeniewski@fairfaxcounty.gov

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/crm>

Mission: The mission of Colvin Run Mill Historic Site is to maintain and interpret the historic buildings and collections at the site for the enrichment of Fairfax County residents and visitors as they relate to the themes of technology and community in rural Northern Virginia.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers are needed for special programs, clean up days, and gardening. Volunteers also give tours of the 19th century gristmill; this requires a commitment of at least one year.

Fairfax County Neighborhood & Community Services

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator Vicki Greene

Vicki.Greene@fairfaxcounty.gov

(703) 324-5504, TTY 711.

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec/volunteer/>

Mission: Coordinates a wide variety of services and programs to help kids, seniors, individuals with disabilities and many others in neighborhoods throughout Fairfax County.

Volunteer Opportunities: Short-term projects and long-term opportunities with a wide array of community programs: after school programs, 4-H clubs, senior centers, therapeutic riding, and special events. Special training provided.

Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter

13000 Lee Highway
Fairfax, Virginia 22030
(571) 522-6815

www.shelterhouse.org/Programs/Katherine-K.-Hanley-Family-Shelter.html

Mission: Fairfax County's newest homeless shelter, which shelters and assists up to 20 families at a time.

Volunteer Opportunities: Students can collect and donate items needed by the Shelter to assist families during their stay at the shelter, as well as when they transition into permanent housing. The shelter's Wish List includes household items, new clothing, gift cards, personal hygiene items, office supplies, and baby items. Please refer to the current wish list [<http://www.shelterhouse.org/Get-Involved/Donate-Items.html>] and also contact the shelter to arrange a delivery time.

Lands and Waters

2909 Charing Cross Rd. #9

Falls Church, VA 22042

(703) 204-0841

Contact: Jeanette Stewart (Founder & President)

inti@mindspring.com

<http://www.forlandsandwaters.org/index.html>

Mission: LANDS and WATERS is a grassroots non-profit organization dedicated to watershed protection and education.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers can assist with Lands & Waters educational programs and hands-on conservation projects, many of which are "living classrooms" at area schools.

Martha's Table

2114 14th Street, N.W.

Washington, DC 20009

(202) 328-6609

Contact: Volunteer Coordinators

volunteer@marthastable.org

(202) 328-6608 x 212

<http://marthastable.org/>

Mission: Martha's Table's mission is to help at-risk children, youth, families and individuals in our community improve their lives by providing educational programs, food, clothing and enrichment opportunities. Martha's Table provides thousands of meals each day to the homeless and elderly; offers tutoring and recreational programs for hundreds of school-aged children; and coordinates clothing and other programs to support impoverished persons.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers are needed to prepare food each day, either on-site or through food drives/sandwich-making programs elsewhere and then delivering food to Martha's Table. Volunteers are also needed for tutoring programs and to collect clothing for distribution.

For current opportunities, more details, and age restrictions, please see:

<http://marthastable.org/volunteer-opportunities.html>

Northern Virginia Family Services

Contact [Thrift Shops]: Navara Jordan

(703) 219-2193 or njordan@nvfs.org

Contact [Donations & Drives]: Community Giving Specialist Amy Reif

(703) 219-2174 or areif@nvfs.org

<http://nvfs.org/>

Mission: NVFS is a private, nonprofit community resource dedicated to helping families achieve greater self-sufficiency. The core mission initiatives of NVFS are: Safe & Stable Housing, Emergency Assistance, Health Access, Children & Youth Programs, and Workforce Development.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers aged 12-16, if accompanied by a parent, can serve at the Clock Tower Thrift Shop in Falls Church, which benefits NVFS programs. Volunteers sort and organize donations, ensure the shopping area is organized and items displayed in their proper place, and assist with customers' questions and purchases. Evening and weekend times are available. Student volunteers can also sponsor donation drives to benefit NVFS. Check NVFS' current donation Wish List, which includes gift cards, new and used household items, baby items, etc., and find more information on making donations here:

http://www.nvfs.org/pages/page.asp?page_id=91769. Students can also participate in the annual Help the Homeless Walkathon (2011 walkathon: November 19th).

Northern Virginia Training Center

9901 Braddock Road

Fairfax, Virginia 22032

(703) 323-4078/4079

Contact: Maureen Andretta maureen.andretta@dbhds.virginia.gov

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www.nvtc.dbhds.virginia.gov

Mission: The Northern Virginia Training Center (NVTc) is one of five regional residential training centers for individuals with intellectual disabilities operated by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, the Commonwealth of Virginia. The campus consists of twelve buildings on eighty-six acres, and serves approximately two hundred individuals.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers can: assist with on campus special events such as dances, concerts and holiday parties; help with the literacy program by reading to residents; assist with food preparation; help with Special Olympic training; and assist with a wide range of skills training programs. Volunteers between the ages of 11-14 must be accompanied by a parent, except for special event programs.

Old Firehouse Teen Center

1440 Chain Bridge Rd.

McLean, VA 22101

703-448-8336 (TEEN)

<http://www.mcleancenter.org/kids-teens/old-firehouse.asp>

Mission: The Old Firehouse Teen Center (OFTC), a program of the McLean Community Center, provides recreational and personal development programs for teens.

Volunteer Opportunities: OFTC coordinates “Community Service Tuesdays” for teens, which are after-school volunteer opportunities at a range of local organizations and programs, such as animal shelters, therapeutic riding centers, Glories Happy Hats for pediatric patients, and Toys for Tots. Typically programs are offered on 2-3 Tuesdays per month. Transportation is provided by bus from Longfellow (and Cooper) to OFTC, from OFTC to the service site, and back to the OFTC for pickup by parents. For upcoming opportunities and registration information, please see: http://mcleancenter.org/kids-teens/after-school.asp#Community_Service

Safe Community Coalition

P. O. Box 7001

McLean, Virginia 22106

(703) 795-6943

www.safecommunitycoalition.net

Mission: The mission of the Safe Community Coaliton is to encourage youth in the community to make responsible decisions while making sure they are safe, healthy and free from alcohol and drug use. SCC sponsors a variety of community projects, including youth summits and training, parent workshops, community forums, and after-school programs.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers are needed to collate brochures that are distributed to families in back to school folders. Students can get involved in many of SCC’s programs and promote the vision of youth who are safe, healthy and free from alcohol and drug use.

SHARE

P.O. Box 210
McLean, Virginia 22101
info@shareofmclean.org
www.shareofmclean.org

Mission: Share, Inc. is a non-profit, nonsectarian, all-volunteer community relief organization helping people in need in McLean, Great Falls and the Pimmit Hills area. Share aids lower income families through their food pantry, used clothing room, family assistance program and furniture program.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers are needed to help with food and gift card drives held outside area grocery stores on certain dates; to assist with Share's furniture program, which picks up and delivers used furniture on Saturdays; and to help with sorting and storing incoming food at Share. Students can also coordinate Food Drives to benefit Share, which provide much needed staples for the food pantry, or raise funds to support Share's family assistance program and other efforts.

Stop Hunger Now

Contact: Bob Hahne
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info@stophungernow-mclean.com
<http://www.stophungernow-mclean.org/>

Mission: Dedicated to alleviating hunger in crisis areas throughout the world.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteers are needed to work assembly-line shifts at the annual Stop Hunger Now McLean Meal Packaging Event, at which 200,000 meals will be packaged in one day. (2011 event: November 5th). Students can also raise funds to support Stop Hunger Now's mission and the 2012 McLean event.

ThanksUSA

1390 Chain Bridge Road, #260
McLean, Virginia 22101
(888) 849-8720
<http://www.thanksusa.org>

Mission: ThanksUSA is a nonpartisan, charitable effort to thank the men and women of the United States Armed Forces by awarding need-based scholarships to their children and spouses for college, technical school and vocational school, thus promoting economic stability for the

whole family. Since 2006, ThanksUSA has awarded over 2,000 scholarships with a value of over \$6 million.

Volunteer Opportunities: Students can raise funds to benefit ThanksUSA's scholarship programs for military families. Some creative fundraising suggestions can be found here: <http://www.thanksusa.org/main/takeaction.html;jsessionid=1658BB55DB2AF5D76E29886BD182FF20#others>

Treasure Trove Thrift Shop

Salona Village Shopping Center
1317b Chain Bridge Road
McLean, VA 22102
703-356-8704

<http://www.inova.org/get-involved/volunteer/inova-fairfax-hospital/treasure-troves.jsp>

Mission: Thrift store benefiting Inova Fairfax Hospital.

Volunteer Opportunities: Student volunteers can work afternoons and weekends at the McLean thrift store, organizing items that have been donated, preparing items for display and sale, and performing other tasks as needed.

Volunteer Arlington

Department of Human Services
2100 Washington Blvd., 3rd Floor
Arlington, Virginia 22204
Contact: Tiffany Kudravetz
(703) 228-1197 or tkudravetz@arlingtonva.us
www.arlingtonva.us/volunteer

Mission: Volunteer Arlington promotes volunteerism, connects volunteers with organizations, and mobilizes volunteers by tracking volunteer opportunities at hundreds of agencies. It maintains online databases of volunteer opportunities and donations needed by non-profits and agencies.

Volunteer Opportunities: Check out Volunteer Arlington's database of volunteer opportunities for youth & teens: <http://bit.ly/TeenOpps>

Volunteer Fairfax

10530 Page Ave., Fairfax, Va. 22030

703-246-3460

Contact [Youth Programs]: Matt Lyttle

(703) 246-3553 or mlyttle@volunteerfairfax.org

<http://www.volunteerfairfax.org/>

Mission: Volunteer Fairfax matches the skills and interests of volunteers and donors to the needs of local nonprofit organizations, helping to build a better community through service. Through a variety of programs and services, Volunteer Fairfax strengthens the capacity of its nonprofit members and offers meaningful volunteer opportunities for local citizens.

Volunteer Opportunities: Check out Volunteer Fairfax's 2011-2012 Youth Service Opportunities Directory, which sorts opportunities by minimum volunteer age, mission and location: <http://www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/just-for-youth.php>

Wheels to Africa

3550 N. Somerset

Arlington, Virginia 22213

(703) 534-3723

Contact: Dixie Duncan

(703) 919-0570

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<http://www.wheels-to-africa.org/>

Mission: Wheels to Africa is a nonprofit organization whose principal purpose is to work with local youth, ages 10-18, to organize local bike collections and send the donated bikes to communities in Africa. The bikes are used to provide basic transportation for people to reach school, food, water and medical care.

Volunteer Opportunities: Student volunteers can coordinate with their organizations, sports group or civic association to collect bikes. Wheels to Africa will provide all the information necessary for the collection. Monetary donations are also needed – a \$10 donation will ship a bike to Africa – so students can also hold fundraisers to support Wheels to Africa's mission.