

Community Service Newsletter

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Young people can start today with community service. Habitat for Humanity is an excellent starting point. The organization was started in 1976. Former President Jimmy Carter is their most famous volunteer. The organization builds homes for poor people who can not afford their own home. This helps them move out of high-crime areas and into clean, safe, neighborhoods. Habitat for Humanity is one of the most respected community service organizations in North America.

What You Can Do:

Even if you do not know which end of the hammer to hold, you can help build homes with other volunteers. It's a great way to learn how a home is built so when you do hit it big in the real world, you can build your own dream home. This may also be a great place to make some valuable contacts. Networking is the name of the game when you are wishing to be successful in life.

There are other opportunities for assistance if being a construction worker just isn't your thing. You can help with one of the following:

- Distribute Information about the Project
- Create Flyers about the Organization
- Assist with the Warehousing Materials
- Aid with Decorating and Furnishing

THE HUMANE SOCIETY

The Humane Society takes care of lost stray, or unwanted animals. This is where you go to adopt a pet. There are many pets that need a good home. Many animals are put to death if a home is not secured in a given time period. Helping the Humane Society can also help save a pet's life.

What You Can Do:

Nobody wants to adopt a pet that does not like people. So volunteers at the Humane Society keep animals "people friendly" by playing, walking, and feeding them. The Humane Society also holds fund-raisers like the "Pet Parade," which uses lots of volunteers.

MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION

Many young children are terminally ill. These are illnesses that can not be cured. They will die soon. Since these kids can not wish themselves well, Make-A-Wish Foundation lets them make a wish for something else – like a trip to Disney World or lunch with Michael Jordan. Make-A-Wish Foundation puts together a wish team to make the wish come true.

What You Can Do:

Make-A-Wish Foundations has over 11,000 volunteers nationwide and would like to add you to their team. You can be on a wish team, help recruit other members, or work on special fundraising events. Maybe you know someone who deserves a wish, being on their team would be a great experience.

How to Find These Organizations:

Habitat for Humanity www.habitat.org

The Humane Society www.asPCA.org

Make-A-Wish Foundation www.wish.org

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