

Holiday Giving & Volunteer Guide

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Go from ordinary to extraordinary by helping those in need this holiday season. Our Holiday Volunteer Guide gives you 10 easy ways to get more involved in your community through the holidays and beyond.

MAKE PLANS EARLY

Coordinate your holiday volunteering and event plans with family and friends -- the sooner the better! Remember, volunteer opportunities fill up quickly this time of year!



CLEAN OR DECORATE AT A LOCAL ORGANIZATION

No matter the holiday, bring a little cheer by offering to decorate a local organization. Need to keep it secular? Try a winter theme!

HOST A PARTY WITH A CHARITABLE SPIN!

Having friends over a holiday get-together? Add a charitable component to your shindig by asking guests to bring an item such as pet supplies for an animal shelter, or feminine care products for a women's support organization.





ROC THE DAY

Take part in ROC the Day (aka Giving Tuesday) by donating online to your favorite organization. This 24 hour fundraising event offers a fun platform for giving; simply visit www.RocTheDay.org.

SHOP FOR A CAUSE

Do double-duty with your holiday shopping by picking up items whose proceeds benefit nonprofit organizations. You can also work with a local shop to host an event, where a portion of the sales benefit your favorite, local organization.



ORGANIZE A FOOD DRIVE

Did you know that 1 in 7 Americans (and 1 in 5 kids) don't know where their next meal will come from? Help fight hunger by giving the gift of a meal. Contact your local food bank to determine the most-needed items, then host a food drive to gather donations.



GET CREATIVE, MAKE HOLIDAY CARDS!

Put your creativity to work and create some holiday cards to brighten someone's day - hospital patients, military members, etc. Or, make thank you cards for employees of local organizations - they work long hours making our communities stronger!





ATTEND A FUNDRAISER

There are fundraisers a plenty during the holidays! Grab a few friends or your family and attend an event to benefit a local organization. There are many to choose from on our charitable events calendar, make attending one a new tradition!

ADOPT A FAMILY OR CLASSROOM

Create a positive and memorable holiday by giving gifts, clothing, and necessities to families in need. You can also work with a local school in an impoverished neighborhood to donate books, toys, and classroom supplies!



HELP PETS IN NEED

Bring some joy to our furry friends by collecting "wishlist" items for animals living in local shelters. You can also attend a benefit event hosted by your favorite animal group. Pets need love too!



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