

Please see our website www.scvolunteernow.org for additional volunteer opportunities.

At Home Service Projects

One of the most helpful things you can do for the community right now is staying at home.
Here are some ideas for service projects you can do remotely.

At Home Service Projects

Dates/Times: ongoing

Location: at home

Description: Youth and families can make a difference in their community by completing virtual or at home service projects to uplift the high-risk groups who may feel isolated in this current situation. Ideas include creating a virtual greeting card, creating a physical greeting card, making a DIY t-shirt dog toy, and making a t-shirt tote bag.

More information and register: <https://www.scvolunteernow.org/athomevolunteer>

Contact: Malia Yamashita, ys@scvolunteercenter.org or (831) 722-6708 ext. 313

Be a Human Race Online Fundraiser!

Dates/Times: March 25-May 9

Location: online

Description: The Human Race is an opportunity for Santa Cruz County nonprofits, individuals and groups to fundraise for local programs through a six week online giving campaign that previously culminated on Race Day with a 5 mile fun run/walk and a community celebration. Although we won't come together this year in person, this will bring many folks together virtually in support of great causes. The Human Race has been helping nonprofits, schools and community groups fundraise together for 40 years. Online giving runs from March 25 through May 9. The 2020 goal? To raise \$300,000 for participating local nonprofits, schools and churches. Will you walk for change for our community? Join us as a fundraiser or donor for the organization of your choice!

More information: <https://www.humanracesc.org/>

From that page you can view the list of participating nonprofits and choose who you want to support and fundraise for.

Contact: Aisha, humanrace@scvolunteercenter.org, 831-427-5075

Virtual Tech Support with Cruz One

Dates/Times: ongoing

Location: at home

Description: Cruz One was born from the need to get teachers and students in Santa Cruz County set up for distance learning through the COVID-19 crisis. A website and support platform was assembled as a one stop shop for technical support. We are looking for people with tech experience to help answer requests for tech support during the day.

More information: <https://www.cruz.one/>

Contact: Chris, ctodd@cruz.one

Volunteer Opportunities for COVID-19 Support



Helpline Volunteer: 211 Call Specialist

Dates/Times: ongoing

Location: online

Description: Actively assist the 211 Call Center with answering calls and accessing the iCarol 211 Database to provide adequate information and referrals to callers! The 211 Call Center is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. The 2-1-1 Call Center is a Level 4, the most critical level for a crisis – there is a need for community volunteers to assist with the call volume. Since March 16, 2020, 70% of the 211 Call Specialists are taking calls from their home – the Call Center has become a virtual call operations center. Given the current statewide shelter in place order, the 2-1-1 Call Center will need volunteers on a rotating schedule for a minimum of 28 days. There is an accelerated Orientation and Live Call Training (2 days). Minimum four (4) hour shifts per day with a maximum of 2 shifts per day, or eight (8) hours. Volunteers are not permitted to volunteer more than 5 days per week.

More information and sign up: <http://bit.ly/UWsVolunteer>

On the sign up sheet, type “UWSCC” for the Name of Department section.

Contact: Kassandra Flores, kflores@unitedwaysc.org

Human Race Online Social Media and Tech Support

Dates/Times: March 25-May 9

Location: online

Description: We need online volunteers 5-10 hours weekly to share about the Human Race on social media and help to raise awareness. Help assist the event coordinator in supporting a community of 70+ nonprofits!

More information: <https://www.humanracesc.org/>

Contact: Aisha, humanrace@scvolunteercenter.org, 831-427-5075

Hotline Advocate for Survivors of Domestic Violence

Dates/Times: ongoing

Location: at home

Description: A hotline advocate provides crisis intervention, domestic violence education, peer support, and community resources to survivors of domestic violence and their allies during a once-weekly shift on our local 24-hour hotline. Our hotline advocates provide a crucial service which benefits local survivors and their allies as well as an essential service to the functioning of Walnut Avenue's Advocacy & Prevention Department. Previous experience is not required. Training is included and meets the California legal requirements to be certified as an advocate for domestic violence survivors (California Evidence Code Section 1037).

More information: <https://www.wafwc.org/volunteer>

Contact: Marjorie Coffey (they/them), at mcoffey@wafwc.org

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English-Spanish Interpreters

Dates/Times: March 25-May 9

Location: online

Description: The Conflict Resolution Center help youth and families have productive and meaningful discussions in Parent-Teen Mediations and with folks who have been harmed in Restorative Justice Dialogues. Our work is done mostly by volunteers, including amazing bilingual folks who volunteer their time as interpreters for mediations and dialogues. It's easy! It's fun! It's non-committal! And you fill a very valuable and needed role in the community! We need interpreters for small intakes (.5 - 1 hour), Restorative Justice Dialogues (1-1.5 hours) and mediations (up to 3.0 hours). This can be an on-call basis, no commitment required - simply a willingness and a fluency in Spanish and English.

More information: <http://www.crcsantacruz.org/about-crc/volunteers>

Contact: Alaya, alaya@crcsantacruz.org

In-Person Service Projects

DO NOT GOT TO A VOLUNTEER SITE IF:

1. You have traveled outside of the United States in the last 14 days:
2. You have had contact with anyone with confirmed COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
3. If you currently have a heart condition, lung disease, diabetes, or any other serious health condition, or are over the age of 65.
4. You have had any of these symptoms in the last 14 days:
 - Fever greater than 100
 - Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
 - Cough
 - Sore throat

Brown Bag Packing with Grey Bears

Days: Thursday and Friday (additional days may be added)

Time: 7:30am to 9am

Location: Grey Bears, 2710 Chanticleer Avenue, Santa Cruz

Description: Healthy volunteers under the age of 65 are needed to help on the Brown Bag program: assembling bags of fresh produce for seniors on Thursday and Friday mornings between 7:30am and 9am. Volunteers are also needed to deliver bags after they are assembled.

Contact:, Grace Mora, grace@greybears.org, (831) 479-1055x 241

Questions? Contact Heather 831.222.0203, americorps@scvolunteercenter.org

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Donate a Brown Bag Lunch!

Dates/Times: 9am-2pm, Monday through Friday

Location: 205 Mora St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Description: St. Francis Soup Kitchen is distributing brown bag lunches to go. Stop by to drop off fun and tasty packaged items to go in the bags!

Contact: Richard at rcrowe@stfrancissoupkitchen.org

Pajaro Valley Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry

Dates/Times: Monday through Friday, 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm

Location: 150 2nd St., Watsonville, CA 95076

Description: As a community-supported kitchen and pantry, our mission is to assist the people of the Pajaro Valley with nutritious food, education, and referrals in cooperation with other agencies. In this time of increased need, we are looking for food pantry assistance restocking items and lifting 50 lb. crates of potatoes, carrots, and onions. We need two people per shift, Monday through Friday, 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm.

Contact: Cecilia, volunteer@pvloavesandfishes.org

Pantry Assistance and Food Pick-Up in San Lorenzo Valley

Dates/Times: General Projects: Monday through Friday, flexible times; Food Pantry: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9am-12pm, Drivers: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 7-10am

Location: 9400 Hwy 9, Ben Lomond, CA 95005

Description: Valley Churches United is a volunteer-powered, donor-supported nonprofit agency providing assistance to low-income residents in need. We serve San Lorenzo Valley, Scotts Valley, and Bonny Doon. We are looking for assistance with our food pantry, particularly folks who can lift crates and boxes up to 40 lbs, as well as drivers to pick up food from local grocery stores. We also have need for support on a variety of small projects, and can work with your schedule!

Contact: Lynn Robinson, 831-336-8258 ex. 229, lrobinson@vcum.org

Donor Ambassador - Helping with Blood Drives in Santa Cruz

Dates/Times: varying

Location: various locations in Santa Cruz

Description: Provide great customer service at community blood drives! Greet and register donors, staff the canteen area, make donors feel appreciated! During this time we are maintaining 6 feet social distancing and using forehead thermometers to take temperatures. Minimum 1 shift (4 hours) per month. Attend one 2-hour training followed by a shadow shift.

Contact: Ana, ana.romero@redcross.org

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Assist with Homeless Storage Program

Dates/Times: Wednesdays 5-7pm

Location: 150 Felker St. Suite H, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Description: Warming Center Program is committed to people who sleep outside and are in desperate need of storage for their bedding and personal belongings. We believe the experience of people lugging piles of belongings around, hiding them in various areas and often having them confiscated or stolen is an issue that affects every city resident. We need one person to assist our clerk with checking storage in and out on Wednesday evenings. This includes greeting clients, pulling storage bins, and using a basic computer spreadsheet. Masks, gloves, and isopropyl handspray are provided, and safety guidelines are in effect.

More information: <https://www.warmingcenterprogram.com/day-night-storage>

Contact: Brent Adams, 831-588-9892, WarmingCenterProgram@gmail.com