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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](https://www.scvolunteernow.org/athomevolunteer)

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

Sew a Mask or Gown

**Dates/Times:** ongoing
**Location:** at home
**Description:** Given potential shortages of personal protective equipment (PPE), fabric masks and gowns may be an option for some. Your time and talent is greatly appreciated in the community to help ensure safety. Fabric masks offer the benefit of being able to be washed and reused. These can be used for people who have symptoms of being ill or congregate living facilities to prevent the spread of illness.

**More info:** [https://scvolunteercenter.org/programs/mask-making-project/](https://scvolunteercenter.org/programs/mask-making-project/)

**Contact and instructions:** masks@scvolunteercenter.org

Be a Champion for a Nonprofit at the Online Human Race!

**Dates/Times:** March 25-May 9
**Location:** online
**Description:** The Human Race is a 40 year old tradition 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. As we practice social distancing in the near future, our organizations will struggle to gain new volunteers, access donated goods, and maintain the in-person connections that are vital to our community well-being. By volunteering as a fundraiser, you can help your local nonprofit to counteract some of these challenges. Every person willing to help makes a difference-- join us as a fundraiser or donor for the organization of your choice!

**More information:** [https://www.humanracesc.org/](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, 831-435-5091

Questions? Contact Heather 831.222.0203, americorps@scvolunteercenter.org

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Census Phone Outreach
Dates/Times: ongoing
Location: at home
Description: Volunteers are needed for phone-banking to share information about the census: why it is important, what the economic impact of undercounts mean, signups for volunteers, etc. A short training will be provided to help educate volunteers on the census and how to engage with the larger population on this issue in a non-political way. The county’s unofficial slogan for the census is "I count! You count! We count!" Volunteer shifts are generally 2-3 hours and the schedule is flexible. Volunteers are needed for outreach over the phone. We need many volunteers to ensure that everyone in our county is counted on the census. We especially need bilingual English/Spanish volunteers. Please join us!
Please complete the volunteer form here: https://forms.gle/zv3hNQP9PQrhEaKw8
Contact: Joseph Watkins, josephw@cabinc.org

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.
Contact: Kassandra Flores, kflores@unitedwaysc.org

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! We can use sliced cheese, lunch meat, chips, trail mix, single size savory or sweet snacks, and single-size juice boxes.
Contact: Richard at rcrowe@stfrancissoupkitchen.org

Virtual Tech Support for County Office of Education 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.
Fill out the form to get involved: https://www.cruz.one/offer-help/

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Davenport Resource Service Center Administrative Support
Dates/Times: 5 hours a week, flexible times
Location: at home
Description: Help a local nonprofit continue to offer its services remotely! The Davenport Resource Service Center (DRSC), provides services to support the culturally diverse and low-income population in the rural north coast. Emergency and prevention services we provide include, food distribution; educational services for children and teenagers; support and services for seniors; transportation; information and referral; cultural events; translation; form-filing, and other services. We need help creating systems to continue to reach out to youth, seniors, and families over the phone and Zoom to sustain our programming. This could include using Microsoft or Google forms, creating surveys, and connecting with the participants in our programs.
Contact: Isaí, (831) 425-8115, IsaiA@cabinc.org, or Brenda, BrendaS@cabinc.org

Academic Support for 2nd-6th Grade Students
Dates/Times: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 4:00-5:30pm
Location: at home
Description: Help local youth stay academically engaged! The Davenport Resource Service Center is looking for support with tutoring 2nd-6th grade students with math, writing, etc. over Zoom. We need 5-8 volunteers Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 4-5:30pm. College students are ideal. A brief orientation is provided before tutoring begins. This program runs through the third week of May.
Contact: Isaí, (831) 425-8115, IsaiA@cabinc.org, or Brenda, BrendaS@cabinc.org

Create Videos for Davenport Resource Service Center
Dates/Times: flexible
Location: at home
Description: Make videos from home to support a local nonprofit! We are looking for support in creating videos about the Davenport Resource Service Center to showcase our organization and the programming that we provide. Ideally, this would be one or two videos a month. You will need your own equipment, but we can provide photographs, voiceover content, etc.
Contact: Isaí, (831) 425-8115, IsaiA@cabinc.org, or Brenda, BrendaS@cabinc.org

Virtual Tech Support for Seniors with YouthSERVE
Dates/Times: ongoing
Location: at home
Description: YouthSERVE is a member of Cyber Seniors and is now offering remote tech support to seniors. You can join as a volunteer and be connected to the tools you need to offer support to a senior. There is a required online training for volunteers. Please note that this project is launching on Tuesday, March 31st.
Contact: Malia, ys@scvolunteercenter.org
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**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](https://www.wafwc.org/volunteer)  
**Contact:** Marjorie Coffey (they/them), at mcoffey@wafwc.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! Some tasks include helping with writing content, creating short videos, and providing support with using online applications.  
**More information:** [https://www.humanrancesc.org/](https://www.humanrancesc.org/)  
**Contact:** Aisha, humanrace@scvolunteercenter.org, 831-435-5091

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In-Person Service Projects

Out of an abundance of caution we are following these guidelines recommended by the CA Department of Health. **DO NOT GO TO A VOLUNTEER SITE IN THE COMMUNITY IF:**

1. You have traveled outside of the U.S. or to New York or New Jersey 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 99 Degrees, Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, Cough or Sore throat

**While Volunteering in the Community:**

Out of an abundance of caution we are following the recommendations from CA Department of Health and encourage all volunteers to take the following precautions. Keep in mind that every setting is unique and we can all work together to make accommodations to maintain social distancing while still working together.

1. Follow all safety guidelines from the project leader (wearing gloves, masks, etc.)
2. Leave your volunteer site if you begin to feel ill during the project.
3. Wash your hands upon entering the volunteer site.
4. If you need to cough or sneeze do it into a tissue or your elbow and wash your hands (or change your gloves).
5. Maintain social distancing of 6-feet between people. This may mean that you need to slow down. Work with your project leader to problem solve and innovate solutions.
6. Bring your own personal supplies with you if you can. Think about what you may need while you are out and plan ahead. Ideas include: a mask, water bottle, sunglasses, hair tie or hat, protective gloves or hand sanitizer (if you have it). Any resource that you can provide for yourself will help the organization to conserve their resources.

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Support Unhoused Community Members at Shelters
Days / Time: Every Day, 24-hours a day, shifts are 4 hours
Location: downtown Santa Cruz and downtown Watsonville
Description: Volunteers are needed to support the day-to-day operations of new, emergency shelters in Santa Cruz and Watsonville. Tasks include checking-in participants; food service; monitoring common areas, assisting staff with day-to-day operations; notifying supervisors of emerging needs. Volunteers will maintain social distancing of 6 feet and be provided with any necessary personal protective equipment. Volunteers who have interpersonal skills and are able to listen without judgment are especially needed in this role.
Contact: serve@scvolunteercenter.org, (831)457-9834

Food Distribution at Davenport Resource Service Center
Dates/Times: Tuesdays, 11:00am-4:00pm
Location: 150 Church St. Davenport, CA 95017
Description: Assist with organizing and distributing food at our site from 11:00am-4:00pm on Tuesdays! We are looking for one or two people to help out each week.
Contact: Isai, (831) 425-8115, IsaiA@cabinc.org, or Brenda, BrendaS@cabinc.org

Pajaro Valley Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry Restocking
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. Please bring your own mask to volunteer.
Contact: Cecilia, volunteer@pvloavesandfishes.org

Pajaro Valley Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry Kitchen Support
Dates/Times: Monday through Friday, 8am-2pm
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 help with prepping and cooking in the kitchen. Please bring your own mask to volunteer.
Contact: Cecilia, volunteer@pvloavesandfishes.org

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**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

**Assist with Homeless Storage Program**

**Dates/Times:** Tuesdays and 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. 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 Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. This includes greeting clients, pulling storage bins, and using a basic computer spreadsheet. Masks and gloves are provided.

**More information:** [https://www.warmingcenterprogram.com/day-night-storage](https://www.warmingcenterprogram.com/day-night-storage)

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

**Grocery Shopping for a Senior**

**Dates/Times:** flexible

**Location:** Santa Cruz County

**Description:** We are dedicated to ensuring that our most vulnerable community members are able to get the food they need as they shelter in place. We are serving low-income seniors age 60+ and older adults with medical conditions. Are you a friendly, reliable, and safe driver that can give a few hours to help a senior or disabled person in need? Grocery Shopping Volunteers provide an invaluable service for seniors by shopping and delivering food. As a volunteer, your schedule is completely flexible; you drive when you have time. Volunteers must agree to a background check (takes about one week to get the results).

**More information:** [https://scvolunteercenter.org/programs/grocery-shopper-program/](https://scvolunteercenter.org/programs/grocery-shopper-program/)

**Contact:** Laney Kjos, rsvp@scvolunteercenter.org, (831) 427-5070

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