

Virtual Service and Volunteering Opportunities List

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UMB Internal Volunteer Opportunities

- [A Bridge to Academic Excellence \(ABAE\)](#)
Founded in 2000, ABAE is a volunteering program that invites students from all of the University of Maryland's professional schools to tutor middle and high school students in the Baltimore area!
- [UrecFit Swimming & Water Safety Initiative](#)
Are you looking for an opportunity to gain service learning hours and help address an underrepresented health issue in this country? According to the American Red Cross drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional death in children between 1-14 behind motor vehicle and it ranks fifth for people of all ages in the United States (CDC, 2016). This cohort will be looking to advance the mission of water safety within the West Baltimore community and possibly even on a grander scale and we are looking for those students that can bring creativity, ambition, and knowledge.

External Volunteer Opportunities

- [All for Good](#)
Looking for virtual volunteer opportunities? You can search for virtual volunteer options by clicking the "COVID-19 Response Volunteer From Home" button. This resource is provided by Points of Light to help volunteers locate opportunities in their own communities.
- [American Red Cross Digital Volunteer](#)
Volunteers who want to help specifically with COVID-19 relief have several options; from sharing important disaster updates to being a supportive ear to those who have been impacted, The American Red Cross has a volunteer option for you. Just search for opportunities near you!
- [Amnesty Decoders](#)
Amnesty Decoders provides a space where you can help research and expose human rights violations. You can support the cause in your own home by through the use of your computer or mobile device to help Amnesty Decoders dedicated team of researchers in the fight for social justice.
- [Ark of Hope](#)
You can help bring care and awareness to people victimized by childhood trauma, trafficking, and abuse. Volunteers can support through opportunities such as Junior Listeners, Listeners, Mentors or Survivors Coaches through a Removing Chains text chat survivor support site.
- [Be My Eyes](#)
You can help blind and vision-impaired people by providing visual assistance through a live video chat. Volunteers assist with both large and small tasks, helping the people they support to lead more independent lives.

- [BookShare](#)
Volunteering with BookShare helps bring literature to those with reading barriers. You can help scan books, edit books and describe images for people with dyslexia, blindness, cerebral palsy, and other reading barriers.
- [By the People](#)
You can help make documents more searchable by transcribing, reviewing and tagging digitized images of manuscripts and typed materials from the Library of Congress.
- [Catchafire](#)
Skilled volunteers can search this site for projects that match their skillset. The projects are generally put up by nonprofit organizations and can be done from home. You can also read about the pertinent assistance they need in response to COVID-19 on the website.
- [Crisis Text Line](#)
Volunteers are needed in the U.S., Canada, Ireland, and U.K., ages 18 and older to offer free, 24/7 support for those in crisis. As a crisis counselor, you will answer texts serving as a supportive ear and active listener to help calm others with creative solutions and problem-solving techniques.
- [CrisisCommons](#)
You can apply your professional IT skills virtually! Help others during disasters by providing IT support through phone calls.
- [Hire Heroes USA](#)
You help veterans find jobs virtually by conducting mock interviews, career counseling, fundraising, guiding federal sector applicants, or through outreach. You can make a difference in the lives of military families today.
- [icouldbe](#)
From the comfort of your own home you could become a mentor for students about their career goals and dreams. iCouldBe offers an online platform for communication and provides online activities for you to engage with your mentee.
- [IntoBooks](#)
You can mentor a child through the power of literature. Volunteers are able to read the same book as a child and hold virtual mentoring sessions to discuss the book.
- [Learning Ally](#)
You can serve as a narrator, listener and quality assurance volunteer. Narrators are asked to use their voice talent to bring juvenile fiction books to life, or they can also record high school and college level textbooks. Auditions are required. Listeners will provide feedback to narrators, highlight issues with fluency and tone, audio quality, and more. Finally, quality assurance volunteers will perform a final check to ensure the audio books will provide an enjoyable experience to the recipient.
- [MicroNet](#)
You can use your STEM professional experience to mentor students pursuing STEM degrees at U.S accredited institutions. Help educate and grow young minds as they journey through their academic careers.
- [Tarjimly](#)
If you are multilingual this opportunity is for you! Volunteers can download the app to support refugees, asylum seekers, and immigrants that are in need.
- [Tech Soup Webinar](#)
Transcription Give back to community from your own home. You can help transcribe Tech Soup's most popular webinars which are then used as closed captions.

- [TED Translators](#)

You can help subtitle TED Talks to help disseminate knowledge, research and big ideas across languages and borders.

- [Translators without Borders](#)

If you are who are fluent in more than one language, then this opportunity is for you. Volunteers are given translation projects focusing on health, education, and crisis relief. From medical texts to crisis response there are a wide range of projects available to suit all preferences.

- [Tutor Mate](#)

You can become a tutor and work with a student each week for 30 minutes. Volunteers read a story with their assigned student, ask questions to see how well their student understands the story, and plays word games as well as activities. All reading and activities are designed to be appropriate for the student's reading level.

- [Upchieve](#)

You can provide low-income students with homework help and college guidance through a virtual online platform. UPcheive gives you all the tools you need to be a successful and effective tutor.