

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR HS STUDENTS IN THE PITTSBURGH AREA

Adventist Community Services of Greater Pittsburgh

- 40 E Main Street, Carnegie, PA 15106
- 412-446-0431 ext. 101
- This organization is interested in developing communities and individuals to grow to be change agents and be the difference they want to see. This organization is in need of volunteers over the age of 13 years to remove flowers from local community gardens before the fall frost.

American Red Cross - Southwestern PA Chapter

- 225 Boulevard of the Allies, Downtown, 15222
- 1(888)217-9599
- www.swpa.redcross.org
- The American Red Cross, a humanitarian organization led by volunteers, will provide relief to victims of disasters and help people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. Helping families in Allegheny, Fayette, Greene and Washington Counties.

Animal Friends

- 412-847-7040
- <http://www.thinkingoutsidethecage.org>
- Here is a sampling of the many volunteer programs and activities in which you may become involved: Animal Welfare, Humane Education & Activities, Pet-Assisted Therapy, Special & Fund Raising Events.

Animal Rescue League

- 6620 Hamilton Avenue, East Liberty, 15206
- 412-345-7300
- www.animalrescue.org
- As the largest animal care shelter in the tri-state region, the Animal Rescue League takes great pride in finding good homes for stray and abandoned companion pet friends. ARL also operates a cutting edge, full service, low cost, animal clinic for domestic pets. ARL's mission is to provide temporary shelter, food, medical attention and comfort to neglected and injured animals; to restore lost animals to their owners or seek new homes for them and to educate the public about the humane care of animals.

Central Blood Bank

- 1-866-366-6771
- <http://www.centralbloodbank.org/us/volunteer-with-us>
- Types of volunteer opportunities include: blood donor, donor appreciation representative, office assistant, and donor relation specialist. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Janet O'Brien, Administrative Services Coordinator or complete the On-line Volunteer Application Form.

Easter Seals Western and Central Pennsylvania

- 2525 Railroad St, Pittsburgh, PA 15222
- 412-281-7244
- http://westernpa.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=PAWS_volunteering
- Easter Seals provides exceptional programs and services to ensure that people with disabilities or other special needs and their families have equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play in their communities. We provide programs in Pittsburgh, Franklin, Oil City, Johnstown, Somerset, Altoona, State College, York & Harrisburg.

First Book – University of Pittsburgh

- http://supporters.firstbook.org/site/Clubs?club_id=1221&pg=main
- This organization is in need of volunteer registration coordinators to help young children gain access to free and low-cost books to enhance literacy.

Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank

- 412-460-FOOD (3663)
- <http://www.pittsburghfoodbank.org/involved/volunteer.aspx>
- Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank works with a network of close to 350 member agencies located throughout the eleven county region of southwestern Pennsylvania. Every year the Food Bank relies on thousands of volunteers to work special events, sort food at our warehouse, harvest vegetables at a farm, or serve on a committee.

Pittsburgh Cares

- 702 Oliver Building, 535 Smithfield Street (Downtown, 15222)
- 412-471-2114
- www.pittsburghcares.org
- Pittsburgh Cares inspires volunteerism by organizing flexible and rewarding service projects that impact critical needs in Greater Pittsburgh.

Salvation Army

- 412-446-1548
- www.salvationarmy-wpa.org
- Offers the following services: crisis intervention, case management, disaster services, emergency food, and searches for missing family members on a local and national basis.

United Way

- 1250 Penn Ave, Pittsburgh PA 15230
- <http://www.unitedway.org/take-action/volunteer>
- United Way envisions a world where all individuals and families achieve their human potential through education, income stability and healthy lives. Their mission includes improving lives by mobilizing the caring power of communities around the world to advance the common good. Volunteering with the United Way includes mentoring, tutoring, and reading with children.

Western PA Humane Society

- 412-321-4625 x221
- www.wpahumane.com/volunteer.html
- Volunteer Opportunities include dog walking, cat cuddling and socialization, bunny cuddling and socialization, fostering, grooming, animal husbandry, assisting staff in various departments, and taking animals to special offsite adoption events throughout the community.

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy

- <http://www.paconserve.org/64/become-a-volunteer>
- Tree Vitalization Planting, Land Conservation, Community Gardens, Falling Water, and Photography.

ARTS & CULTURE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Andy Warhol Museum

- 117 Sandusky Street, North Side, 15212
- 412-237-8300
- www.warhol.org
- The Andy Warhol Museum is a vital forum in which diverse audiences of artists, scholars and the general public are galvanized through creative interaction with the art and life of Andy Warhol.

August Wilson Center for African American Culture

- 980 Liberty Avenue (Pittsburgh, 15222)
- 412-258-2700
- <http://www.augustwilsoncenter.org/>
- The August Wilson Center for African American Culture preserves presents and interprets the art, culture, and history of African Americans in Western Pennsylvania and people of African descent throughout the world.

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

- 4400 Forbes Avenue, 15213
- 412-622-3114
- www.carnegielibrary.org
- “Free to the People” since 1895, established as a public trust in 1895, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh serves the citizens of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County with a distinguished history of leadership among the country’s great public libraries. Through its 19 neighborhood locations, including Main Library and the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh is the region’s most visited asset.

Carnegie Museum of Art

- 4400 Forbes Avenue, Oakland, 15213
- 412-622-3131
- <http://www.cmoa.org/get-involved/volunteer/>
- Volunteers lead tours, assist with children's art activities and classes, do research and data entry for curators, and help with various projects and programs.
- For information contact: volunteers@carnegiemuseums.org

Carnegie Museum of Natural History

- 4400 Forbes Avenue, Oakland, 15213
- 412-622-3131
- www.carnegiemnh.org
- Carnegie Museum of Natural History conducts scientific inquiry that creates knowledge and promotes stewardship of Earth and its life; builds strategic collections to preserve evidence of that knowledge; and engages the public in the excitement of scientific discovery about the evolutionary, environmental, and cultural processes that shape the diversity of our world and its inhabitants.

Carnegie Science Center

- One Allegheny Avenue, North Side, 15212
- 412-237-3400
- www.carnegiesciencecenter.org
- Attractions include: WWII Submarine and Interactive planetarium. It has more than 250 hands-on exhibits. The Rangos Omnimax Theater on premises is a favorite of local spectators. Check website for current programs, prices, and show times.

Children's Museum

- 10 Children's Way, Allegheny Square, North Side, 15212
- 412-322-5058
- <https://pittsburghkids.org/job/volunteers>
- Children's Museum of Pittsburgh provides innovative museum experiences that inspire joy, creativity and curiosity. They provide the highest quality exhibits and programs for learning and play.

Frick Art & Historical Center

- 7227 Reynolds Street, Frick Park, 15208
- 412-371-0600
- <http://frickart.org>
- The Frick Art & Historical Center is a fascinating complex of museums and historical buildings located on over five acres of lawns and gardens in Pittsburgh's residential East End. The Center is devoted to the interpretation of the life and times of industrialist and art collector Henry Clay Frick. Exhibitions of fine and decorative art are also presented at the Center.

Manchester Craftsman's Guild

- 1815 Metropolitan Street, North Side, 15233
- 412-322-1773
- www.manchesterguild.org
- Manchester Craftsmen's Guild is a multi-discipline, minority directed, center for arts and learning that employs the visual and performing arts to foster a sense of accomplishment and hope in the urban community.

Mattress Factory

- 500 Sampsonia Way, North Side, 15212
- 412-231-3169
- www.mattress.org
- The Mattress Factory is a museum of contemporary art that presents art you can get into — room-sized environments, created by in-residence artists.

National Aviary in Pittsburgh

- 412-323-7235
- Allegheny Commons West, Ridge Avenue, North Side, 15212
- www.aviary.org
- The National Aviary is America's only independent indoor nonprofit bird zoo. Located in historic North Side's West Park. The Aviary is home to 600+ birds of more than 200 species.

Observatory - Allegheny Observatory

- 159 Riverview Avenue, North Side, 15214
- 412-321-2400
- www.pitt.edu/~aobsvtry
- The Allegheny Observatory is one of the major astronomical research institutions of the world. It is located in Riverview Park, four miles north of the Golden Triangle (downtown Pittsburgh) and eight miles from the University of Pittsburgh of which it is an integral part. Call for tours and lecture times.

Penn Avenue Arts Initiative

- 412-441-6147
- www.pennavenuearts.org
- The Penn Avenue Arts Initiative's (PAAI) core mission is to revitalize the Penn Avenue Corridor, between Negley and Mathilda avenues, by using the arts to enhance public perception of the district, pride in the neighborhood, foster inter and intra community ties, and establish an artist's niche. PAAI has been designed to act as a springboard for attracting and enticing artists to live and work in the neighborhoods along the Penn Avenue Corridor. The PAAI is part of a larger community development strategy that intertwines neighborhoods, residential, commercial and cultural projects. It is a project of the Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation (BGC) and Friendship Development Associates (FDA) Inc. It has been a driving force in the development of an innovative, diverse and cultural district in the East End of Pittsburgh.

Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens

- One Schenley Park, Oakland, 15213
- 412-622-6914
- www.phipps.conservatory.org
- Victorian glass conservatory with lush tropical displays, indoor and outdoor gardens, seasonal flower shows, horticultural events and bonsai collection. Call or see website for details.

Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium

- One Wild Place, Highland Park, 15206
- 412-365-2524
- www.pittsburghzoo.com
- A 77-acre naturalistic habitat facility that is home to thousands of animals representing hundreds of diverse species. Call or see website for more details.

Pittsburgh Center for the Arts

- PCA Galleries – Marshall Building, 6300 Fifth Avenue (15232)
- 412-361-0873
- www.pittsburgharts.org
- Founded in 1945, Pittsburgh Center for the Arts is a non-profit community arts campus that offers arts education programs and contemporary art exhibitions, providing services and resources for individual artists throughout Western Pennsylvania. The Center is where the community can create, see, support, and learn about visual arts. In January 2006, Pittsburgh Filmmakers merged with Pittsburgh Center for the Arts.

The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust

- 803 Liberty Avenue, Downtown, 15222
- 412-471-6070
- www.pgharts.org
- Pittsburgh Cultural Trust includes the following venues:

Benedum Center for the Performing Arts

- 719 Liberty Avenue
- 412-456-6666

Byham Theater

- 101 Sixth Street
- 412-456-1350

O'Reilly Theater

- 621 Penn Avenue
- 412-456-6666

The Cabaret at Theater Square

- 665 Penn Avenue
- 412-456-6666
- www.pittsburghclo.org

Wood Street Galleries

- 601 Wood Street
- 412-471-5605
- www.woodstreetgalleries.org

Pittsburgh Opera

- 412-281-0912
- www.pittsburghopera.org
- Pittsburgh Opera combines its long history with an exciting artistic and company vision to make it one of the most dynamic opera companies in the country today. All of the Opera's programs and activities are guided by its mission to enrich the life of Pittsburgh and the tri-state area and draw national and international attention to the region.

SHELTERS AND FOOD BANKS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Family Links – Downtown Outreach Center & Shelter

- 1601 Fifth Avenue, Hill District, 15219
- 412-343-7166
- <http://www.familylinks.org/>
- Shelter for runaway and homeless youth, ages 15-20. This place provides a critical service for homeless adults, 15-20 years old. Provides safe shelter, meals, clothing, and free medical clinic.

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Hearth – Transitional Housing for Women

- 8035 Mcknight Rd. #303, Pittsburgh, PA 15237
- 412-366-366-9801
- <http://www.hearth-bp.org/>
- This is a nonprofit organization for homeless mothers and their children serving greater Pittsburgh area.

Interfaith Hospitality Network

- 297 East Beau Street, Washington, 15301
- 724-229-1129
- www.homelessfamilies.org
- Interfaith Hospitality Network of the South Hills is an interdenominational program that links local congregations to offer round-the-clock shelter, meals and social services to homeless families in Allegheny County and the Washington, Pennsylvania area.

Light of Life - Rescue Mission

- 10 E North Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212
- 412-258-6100
- <http://www.lightoflife.org/>
- With the help of faithful partners, Light of Life empowers Greater Pittsburgh's poor and homeless to achieve healthy, happy and productive lives. We invite you to learn more about our life-changing mission and how you can make an impact in people's lives.

Northside Common Ministries-Community Food Pantry

- 412-323-1163
- <http://ncmin.org/food-pantry.shtml>
- Each low-income qualified person is eligible to receive one week of food each month of the year. Case management support is available at the pantry for those who are interested in connecting with other service providers for additional assistance with problems they are confronting.

ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES LINKS:

- www.volunteermatch.org
- www.volunteersolutions.org/pittsburgh