Virtual Volunteering Opportunities

<u>Missing Maps Project</u> - The American Red Cross and partner organizations launched the Missing Maps Project to preemptively map parts of the world that are vulnerable to natural disasters, conflicts, and disease epidemics. With a computer and an Internet connection, you can help to map areas where humanitarian organizations are trying to meet the needs of vulnerable people.

<u>PLAY GAMES AND HELP SAVE LIVES!</u> - Play your favorite games and help provide relief and support to families and communities in need! Level up your fundraising game today by hosting a live charity stream for the American Red Cross. In less than five minutes, you can easily set up a fund-raiser that integrates with your favorite live streaming platforms and social media channels to take the Internet by storm and make a real difference for those in need. No matter whether you're a gamer or a creator, amateur or professional, or just curious about live streaming, you can help bring relief and hope to communities and families in need.

<u>Habitat for Humanity</u> - Habitat for Humanity partners with communities in Rochester to help build and improve a place they can call home. They are looking for on-going support with their <u>Habitat ReStore</u>. This project includes organizing, labeling, and preparing donations to be resold. To volunteer, please connect directly with Ken Braley: <u>kbraley@rochesterhabitat.org</u>

<u>The Friends of Mount Hope Cemetery</u> - Friends of Mt. Hope are looking for volunteers to support their "polar bear group." More details can be found on their website. You would be helping keep Mt. Hope Cemetery beautiful all year round and supporting their maintenance staff with ground keeping in addition to some other special projects as they arise. For this opportunity you can connect directly with their volunteer coordinator at pcore@aol.com

<u>The Friends of Washington Grove</u> help manage the Washington Grove Park. They are looking to schedule projects with dedicated volunteers over several days. The projects include:

- 1. Moving and upgrading a kiosk.
- 2. Put a series of water bars across trails to limit erosion.
- 3. Build steps up a fast-eroding bank where erosion is a threat to the trees.

These projects will not start until the weather gets warmer. To support this opportunity, you can connect directly with Andrew, the volunteer coordinator at riendsofwashingtongrove@gmail.com.

Zooniverse - Assist researchers by digitizing field data. For example, searching through pictures and videos of space, animals, plants, etc. to make key discoveries for research teams who do not have the ability to look through all of the data by themselves. These discoveries further our knowledge of the world and therefore benefit the entire community. Past projects have even translated into scientific publications.

<u>United Nations Online Volunteering</u> - Team up with worldwide organizations to address sustainable development challenges! Options include writing/editing, translating, teaching, art/design, tech development, outreach, project development, healthcare services, etc.

Catch A Fire - Find a project that fits you \rightarrow apply \rightarrow interview \rightarrow match!

<u>Smithsonian Digital Volunteers</u> – Improve accessibility of historical documents and biodiversity data by assisting with transcription and review.

Amnesty Decoders - Research and expose human right violations.

<u>Translators Without Borders</u> - Translate critical content for partner non-profit organizations. Requires an application.

<u>Points of Light</u> – Find a project to serve the community! If you pick this one, please select a project from a nonprofit organization, not a corporation.

<u>DoSomething.org</u> – Look for inspiration on volunteering you can do on your own! Sign up for campaigns that interest you. Examples include: make a 5 minute shower playlist so your friends take shorter showers and waste less water, decrease oil dependence by turning heat off for a day, flag ivory items on Craigslist to stop elephant poaching.

<u>Project Gutenberg</u> – Help produce ebooks to increase the accessibility of literacy. Help with tasks like burning CDs and DVDs for people without Internet, proofreading books, etc. Click <u>here</u> to volunteer.

Check out VolunteerMatch.org for more!

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