

Volunteer Opportunities for Teens

Broad Street Food Pantry

760 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43205; (614) 908-3901;
hungervolunteer.volunteerhub.com/lp/broadstreetfoodpantry

Volunteers ages 12–15 should be accompanied by a caregiver. Volunteers are preferred from 8:30–11:30 a.m. weekdays but can sign up for any shifts at the website.

Choice Food Pantry

14 W. Lakeview Ave., Columbus, OH 43202; (614) 268-8118; clintonvillecrc.org

Opportunities include preparing and working at pantry events. Volunteers ages 12–17 must be accompanied by an adult.

Columbus Humane Society

3015 Scioto Darby Executive Ct., Hilliard, OH 43026; (614) 777-7387; columbushumane.org/volunteer

Help with caring for animals, administrative tasks and at special events. Volunteers ages 12–15 must be accompanied by an adult.

Columbus Metropolitan Library

23 locations; (614) 849-1055; columbuslibrary.org/volunteer

Youths ages 12+ can join the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) and meet for one hour every other week to help the library plan teen programming, Reading Buddies to help kids K–3 sharpen their literacy skills or help over the summer as a Summer Reading Challenge VolunTeen.

Community Kitchen

640 S. Ohio Ave., Columbus, OH 43205; (614) 252-6428; communitykitchencolumbus.org/volunteer

Volunteers help prepare and serve food for people in need. Must be 15+ and accompanied by a parent or guardian.

DoSomething.org

Find youth-centered volunteer opportunities you can do from home and have the opportunity to earn scholarships.

Habitat for Humanity

6665 Busch Blvd., Columbus, OH 43229; (614) 422-4828; habitatmidohio.org

Help build or repair homes for families in need. Youth volunteers must be 16+ (18+ to operate power tools and work at heights above 6 feet) and accompanied by an adult who is 21+.

LifeCare Alliance - Meals on Wheels

1699 W. Mound St., Columbus, OH 43223; (614) 278-3130; lifecarealliance.org

Help deliver hot meals to homebound individuals, stock and sort shelves in the food pantry, help at supply drives and more. Youth volunteers under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Mid-Ohio Food Collective

3960 Brookham Dr., Grove City, OH 43123; (614) 277-FOOD (3663); mofc.org/volunteer

Help sort and pack produce, nonperishable foods and household items, load trucks and register customers. Age and supervision requirements vary by task.



[My Very Own Blanket](#)

407 W. Main St., Westerville, OH 43041; (614) 530-3327; myveryownblanket.org

Volunteers can order a blanket kit and make it by hand, then send it back to the organization to be donated to a child in foster care.

[One Warm Coat](#)

(877) 663-9276; onewarmcoat.org

Volunteers can host a coat drive or help with an ongoing drive. To host a drive, visit the website to register and access all the tools you'll need to get set up.

[Operation Buckeye](#)

5000 Arlington Centre Blvd., Columbus, OH 43220; (614) 807-0245; buckeyealumni.com

Volunteers gather items to be sent to military personnel and help pack/ship them. Visit the website for a list of most-needed items.

[Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio](#)

711 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, OH 43205; (614) 227-3700; rmhc-centralohio.org

Assist families and children in a variety of ways, including making blankets and participating in events.

[Seeds of Caring](#)

355 E. Campus View Blvd., Ste. 157, Columbus, OH 43235; seedsofcaring.org

Volunteers of all ages work with many other nonprofit organizations to do a variety of tasks for the community. Anywhere Projects allow you to volunteer by working on projects at home.

[Special Olympics Ohio](#)

921 Eastwind Dr., Ste. 120, Westerville, OH 43081; (614) 239-7050; sooh.org

Teens can assist at athletic events as individuals or a group. Volunteer coaches must be 16+.

[Volunteer United](#)

Find volunteer opportunities with local nonprofits who are partnered with the United Way of Central Ohio. Visit volunteerunitedcbus.org/need/ and filter by age to find projects for teens.

[Wagons Ho Ho Ho](#)

580 E. Woodrow Ave., Columbus, OH 43207; (614) 794-2008; wagonshohoho.org

Volunteers help to build wagons and pack holiday meals for families in need.

[Youth Engaged 4 Change \(YE4C\)](#)

YE4C works with many other organizations that provide internships and volunteering for teens in a variety of areas. Search engage.youth.gov for local events using the tool under Find Opportunities.

[YMCA of Central Ohio](#)

40 W. Long St., Columbus, OH 43215; (614) 573-3616; ymcacolumbus.org/volunteer

Offers a variety of ongoing and one-time volunteer opportunities, including being a junior coach, helping at family events and mentoring.

[YWCA Columbus](#)

65 S. 4th St., Columbus, OH; (614) 224-9121; ywcacolumbus.org/get-involved/volunteer

Teens younger than 15 can volunteer in the dining room and community room areas; 15+ can volunteer in the kitchen.

Updated 6/11/24

