

“You must be the change you wish to see in the world.” Mahatma Gandhi

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.” Margaret Mead

“Love cannot remain by itself — it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action and that action is service.” Mother Teresa

“Everyone can be great, because everyone can serve.” Martin Luther King, Jr.

Community service opportunities include working with **local or nationally recognized organizations**, such as your local parishes (Altar Serving, VBS, Lector, etc.), Community Fairs, ANCHOR, helping with food distribution, animal care, literacy programs, construction, assisting with elderly or special needs individuals, and gaining healthcare experience. These are a few examples:

Food and Hunger Relief:

- **[Island Harvest](#)**: Volunteers can sort and distribute food boxes, assist at food drives, and work on their Brentwood farm.
- **[Interfaith Nutrition Network](#) (The INN)**: Address hunger and homelessness by helping with direct services or special events.

Leadership opportunities are available on the Youth Advisory Board for students in grades 9 – 12. Positions are chosen in September.

Environmental & Animal Welfare:

- **[The Book Fairies](#)**: Collect and distribute books to promote literacy throughout New York
- **[HorseAbility](#)**: Provides services for individuals with special needs through equestrian activities.
- **[Long Island Feline Adoption Center](#) / [Hope For Cleo Animal Rescue](#)**: Assist with animal care and shelter support.
- **[Friends of Hempstead Plains](#) / [Coastal Steward](#)**: Engage in environmental cleanups and maintenance.

Healthcare & Social Services:

- [Mount Sinai South Nassau](#): Offers a Junior Volunteer Program for ages 15-17, providing a firsthand look at the healthcare field.
- [Northwell Health \(LIJ Medical Center\)](#): Explore opportunities in gift shops, patient support, or administrative tasks.
- [Ronald McDonald House of Long Island](#): Help with meal preparation, house upkeep, or by talking with families.
- [Big Brothers Big Sisters of Long Island](#): Spend one-on-one time with children to provide mentorship.
- [Special Olympics](#): Volunteer for sports training and athletic competitions for individuals with special needs.
- [American Red Cross](#): Get involved with various volunteer roles.

Community Support & Education:

- [Long Island Children's Museum](#): Help with children's programs and museum operations.
- **Center for Science Teaching and Learning**: <https://cstl.org/> is situated within Tanglewood Preserve—a nature preserve in Rockville Centre, NY. Our mission is simple: to encourage science learning and literacy in everyone, children as well as adults.
- **Libraries**: Many public libraries offer teen volunteer programs,

Coastal and marine projects

- **Coastal Steward Long Island**: This all-volunteer organization works to preserve Long Island's marine environment through education, preservation, and restoration. High school students can participate in:
 - Shellfish restoration: Helping to grow and release oysters in local harbors.
 - Beach cleanups: Beautifying beaches and separating recyclables.

- [Operation SPLASH](#): This non-profit is dedicated to improving the health of Long Island's shores through cleanups, advocacy, and education. It's a great option for students who want to be directly involved in cleaning up the area's waterways.
- [Jones Beach Energy & Nature Center](#): Located at Jones Beach State Park, the center offers volunteer events that focus on the coastal environment.
 - Beach cleanups: Help remove trash and debris from the shoreline.
 - Marine debris surveys: Participate in scientific surveys to collect data on marine pollution
- [Long Island Native Plant Initiative \(LINPI\)](#): This volunteer group cultivates and restores native Long Island plants, which are crucial for local biodiversity. Students can volunteer at their greenhouse in Brentwood to help with propagation.
- [ReWild Long Island](#): This nonprofit promotes biodiversity by transforming lawns into native habitats through composting, organic gardening, and planting native species.
 - Summer program: In locations like Port Washington and East Hampton, students can join a program focused on planting native species and organic vegetables.
 - Community gardens: Help with planting, weeding, and other tasks in community garden spaces.
- [The Long Island Conservancy](#): This organization supports stewardship in local parks and open spaces. Student volunteers can assist in removing invasive plants and planting native alternatives.
- [Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary and Audubon Center](#): Located in Oyster Bay, this center maintains 14 acres of trails and gardens. Volunteers can assist with garden and trail maintenance to support local bird and pollinator populations.

Animal care and education

- [Sweetbriar Nature Center](#): Located in Smithtown, this center offers a range of volunteer tasks.
 - Gardening: Help maintain gardens, including a butterfly and moth vivarium.
 - Animal care: Assist with the care of rescued and rehabilitated wildlife.
- Volunteers for Wildlife: Based in Locust Valley, this organization operates a wildlife hospital and education center. It's an option for older students who are interested in wildlife rehabilitation and rescue.
- [Seatuck Environmental Association](#): This Islip-based organization focuses on wildlife conservation and environmental education. Check with them for opportunities in conservation projects or environmental program

AHRC, Nassau County Chapter

189 Wheatley Road

Brookville, N.Y. 11545

(516) 626-1000

www.ahrc.org/volunteerprogram

American Cancer Society

6800 Jericho Turnpike

West Syosset, N.Y.

(516) 921-6016

www.cancer.org

Association for Children with Down Syndrome, Inc.

Fern Place

Plainview, N.Y. 11803

(516) 933-4700

www.acds.org

ABILITIES, Inc.

201 I.U. Willets Road

Albertson, N.Y. 11507

(516) 465-1675

www.viscardicenter.org

Bide-A-Wee

3300 Beltagh Avenue

Wantagh, N.Y. 11793

866-262-8133

www.bideawee.org

Camp Anchor

Lido Beach Town Park, 630 Lido Blvd.,
Lido Beach, NY 11561

(516) 431-6946

14+ years and older

www.campanchor.org

Catholic Charities-Diocese of RVC

90 Cherry Lane

Hicksville, NY 11801

(516) 733-7044

www.catholiccharities.cc

Clark Botanic Garden

193 I.U. Willets Road

Albertson, N.Y. 11507

(516) 484-2208

www.clarkbotanic.org

Cradle of Aviation Museum

Charles Lindbergh Boulevard

Garden City, N.Y. 11530

(516) 572-4111

www.cradleofaviation.org

Cove Animal Rescue

40 Shore Road

Glen Cove, NY 11542

(516) 676-5913

Volunteers starting at 14

www.coveanimalrescue.org/volunteer

Drug & Alcohol Ed

114 Old Country Road

Mineola, N.Y. 11501

(516) 747-2606

www.licadd.org

Energeia for Teens

Molloy College Suffolk Center

7180 Republic Airport

Farmingdale, N.Y. 11735

(516) 323-3000

www.molloy.edu/about-molloy-college/

Family & Children's Association

100 E. Old Country Road

Mineola, N.Y. 11501

(516) 746-0350

www.familyandchildrens.org

Friendship Circle

400 E. Shore Road

Great Neck, N.Y.

(516) 487-4554

www.Friendshipcircle.com

Friends of the Bay

2 Townsend Square, Oyster Bay, NY
11771

(516) 922-6666

www.friendsofthebay.org

Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind, Inc.

371 East Jericho Turnpike

Smithtown, New York 11787

1-800-548-4337

www.guidedog.org

Habitat for Humanity

1421 Northern Boulevard

Manhasset, New York 11030

(516) 627-6047

www.hfhnc.org

Heckscher Museum of Art

2 Prime Avenue

Huntington, N.Y. 11743

(631) 351-3250

www.heckscher.org

Long Island Volunteer Center

38 Old Country Rd, Garden City, NY 11530

<https://longislandvolunteercenter.org/>

Long Island Cares

10 Davids Dr., Hauppauge, NY 11788

(631) 582-3663

www.licares.org

L.I. Museum of Science and Technology

1 Davis Avenue

Garden City, New York 11530

bparris@limsat.org

Make A Wish Foundation

1111 Marcus Avenue

Lake Success, New York 11042

(516) 944-6212 x 135

www.metrony.wish.org

MADD Long Island

33 Walt Whitman Road, Suite LL7

Huntington Station, N.Y. 11746

(631) 547-6233

www.longislandmadd.org

March of Dimes

325 Crossways Park Drive

Woodbury, New York 11797

(516) 496-2100

www.marchofdimes.com

Meals on Wheels

Old Court House

1550 Franklin Avenue

Mineola, New York 11501

(516) 571-5814

www.mealcall.org/meals-on-wheels/ny/mineola.htm

Catholic Health Mercy Hospital

1000 Village Ave.

RVC, NY 11570

516-626-3729

<https://www.chsli.org/mercy-hospital/ways-give/volunteer>

16 years or older

Music Heals

330 Community Drive

Manhasset, New York 11030

(516) 562-8039

Mount Sinai South Nassau

One Healthy Way

Oceanside, NY 11572

<https://www.southnassau.org/sn/join-our-junior-volunteer-program>

North Shore Animal League

25 Davis Avenue

Port Washington, N.Y.

(516) 883-1690

Fill out application online

www.nsalamerica.org

Old Bethpage Village Restoration

1303 Round Swamp Road

Old Bethpage, N.Y. 11804

(516) 572-8400

www.nassaucountyny.gov

Old Westbury Gardens

71 Old Westbury Road

Old Westbury, N.Y. 11568

(516) 333-0048

www.oldwestburygardens.org

Science Museum of Long Island

1526 N. Plandome Rd, Manhasset, NY
11030

(516) 627-9400

www.smli.org

Vanderbilt Museum

180 Little Neck Road

Centerpoint, N.Y. 11721

(631)239-5701

Volunteers for Wildlife, Inc.

(516) 674-0982

www.volunteersforwildlife.org