

Are you looking for volunteer opportunities in the community for young adults? As a parent of would-be teenagers way into the future (or, should I dare say, not so far future), this is something that is greatly needed now more than ever. Thankfully, we are now compiling a list of resources to share with our customers. If there happens to be something that you know of that isn't a part of this, please feel free to share it with Teen.Library@toledolibrary.org and we will make the necessary changes.

Why is volunteering important?

- It gives us a sense of responsibility. Young ones can learn what it means to make and keep a commitment, along with timeliness, doing their best under circumstances, and being proud of their accomplishments. Not to mention, it also continuously teaches us that we are responsible for the well-being of our community!
- One person can mean the world to another being.
- Working within community services brings us closer to others of different backgrounds, abilities, ethnicities, ages, education, and income levels. Whatever the difference may be with one another, volunteering unites everyone by common values.

Now, on to the Volunteer Opportunities in the Toledo Metro area:

<p>Bethany House 419.727.4948 419.729.2053 engage@bethanyhousetoledo.org</p>	<p>Battered Women's Shelter. You can only volunteer Mon-Fri 11-6pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Housework/cleaning, gardening, yardwork, planned activities with the children of the women ● Must respect confidentiality. Should enjoy working with the kids.
<p>Big Brothers Big Sisters of NWO *United Way Building 424 Jackson Street Toledo, OH 43604 419.243.4600 Website</p>	<p>Traditional: Big meets with little an average of two hours a week for one year; meeting times and places are entirely up to the big and the family of the little (e.g., you can take your little to a Mudhens game, a movie, or to the park to play)</p> <p>Site-based: (aka After school program) one day a week where big meets with little for one hour</p>
<p>Cherry Street Mission Ministries 1501 Monroe Street Toledo, OH 43604 419.214.3419 (Hallie Timbo) Website</p>	<p>Volunteers have to be at minimum: 16 years old (with parent/guardian), or 18 years of age. They will mainly serve meals at community centers, sending mailers (to help with non-profit organization), sorting warehouse donations, and maintain the library center (part of the Toledo Lucas County Public Library.) There are even workforce development programs that partner with Owens Community College, for those that have graduated high school and are looking into trade skills.</p>
<p>Eberly Center for Women University of Toledo's Main Campus Tucker Hall, Room 0618</p>	<p>Campus based women center that is committed to be leader on societal issues for women, etc. Currently working with interns from UT and community liaisons. Administrative work</p>

<p>2120 Campus Road, Toledo, OH 43606 419.530.8570 (Angie Fitzpatrick)</p>	<p>(office work), Think Tank, and/or spatial organization. For ages 13 and older.</p>
<p>Family House 669 Indiana Avenue Toledo, OH 43604 419.242.5505 helping@familyhousetoledo.org, Mandy, Volunteer Coordinator Website</p>	<p>General cleaning, donation sorting, help organizing the food pantry and clothing closet, processing donations, storytime for kids, monitoring the playground, program nights depending on your skillset (crafting, health nights, gardening, etc.) Volunteers under 18 require the presence of a parent or guardian. Will also work with local agencies that require court appointed community services, so long as there were no crimes against children.</p>
<p>Food for Thought 316 Adams Street Toledo, OH 43604 419.972.0022 Website *Please see website for food service locations in Toledo</p>	<p>Friday Night Lunch Packing, 6pm - 7pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Make PB&J lunches for neighbors Contact pbj@feedtoledo.org for more information and/or to get scheduled <p>Community Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Saturday morning food, water, or coffee distribution at the TARTA terminal (Cherry and St. Clair), 10am - 12pm ● Mobile food pantries (locations) <p>Warehouse Help</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Seeking medium sized groups or individuals to help staff at the in house pantry at Lott Industries by setting up, greeting patrons, and help them shop the pantry ● Every third Thursday, 9am - 1pm <p>Special Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Toledo Farmers Market Table: May - October, Saturdays from 8am - 1pm - Represent Food for Thought to the community by signing up volunteers, collecting monetary/market coin donations and manning the table <p>Looking for more information and/or would like to schedule volunteer hours? Contact info@feedtoledo.org!</p>
<p>Genacross Lutheran Services 131 North Wheeling Street Toledo, OH 43605 419.724.1414 419.724.1738 (Toledo Campus) Website</p>	<p>Care Campuses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Visit one-on-one with residents ● Work in the gift shop ● Tend to indoor plants ● Create or maintain a garden ● Share a craft and/or activity ● Assist residents in going to and from church services ● Be an escort on outings ● Help with parties and/or special events ● Lead an exercise class ● Lead a Bible study ● Play games or cards ● Help with bingo

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bake cookies ● Put up seasonal decorations ● Pass out mail and/or newspapers ● Lead a reading group ● Walk with residents ● Share a musical talent <p>Housing & Community Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Help distribute commodities ● Clean up grounds ● Paint where needed ● Clean/wash windows ● Plant flowers ● Host a game night ● Visit with residents <p>Ministry Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Help assemble <i>The Friend</i> newsletter and other mailings ● Put together Genacross Lutheran Services Foundation mailings
<p>Heartbeat of Toledo 4041 West Sylvania Avenue, Suite LL4 Toledo, OH 43623 419.241.9131 (Gina Bonino) gbonino@heartbeatoftoledo.org Website</p>	<p>Heart to Heart program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Processing and sorting donations of baby clothes and other baby care items (wash clothes, put together outfits, etc.) ● Stock and maintain the boutique which is accessible to all that go through the free parenting classes offered at Heartbeat of Toledo ● No age requirements! Please pass a background check (provided and paid for) and have reliable transportation. <p>Questions? Please contact Gina (email is preferred).</p>
<p>Imagination Station 1 Discovery Way Toledo, OH 419.244.2674 Ext. 235 Website</p>	<p>You are on the front lines for hands-on science education in the community, and you will find that your volunteer experience will not only be fun, but also inspirational to others. Each reoccurring volunteer must commit at least 10 hours of volunteer time per month, for a minimum commitment of 6 months. Volunteers must be at least 14 years old. Potential volunteers are asked to fill out the appropriate application and go through an interview process, including a background check and drug screen. Reoccurring volunteer opportunities include: administrative support, café hospitality, community outreach, exhibit volunteer, facility betterment, floor team partner, photographer, and various seasonal opportunities. All these opportunities are kept up to date here.</p>
<p>Locks of Love Website</p>	<p>We encourage interested volunteers to donate their hair to a child in need of hair prosthetics at a participating salon as they are already familiar with the process. This will ease and comfort donors! The guidelines for acceptable donations to Locks of Love can be found here.</p>

<p>Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity 1310 Conant Street Maumee, OH 43537 419.382.1964 Website</p>	<p>Youth volunteers, between grades K-12, are able to participate in a variety of ways at MVH4H, whether you are a group looking for service hours, a group of friends looking to volunteer, or an individual wanting to give back to your community. Available activities and projects are listed here, or you can contact the Volunteer Manager at dhammer@mvhabitat.org for more information.</p> <p>For those that are more seasoned, you can find volunteer information here, which includes positions in the offices, on a committee, within the ReStore shop, as well as opportunities for those that are professional and licensed construction workers.</p>
<p>Toledo Zoo & Aquarium 419.385.5721 Ext. 2045</p> <p>Anthony Wayne Trail Entrance (Main Entrance): 2 Hippo Way Toledo OH 43614</p> <p>Broadway Street Entrance: 2700 Broadway Street Toledo OH 43609</p> <p>Website</p>	<p>The Exhibit Guide Program supports the Zoo's educational and interpretive needs in specific areas within the Zoo. Exhibit Guides will be needed from April – September and will perform a variety of functions, including, but not limited to: Educating the public about our animals, including: the biology and life cycle of these animals; conservation issues, including an emphasis on everyday ways that people can help; and related topics. Supporting various features of the Nature's Neighborhood exhibit, including the contact yard, workshop, stream and other interactive areas. Answering visitor questions and addressing any other visitor needs. Maintaining a flow of visitors through the exhibits in a timely and friendly manner, Monitoring the behavior of the viewing public to ensure the safety of the animals and the visitors as well as promote a positive viewing experience for everyone.</p> <p>The Zoo Educator program is a year-round, long-term volunteer opportunity for adults, ages 18 and above, who have great people skills and a deep love of animals, nature, and conservation. Zoo Eds provide informal, spontaneous interactions, including Talking with Zoo visitors in front of exhibits Assisting with activity and biofact tables (biofacts are hides, skulls, or related items) Demonstrating live animals in open areas or near exhibits Off-grounds activities at community events, etc. Zoo Eds also provide a variety of educational programs, both on and off zoo grounds.</p> <p>Programs may be planned, following structured curricula, such as: On-grounds programs for school and assorted youth groups, centered around specific topics Scripted interpretive programs at key exhibits Structured animal demonstrations for Saturday Zoo School or Camp sessions, or the evening Zoo Snoozin' program Off-grounds programs for youth and community groups</p> <p>All our education opportunities reinforce a love and respect for animals and nature, and our role as responsible stewards for our fragile world. Clerical Volunteers provide invaluable support to many of the Zoo's offices, including Marketing,</p>

	<p>Membership/Development and Education.</p> <p>Clerical Volunteers will perform a variety of functions, including but not limited to: Stuffing envelopes and preparing mailings Filing, alphabetizing and photocopying various documents Organizing supplies and materials; Performing other functions as necessary. Clerical Volunteers can enjoy the opportunity to volunteer in relaxed, small office environments with deeply appreciative staff members.</p> <p>The Library Aide Program supports the Zoo's library and related programming needs. Library Aides will perform a variety of functions, including but not limited to: Checking books in and out, currently using both a traditional card and a computerized system (some computer knowledge is helpful but not required). Shelving books and magazines Pulling and archiving old magazines Keeping the library organized and conducive to learning Library Aides will also help with our Discovery Box Program. Discovery Boxes are resource kits available to area teachers that need to be checked in and out and inventory.</p> <p>Exhibit Guide: have a good public presence; be friendly and passionate about what you do. Must be 18+</p> <p>Zoo Educator: Have a good public presence; be friendly and passionate about what you do. Enjoy teaching. Must be 18+</p> <p>Clerical Volunteer: should be okay with office work</p> <p>Library Aide: If you love the Zoo and have a thirst for knowledge but shy away from crowds and public speaking, don't worry—the Zoo has a home for you, too! Volunteer in our Library! Computer skills are helpful, but not required.</p>
<p>Wigs for Kids 440.333.4433 Website</p>	<p>We encourage interested volunteers to find a Wigs for Kids ambassador salon to cut and send your hair to provide hair replacement systems and support for children who have lost their hair due to chemotherapy, radiation therapy, Alopecia, Trichotillomania, burns, and other medical issues at no cost to children and to their families. Effects of hair loss go deeper than just a change in a child's outward experience. It can also erode a child's self-confidence and limit them from experiencing.</p> <p>If you would like to donate your hair to Wigs for Kids, please follow these simple guidelines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make sure hair is a minimum of 12 inches for proper hair donation length. We encourage you to wait and grow a longer ponytail (14+ inches) to have the most impact on a child in need.

2. Pull curly hair straight for a more accurate measurement.
3. Start the measuring tape at the start of the ponytail.
4. Stop measuring where the ponytail starts to thin due to layers or split ends.
5. Hair must be clean and stored/packaged completely dry.
6. Wet hair will mold in shipping and will be thrown away.
7. Hair cannot be permed, color-treated, or highlighted.

[Learn more about our hair donation requirements.](#)

8. Temporary coloring or highlights that wash out are acceptable but must be completely washed out before cutting. Gray hair is accepted.
9. Tie hair into at least four sections (six are even better) around the head for a more generous donation.
10. Hair that is pulled into one ponytail or braid results in a loss of up to four inches of hair. To section ponytails:
 - Make a center part
 - Starting from this center part, part the hair over the top of each ear. This will create four sections of hair

To create four ponytails:

- Tie the hair in front of each ear into ponytails, and then tie the hair behind each ear into ponytails.
 - Make sure each ponytail or braid is tightly secured. Hair that is loosely wrapped tends to become loose when shipped, making it unusable.
 - PLEASE be sure hair is tight and secured with several rubber bands 2-3 inches apart.
11. Cut hair above the rubber band.
 12. Seal all dry ponytails in a Ziploc bag
 13. Place ziplock bag along with , barcode and \ or ID number in a sealed envelope addressed to:

Wigs For Kids — Hair Donations
24231 Center Ridge Road
Westlake, Ohio 44145

	<p>14. Donations mailed without an <u>appropriate form</u> are understood as anonymous donations.</p>
<p>YMCA/JCC of Greater Toledo Main Office: 1500 N. Superior Toledo, OH 43604 419.696.7221</p>	<p>Need volunteers every week during the summer Mon.-Fri. 11a-2p to help with programming for inner-city children. You can come to any branch of the Y and help throughout the year doing things like yard work, members service desk, fitness area, swimming, etc.</p>
<p>YWCA 1018 Jefferson Street Toledo, OH 43604 419.241.3235 Ext. 150</p>	<p>Sorting and organizing the donations that go up to the battered women’s shelter. Open Mon.-Fri. and is very flexible for when you can come in. You can also be a Hospital Outreach Advocate and meet with the victims of sexual assault in the hospital and follow them through the process, or a 24 hour Crisis Hotline Advocate where you actually answer calls to the crisis hotline. Both of the last two work on 3 shifts: 6a-noon, noon-6p, and 6p-6a.</p>

For more volunteer opportunities, please check our [volunteer page](#).

Thank you for visiting the Toledo Lucas County Public Library!

