

Youth Exploring Service Guide!



Animals



→ Days End Farm Horse Rescue

1372 Woodbine Road Woodbine, MD 21797 (Howard County)

Days End Farm Horse Rescue's mission is to ensure the quality care and treatment of horses through rehabilitation, humane education and community outreach.

Service Opportunities: Help with the care and management of the horses. This includes mucking stalls, cleaning and filling troughs, sweeping the barns, racking paddocks, fields and animal areas, grooming horses, and cleaning their feed buckets.

Minimum Age: 12 and older, under 12 must be accompanied by parent or guardian

Contact: D'ette Gorrie 301-854-5037

→ Marshy Point Nature Center

7130 Marshy Point Rd Middle River, MD 21220

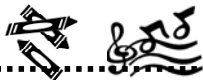
Marshy Point Nature Center is a facility of the Baltimore County Department of Parks and Recreation. The Center hosts educational field trips year-round and a wide variety of public programs.

Service Opportunities: animal care, greeting visitors, assisting naturalists with programming and exhibit design, and office assistance. Under the guidance of a naturalist, interns may perform large-scale and mini projects of various types. Volunteer hours can be used for school credit if special arrangements are made in advance.

Minimum Age: 13-College

Contact: James Frank 410-887-2817

Arts and Culture



→ The Jewish Museum of Maryland

15 Lloyd Street Baltimore, MD 21202

The Jewish Museum of Maryland is dedicated to the preservation and interpretation of the Jewish experience in America, with special attention to the collection, preservation, and study of the history, traditions, and culture of Jewish life in Maryland.

Service Opportunities: Junior Docents (Museum guides) facilitate educational tours, and interpret the history of the museum's exhibitions and synagogues for school and community groups.

Minimum Age: 15

Contact: Ilene Cohen at 410-732-6400 ext. 17

→ Hopkins Symphony Orchestra

201 Shriver Hall Johns Hopkins University 3400 N. Charles St. Baltimore, MD 21218

A highly regarded university/community orchestra, the HSO is the only community orchestra in Baltimore City. Each season, HSO performs 4 symphonic concerts in Shriver Hall (each program preceded by an expert lecture), 3 chamber concerts, 1 children's concert, and at least 1 extra community performance. Given that the orchestra exists for only 6 months of each JHU academic year, HSO is remarkably productive.

Service Opportunities: Help run the box office, stuff programs, tear tickets, hand out programs, guide patrons around the building, and, for symphonic performances, help set up the post-concert reception. All volunteers are invited to hear concerts for free and to attend receptions. Volunteers must arrive 60-90 minutes before a concert starts.

Minimum Age: 12

Contact: Edie Stern at 410-516-6542

→ **Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African-American History and Culture**

830 E. Pratt Street Baltimore, MD 21202

The Reginald F. Lewis Museum is the second largest of its kind on the east coast. The museum will focus on the history of African Americans in Maryland. The permanent exhibition will highlight the contributions of African Americans in the following areas: Work, Family and Community, and Arts and Enlightenment.

Service Opportunities: Volunteers will be staffed at the front desk, museum shop, resource center, oral history and listening studio, assist with museum special events such as lectures and performances, and provide tours of the permanent exhibition to school groups, family reunions and special interest groups.

Minimum Age: 14

Contact: Erika Holmes 443-263-1827

→ **St. Vincent De Paul- Head Start Program**

3705 W. Rogers Avenue 4330 Pimlico Road 5001 Park Heights Avenue

St. Vincent de Paul aims to reach low income and disadvantaged families with an early intervention program that will increase the child's readiness and success rate in the classroom, as well as address the many needs of participating families. They provide educational, health, nutrition, and social services to meet the needs expressed by parents, families, their children, and the community.

Service Opportunities: Share your talent or hobby with Head Start students. Teach kids how to juggle! Create an Art project! Perform a puppet show! We can incorporate your talent or hobby into the curriculum or we can create a special time for a new and fun learning experience.

Minimum Age: 13

Community Development



→ **Chesapeake Habitat for Humanity**

3326 Keswick Road Baltimore, MD 21211

Chesapeake Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization working in Baltimore City, rehabilitating vacant housing and selling them at cost to low income families with a no interest loan.

Service Opportunities:

Chesapeake Habitat for Humanity invites high-school aged youth to join Baltimore Schools for Baltimore, a coalition of public and private schools that plan organize and execute fundraising, advocacy, and hands-on events. Please contact us to find out how you can become involved. Chesapeake Habitat for Humanity also offers programs and activities for youth ages 5-14 on a rolling basis. Contact us to find out what opportunities are available now

Minimum Age: 5-14

Contact: Karen Edsell 410-366-1250

Habitat Helpers serve Chesapeake Habitat in helping families in need to build simple, decent, and affordable homes. Youth will have the opportunity to participate in a four step process of exploring, serving, reflecting, and celebrating. At the end of the process youth will become official Habitat Helpers and will be recognized through Habitat gifts and honored on our website.

Take the first step of exploring and join the Habitat Helpers program by signing up for our next **Youth Service Saturday**. This fun Saturday program teaches youth all about Chesapeake Habitat and gives them a strong foundation for participating in the Habitat Helpers program by having them participate in small advocacy, fundraising, and hands-on projects. Youth Service Saturdays take place at the Chesapeake Office from 9:30 AM-12 Noon on **April 4** and is free with the suggested donation of a new hand tool such as a paint brush, paint roller, painters tape, permanent marker, tape measure, or Home Depot gift card. We welcome all youth to attend Youth Service Saturdays whether they are interested in being part of our Habitat Helpers program or not.

Minimum Age: 5-15

Contact: Alyssa Burge, Youth Programs Coordinator at 410-366-1250 and/or email at

Alyssa@ChesapeakeHFH.org

→ **Maryland Association of Community Mediation Centers/Community Mediation Program (CMP)**

3333 Greenmount Ave. Baltimore, MD 21218

If you are interested in helping to bring peace to the Baltimore City Community and want to become a trained mediator, the Community Mediation Program provides a 50-hour training twice a year. We are currently seeking teen mediators! Call if interested so that you can take part in the upcoming 50-hour training.

Service Opportunities:

Teen mediators (Training in the summer) to mediate other teens. Participation in any other activities that

Minimum Age: 14 and older

Contact: Jay 410-467-9165

→ **Citizens Planning and Housing Association (CPHA)**

218 W. Saratoga Street, 5th Floor Baltimore, MD 21201

CPHA supports neighborhood in their efforts to improve the quality of life in Baltimore. CPHA addresses issues related to crime, schools, transportation, housing, leadership development, marketing and regional issues.

Service Opportunities: Participating in educational sessions, fundraising events, fairs and festivals, and conventions; serving as members of the Program Committee; assisting in community outreach, constituent building, survey implementation, and other forms of information gathering; engaging in research to support the efforts of CPHA; drafting letters to elected officials; attending lobby days and marches; writing letters to the Editor; and hosting informational gatherings.

Minimum Age: 16

Contact: Kenya Asli at 410-539-1369 x102 www.cphabaltimore.org

→ **Greater Homewood Community Corporation (GHCC)**

3503 North Charles Street | Baltimore, MD 21218

GHCC addresses quality of life issues affecting people who live, work, study and worship in north Baltimore's neighborhoods.

Service Opportunities: Violence prevention activities; educational activities; murals; community clean-ups; performance arts; and tutoring in local elementary schools

Minimum Age: 14

Contact: Ethan Hunt, Volunteer Coordinator 410-261-3509

→ **Youth as Resources**

Youth as Resources funds community development projects developed by young people. The grant cycle is fall and spring.

Service Opportunities: The opportunities are unlimited because the ideas are generated by youth.

Minimum Age: 12-22

Contact: Julie Reeder at 410-576-9551 or via e-mail at jreeder@bcf.org

→ **The Village Learning Place**

2521 St. Paul Street Baltimore, MD 21218

The Village Learning Place is a community center in the Lower Charles Village neighborhood of Baltimore. The center is housed in a converted library and offers after-school reading and arts programs to youth and computer classes to community members.

Service Opportunities: Library assistant, garden helper, special project assistants

Minimum Age: 16 and up

Contact: Emily Gould, Volunteer & Community Relations Coordinator at 410-235-2210, ext. 208

Crime Prevention



→ *Baltimore City Teen Court*

520 West Fayette Street Baltimore, MD 21201

The Baltimore City Teen Court is a voluntary alternative to the juvenile justice system. Teen Court emphasizes accountability, youth involvement, and positive peer influence. The Baltimore City Teen court provides both teen offenders and teen volunteers the unique opportunity to experience “real life” courtroom proceedings, while gaining knowledge of the legal system.

Service Opportunities: For each Teen Court case the students volunteer as the prosecuting attorney, the defense attorney, the jury, and the bailiff. All youth volunteers will have to take training before participating. Teen Court meets year-round, every other Thursday at the Eastside Courthouse. Sessions run from 4:30-7:30, and they have schedules available.

Age: 11 to 17

Contact: Leslie Wright at 410-706-5364

Education & Literacy



→ *Baltimore Reads, Inc.*

3 S. Frederick St. Suite 801 Baltimore, MD 21202

Baltimore Reads seeks to improve the quality of life for educationally disadvantaged adults, children and families. Baltimore Reads emphasizes strong reading, basic and life skill proficiencies essential for continuous learning, employment and self-sufficiency.

Service Opportunities: Literacy Tutors; assist with Books for Kids Day, annual event (1st Saturday in May)

Minimum Age: 16 and above, middle school age younger youth eligible to assist with Book Bank.

Contact: Patricia Edwards at 410-752-9410

→ *Maryland Science Center*

601 Light St Baltimore, MD 21230

The Maryland Science Center is known to stimulate and cultivate awareness, interest and understanding of science for all residents of and visitors to Maryland through excellent and exciting educational programs and exhibits.

Service Opportunities: Volunteer as a Camp Assistant! Volunteers will help the staff set-up and breakdown activities, make transitions between activities, and interact with small groups of students. Volunteers must be flexible, creative, able to follow directions, and comfortable interacting with students ages 4-12.

Minimum Age: must have completed freshman year of high school

Contact: Julie Burke at 410-545-5982

→ *St. Ambrose Family Outreach Center*

3445 Park Heights Ave Baltimore, MD US 21215

St. Ambrose provides adult literacy, job training, youth outreach, soup kitchen, food pantry, and emergency financial assistance to the Park Heights community of Northwest Baltimore.

Service Opportunities: Summer camp counselors; food pantry assistance; meal program assistance; after school tutors

Minimum Age: 13

Contact: Richard Williams, Jr at 410-225-0870

Elder Services



→ *Charlestown Retirement Community*

711 Maiden Choice Lane, Catonsville, MD 21228

Charlestown is a retirement center providing services to older adults including assisted living, adult day care, and a retirement community.

Service Opportunities: Activity assistant; wheelchair escort; beauty shop escort; friendly visitor; worship service assistant; donations and drives for various goods and services needed by the seniors and the Center; and Adopt-A-Grandparent. Volunteers must go through a screening process

Minimum Age: 14

Contact: Rose Sands at 410-247-3400 ext 8133

→ *Keswick Multi-Care Center*

700 West 40th Street Baltimore, MD 21211

Keswick is a center providing services to older adults including assisted living, adult day care, and a retirement community.

Service Opportunities: Volunteers must need 50 or more hours in order to participate because of training requirements. Summer program and on the weekends Keswick needs: Activity assistants; wheelchair escorts; beauty shop escorts; friendly visitors & worship service assistants. Volunteers must pass a TB test (Provided free of charge).

Minimum Age: 14

Contact: Willene Smith at 410-662-4235

→ *St. Elizabeth's Rehabilitation and Nursing Center*

3320 Benson Ave. Baltimore, MD 21227

St. Elizabeth Rehabilitation and Nursing Center provides healing and nurturing to the frail and elderly for rehabilitation and long-term care. They promote the physical, emotional, and spiritual well being of every member of the St. Elizabeth community.

Service Opportunities: Activities Assistant Volunteer invites and encourages residents to participate in activities and assist with small groups of residents with word games, arts and crafts, bingo, sing-alongs, and etc.

Minimum Age: 13

Contact: Shikaro Philan at 410-646-6570 sphilan@cc-md.org



Environment

→ *Alliance for The Chesapeake Bay*

6600 York Road, Suite 100 Baltimore, MD 21212

The Alliance for The Chesapeake Bay is a regional nonprofit organization that builds and fosters partnerships to restore the Bay and its rivers. They develop methods and tools for restoration activities and trains citizens to use them.

Service Opportunities: multitude of environmental projects occurring that youth can take part in, tree planting

Minimum Age: 14

Contact: Victoria Stinson at 410-377-6270

→ *Howard Peters Rawlings Conservatory*

3100 Swann Drive Baltimore, MD 21217

The Baltimore Conservatory aims to create a horticultural showcase and learning center for citizens of all ages. There are formal outdoor gardens featuring locally adapted vegetation, which is rotated according to season. Inside the newly renovated facility there are three greenhouses climate controlled to mimic a particular global region- the Desert House, Tropic House, Mediterranean House.

Service Opportunities: There is an ongoing need to help with horticulture, propagation, pest control, tour guide, greeter, education volunteer, special projects, and special events.

Minimum Age: 13

Contact: Betsy Nettlebeck at 410-396-0008

→ *Herring Run Watershed Association*

3545 Belair Road Baltimore, MD 21213

Herring Run Watershed Association's mission is to improve the environmental quality of this local watershed for the mutual benefit of its communities and the Chesapeake Bay.

Service Opportunities: Tree planting, stream cleanups, tree nursery maintenance, and more.

Minimum Age: All ages welcomed

Contact: Darin Crew at 410-254-1577, ext 104 or Ashley Trout 103

→ *Irvine Nature Center*

8400 Greenspring Avenue Stevenson, MD 21153

The Irvine Science Center offers Programs of environmental studies and natural science to children and adults of the greater Baltimore area.

Service Opportunities: Trail work, gardening, care of animals in the nature center, events

Minimum Age: 14

Contact: Carin Smite at 410-484-2413, ext. 32

→ *The Jones Falls Watershed Association*

4901 SpringGarden Drive Baltimore, MD 21209

The Jones Falls Watershed Association seeks to improve the health and beauty of the Jones Falls Watershed.

Service Opportunities: Tree plantings; watershed clean-ups; and special events.

Minimum Age: 11-14 to be accompanied by an adult

Contact: David Flores at 410-366-3036

→ *Living Classrooms Foundation*

802 S. Caroline Street Baltimore, MD 21231

The Living Classroom foundation is an education organization that provides hands-on learning, job training, and community service programs for students from diverse backgrounds, with an emphasis on serving disadvantaged and at-risk youth.

Service Opportunities: Planning and planting gardens, restoration and upkeep of existing gardens and wetland areas, yard maintenance, and site improvement. Other opportunities available depending upon the season.

Minimum Age: 16

Contact: Noah Smock at 410-685-0295 ext. 314

→ *Parks and People Foundation*

800 Wymann Park Drive, Suite 010 Baltimore, MD 21211

The Parks and People Foundation does a lot of work in Baltimore City communities to create green spaces and community gardens. Go here for detailed youth volunteer opportunities with Parks & People-

<http://parksandpeople.org/SKC/2008/Youth%20Program%20Volunteer%20Flyer%20Fall%2008.pdf>

Service Opportunities: clean up projects, tree plantings, community gardening, Youth Enrichment

Minimum Age: for projects ages 14-18

Contact: Jennifer Curan at 410-448-5663

→Tree-Mendous Maryland

580 Taylor Ave Annapolis, MD 21401

Do something positive for the environment and beautiful for your neighborhood. Plant Trees!

Service Opportunities: Tree planters and tree care/maintenance

Minimum Age: 10 without an adult

Contact: Terry Galloway at 410-260-8510

→TALMAR, Inc. (Therapeutic Alternative of Maryland)

1994 Cromwell Bridge Road Baltimore, MD 21234

TALMAR is dedicated to the mission of enhancing and improving health for all people of all ages and abilities. TALMAR's unique purpose is to provide an innovative, therapeutic and recreational environment designed particularly for individuals with disabilities or chronic conditions that impact their health and well-being.

Service Opportunities: transplanting in our greenhouse, planting flowers outside, office work, cutting and arranging flowers and much more!

Minimum Age: school age and up with adult supervision

Contact: Heidi Greenleaf 410-825-2020

Health and Wellness

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→*Jewish Family Services/Volunteer Services*

5750 Park Heights Avenue - Baltimore, Maryland 21215

Jewish Family Services, a non-profit social service agency provides family and individual support services that promote human dignity, enhance self-sufficiency, and strengthen family and individual life in Central Maryland.

Service Opportunities: limited summer opportunities available, Monday-Friday, please call for details

Minimum Age: 14

Contact: Rozi Rice at 410-843-7325

→*Central Maryland American Red Cross*

The Red Cross is the leader in time of need...empowering people to prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies in our community and throughout the world.

Service Opportunities: Blood services, emergency services, health services, international services, student leadership, financial development and special events.

Minimum Age: 14 (varies depending upon activity)

Contact: Pam Price at 410-624-2023

→*Sinai Hospital*

2401 West Belvedere Ave – Baltimore, MD 21215

The volunteer department at Sinai hospital has opportunities for youth!

Service Opportunities: School year internship and summer teen volunteer program.

Minimum Age: 15

Contact: Beth Duffin Volunteer Department at 410-601-5023

→*The Vegetarian Resource Group*

409 West Coldspring Lane - Baltimore, MD 21210

The Vegetarian resource Group educates consumers, health professionals, food service, and media about vegetarian, vegan, and low fat diets.

Service Opportunities: Internships, tabling (volunteering @ local fairs) days volunteers, and office volunteers.

Volunteers should be interested in vegetarianism, but it is not necessary to be a vegetarian. Also provide scholarship opportunities for high school students who volunteer with the organization.

Minimum Age: 14 without an adult

Contact: Jeanie Mcstay or Sonja Helman 410-366-8343

Hunger & Homelessness



→ **Beans & Bread**

402 South Bond Street, Baltimore, MD 21231

Recognizing that a person needs more than bread alone. Beans & Bread provides the hungry with hot meals on-site as well as bagged meals for later in the day. It provides a computer lab for job searching and training as well as a place for the homeless to avoid the elements during the long day.

Service Opportunities: Prepare and serve meals, set up and clean up the dining room, personal items bag, and bag lunch project.

Minimum Age: 13 or older, under 15 must be accompanied by an adult

Contact: Erin Shutt at (410) 732-1892 ext. 111

→ **Moveable Feast**

901 N. Milton Ave – Baltimore, MD 21205

The Moveable Feast prepares and delivers food to homebound people affected by HIV and AIDS.

Service Opportunities: Kitchen assistants; grocery packers; and bakers.

Minimum Age: 18 alone. Under 18 needs to have adult supervision

Contact: Tom Patrick at 410-327-3420 or via email at tpatrick@mfeast.org

→ **Maryland Food Bank**

2200 Halethorpe farms road – Baltimore, MD 21227

The Maryland Food Bank collects and packages food for shelters and community based organizations that serve hungry and homeless people throughout the state.

Service Opportunities: Packaging and sorting food; food drives; delivering hot food to soup kitchens and food pantries.

Minimum Age: 12-17 (with adult supervision)

Contact: *Vanessa Reed at 410-737-8282*

Leadership Opportunities



→ **Safe and Sound Campaign**

The Safe and Sound Campaign is a unique effort to organize citizens, communities, service providers, funders, and policy makers to create a new public framework that ensures that all Baltimore's children receive the essential supports they need to grow up healthy.

Service Opportunities: High school aged students may apply to become Youth Ambassadors at Safe and Sound. Youth Ambassadors are young people who lead other young people in community based projects such as producing street theater productions focusing on issues affecting young people, organizing a night at the City Council that will enable youth to speak to council members about issues in their communities, organize and participate in a youth expo displaying the talents of youth throughout the city, and creating virtual playgrounds and places for youth to gather that are safe and fun.

Minimum Age: High school

Contact: Mr. Hill at 410-625-7976



Creative Ways for Youth to Give Back



☞ Make birthday cards for the seniors at a senior center in your community who are celebrating their birthday this month! If you don't know any names, it's ok! Just draw, decorate and be as creative as you want in simply saying "Happy Birthday!" on your card. If possible, go along with your parent/guardian to deliver the cards. The seniors will love that you thought of them!

☞ Pick out a cool recipe for cookies or cupcakes, make them at home (with supervision) and go with your family to personally deliver the baked goods to a local homeless shelter such as the ones listed in the YES Guide under the "Hunger & Homelessness" section.

☞ At your next birthday party, ask everyone to bring an extra toy (new or gently used) and donate the toys to The Ark, a preschool for homeless children. Have your parents call 410.522.1026 to schedule a time to go.

☞ Whatever the holiday, make an arts and craft to celebrate! Make a Christmas tree ornament, a dreidel, paper candles for Kwanzaa, decorative hearts for Valentine's Day, etc. The sky is the limit! After you've had fun making your crafts, contact a local recreation center, senior center, or homeless shelter to schedule a time to come donate!

☞ Make a Charity Box to keep at home for you and your family to collect your extra change. After the charity box is full, talk with your family about where you would like to donate the money collected. Refer to some of the shelters listed right here in the Yes Guide, or any other places that would greatly appreciate your donation.

Visit <http://www.showkidsthefun.com/activity/make-a-tzedukah-charity-box-for-purim.html> for directions on how to make the Charity Box.

If you do not have computer access, need suggestions of places to donate to, or need assistance in general, don't hesitate to call Candace Baker, Volunteer Coordinator for Volunteer Central at 410-366-6030 ext. 214.



Happy Volunteering!

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