

Cuyahoga County West Side Volunteer Opportunities

Bay Village

- **Bay Village Community Services Department:** Check out a variety of opportunities all around Bay Village, all of which are housed through the Community Services department. Contact Leslie Selig at 440-899-3409 or lselig@cityofbayvillage.com. <http://www.cityofbayvillage.com/departments/community-service/city-and-county-services.aspx>
- **Dwyer Senior Center:** Opportunities include working within Meals on Wheels, the front desk, fundraising, gardeners/plant care, and the woodshop. Contact the Senior Center Manager at 440-835-6565. <http://www.cityofbayvillage.com/departments/community-service/senior-activities-and-programs/volunteer.aspx>
- **Family Haven:** Work with adults with disabilities in a variety of ways, such as joining in on a game night or helping with home repairs. <https://www.familyhaven.org/give-back/volunteer/>
- **Lake Erie Nature and Science Center:** Volunteer needs of the center change frequently and you are invited to visit their webpage often for updates. <http://www.lensc.org/volunteer/index.htm>
- **Village Bicycle:** This organization aims to teach people how to ride bicycles safely, how to maintain their bicycles, and how to use bicycles for transportation. Email Jennifer at jennifer@villagebicycle.org. <http://www.villagebicycle.org/volunteer-information/ways-to-volunteer>
- **Village Project:** Give back in a variety of ways, such as being a craft coordinator or assisting with gardening. <https://ourvillageproject.com/volunteers/>

Fairview Park

- **Fairview Hospital:** A variety of volunteer opportunities are available. Contact Clare Brim at 216-476-7211. <https://my.clevelandclinic.org/locations/fairview-hospital/about/volunteer>
- **Forward Fairview Park:** Help with business development, community outreach, and placemaking. <https://forwardfairview.org/volunteer-registration/>
- **Fairview Park Metroparks:** Volunteers assist with day-to-day operations and the overall success of the programs and services offered. Contact Volunteer Services at 440-331-8237 or volinfo@clevelandmetroparks.com. <https://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/parks/get-involved/volunteer/apply-1>
- **Fairview Park Women's Club:** A non-profit charitable, educational, and philanthropic organization. They offer multiple ways to get involved, such as helping at their Lunch with Santa or bringing in needed items for the Hunger Center. <http://fairviewparkwomensclub.org/>
- **Fairview Park Recreation Department:** Assist with special events and certain programs year round, take a look at the continually updated webpage for specific opportunities. <http://www.fairviewparkrec.com/volunteer-opportunities.html>
- **United Service Organizations:** Volunteers provide refreshments at unit homecoming or deployment functions, or serve beverages and snacks at USO run canteens or lounges. They may assist in a variety of other tasks, please see webpage for updates. <https://northernohio.uso.org/support/volunteer>

Lakewood

- **Beck Center for the Arts:** Be an usher, work on crew, or assist in other responsibilities. <http://www.beckcenter.org/get-involved/volunteer-opportunities/>
- **Lakewood Alive Community Outreach:** Assist in community projects, including Housing Outreach and special events. <https://www.lakewoodalive.org/volunteer/>

- **Lakewood Animal Shelter:** Responsibilities include providing for the physical care of cats and dogs, cleaning cages and kennels, grooming the animals, walking the dogs and socializing the adoptable cats, and maintaining adoption areas. <http://cclas.org/volunteer.html>
- **Lakewood Department of Human Services:** Opportunities range from meal delivery to the annual flu clinic campaign. See their webpage for a list of volunteer needs. <http://www.onelakewood.com/accordions/volunteer-opportunities-with-the-city-of-lakewood/>
- **Lakewood Senior Centers:** Assist the elderly with participation in activities and programs. <http://www.onelakewood.com/findget/programs-for-seniors/>

North Olmsted

- **Oxcart Pantry:** Help sort food donations. <https://www.north-olmsted.com/oxcart-pantry/>
- **Volunteers of America Thrift Store:** Sort clothing donations or host a clothing/supply drive. Call 440-202-1444 or check out the webpage for more information. <https://www.voago.org/get-involved>

Olmsted Falls

- **Eliza Jennings Hospice:** Volunteer opportunities include helping with activities for residents (crafts, games, etc.), providing companionship to residents (such as discussing current events), and assisting in the office. <https://elizajennings.org/volunteer/>
- **Sprenger Health Care:** Participate in variety of volunteer tasks, including reading books or newspapers to patients, engaging in activities with patients, and assisting in the office. <https://www.sprengerhealthcare.com/careers/volunteer-opportunities/>

Rocky River

- **Bickford Senior Living:** Make a difference in the lives of senior citizens by assisting in a variety of tasks. https://www.enrichinghappiness.com/volunteer_at_bickford.html
- **Center for Families and Children:** Help fight hunger by organizing and/or disturbing donated food products, assist in cleaning up the centers, or check the webpage for special event volunteer needs. <http://www.thecentersohio.org/GetInvolved/careers/volunteeropportunities.aspx>
- **Girls with Sole:** This nonprofit organization's mission is to use free fitness and wellness programs to empower the minds, bodies and souls of girls who are at-risk or have experienced abuse of any kind. Call 440-668-1509 or email liz@girlswithsole.org. <http://www.girlswithsole.org/contacts/>
- **Rocky River Education Foundation:** Participate in events during the year that rely on the help of volunteers who give small amounts of time as needed. <http://www.rredfoundation.org/how-you-can-help/>
- **Rocky River Women's Club:** Volunteers are needed each month to help sort and pack food for Assistance Program clients. Call 216-556-5887 or email rockyriverassistanceprogram@gmail.com. <http://www.rrewc.org/rrap/pack-and-sort-dates>

Westlake

- **Clague Playhouse:** Opportunities include: Klague Lights, mailings, ushers, and fund raising. Email info@clagueplayhouse.org. <http://clagueplayhouse.org/index.php/volunteers/>
- **Compeer at Far West Center:** Spend an hour a week as a friend or mentor to a Compeer (a program for those with mental health issues) kid, adult, veteran or senior. Contact Denise Ayres at 440-835-6212. <https://compeer.org/volunteer/>
- **Senior Center WL:** Assist the community's elderly population, including daily activities assistance, food pantry sorting, and property maintenance. Contact Susan Laschinger at 440-899-3544 x6003. <https://www.cityofwestlake.org/157/community-services>

- **The Gathering Place:** Work as a greeter in the reception area, assist with clerical responsibilities, help tend Norma's Garden, or aid in coordinating special events. Contact Lynn Lubben at 216-455-1511 or lubben@touchedbycancer.org. <https://touchedbycancer.org/volunteer>
- **University Hospital St. John Medical Center:** Help support various hospital programs and services, including interacting with patients and their families. <http://www.uhhospitals.org/stjohn/about/volunteers>
- **Wigs for Kids:** Assist by sorting box hair donations, making phone calls, sorting mail, etc., or working at the Wigs for Kids Day at the Zoo event. <https://northernohio.uso.org/support/volunteer>
- **WL Historical Society:** Opportunities include antique and craft show assistance, fundraising, and repair and upkeep of buildings. Contact Lysa at 440-808-1961 or Dave at 216-848 0680. <http://www.westlakeohiohistory.org/page/page/4680735.htm>
- **WL Porter Library:** Be a reception desk greeter or sell and sort books/merchandise in the Book Nook and Gift Shop. Contact Judy McNamara at 440-871-2600 or Cathy Schultz at subcath311@gmail.com. <http://www.westlakelibrary.org/volunteer>
- **Youth Challenge:** This organization brings together young people with physical disabilities and teen/young adult volunteers who inspire each other through adapted sports, recreation and social growth activities. <http://www.youthchallengesports.com/Main/ContactUs.aspx>

General Local

- **Friends of the Library:** Assist a library with various tasks. <http://www.cuyahogalibrary.org/Donate/Friends-of-the-Library.aspx>
- **Meals on Wheels:** Serve in Westlake, North Olmsted, Olmsted Falls, and/or Olmsted Township. Volunteers assist in the kitchen with meal preparation and meal delivery (using their own vehicles). Most volunteers serve one day a week and opportunities are available to meet most schedule needs. (Link is for Westlake.) <https://www.westlakemealsonwheels.org/support-us/volunteer/>
- **YMCA:** Volunteer at West Shore in Westlake and/or West Park in Fairview. (Link is for West Shore.) <https://www.clevelandymca.org/west-shore-westlake.html>

Not finding what you're looking for? Search for more opportunities on **VolunteerMatch.org**, which assists people in finding a cause that will bring fulfillment. <http://www.volunteermatch.org/>