Young Volunteers Lead the Way

We can be proud of Milwaukee youth!

On Global Youth Service Day, Saturday, April 12, nearly 6,000 young people were registered for 63 different service projects around the city.

These young volunteers cleaned up neighborhoods and parks, participated in the Bridge Project march for a safer Milwaukee, sorted food donations, and generated creative projects to help our community.

The volunteers ranged from elementary to college age students and represented partners such as the City of Milwaukee, Boys and Girls Clubs, Milwaukee Public Schools, Marquette University, UW-Milwaukee, Lead to Succeed, the Corporation for National and Community Service and many others.

The team from Public Allies constructed 20 Little Free Libraries to provide greater access to books in Milwaukee neighborhoods. The project activities focused on collaboration, team and community building. These libraries allow people to interact with their neighborhood in a way that encourages sharing and expands knowledge.

A group of students from the Riverside High School Community Learning Center wrote, produced, acted and filmed a PSA dealing with issues concerning teens. The students realized that youth deal with a lot of outside influences that can drastically affect their futures. Their education efforts focused on bullying, drug abuse, domestic violence and teen pregnancy. The goal is to help teens make good choices in their lives.

Teens from around Milwaukee joined students from the South Division English Language Learners classroom to sort and label food at Feeding America. The food will be distributed to families through local food pantries.

Global Youth Service Day ended with a celebration of volunteerism at the Mary Ryan Boys and Girls Club in Sherman Park. The event featured games, lunch and music. In spite of the rain that morning, teens were out picking up trash to prepare the park for summer picnics.

There are many other ways to be engaged beyond this one day of youth service! Check inside for dozens of opportunities to be involved this summer.
One-Time Opportunities
Summer-long opportunities start on the next page

Be on TV: MPTV Membership Drive - June 1, 2, 8
Answer viewer calls and enter data into the computer.
5:30-10:30 p.m. Minimum age: 16
MPTV - Pamela R. Behling
behlingp@matc.edu, (414) 297-8099

Evening Under the Gazebo
June 4, 18, July 2, 23, August 13
Accompany residents using wheelchairs outdoors for
entertainment, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Minimum age: 16
Village at Manor Park - Bonnie Zabkowicz
bonnie.zabkowicz@vmp.org, (414) 607-4276

Dotty’s Crafters - June 4, July 2, August 6
Prepare craft materials for preschool programs and special
events 1:00-3:00 p.m. Minimum age: 14
Wehr Nature Center - Mary Gaub
mary.gaub@ces.uwex.edu, (414) 425-8550

Kicknic - June 7
Distribute lunch, paint children’s faces, and help with
grounds crew; 5-hour daytime shifts. Minimum age: 16
Milwaukee Kickers Soccer - Club Angie Opsahl
angieo@mksc.org, (414) 358-2678

Summerfest Rock N Sole Water Stop - June 14
Hand out water and refreshments and cheer on
participants in the half marathon. 6:00-9:00 a.m. Minimum age: 16
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society - Alexandra Sarvela
alexandra.sarvela@lls.org, (262) 785-4246

Read with Me - June 18, July 2, 9, 16, 30
Read with children ages 2 - 5, Wednesday mornings
9:00-11:00 a.m. Minimum age: 14
Next Door Foundation - Pam Edyburn
pedyburn@nextdoormil.org, (414) 562-2929

WIAA Girls State Soccer Championship
June 19-21
Monitor sidelines, sell tickets and concessions, direct cars or
keep score. Day and evening shifts. Minimum age: 16
Milwaukee Kickers Soccer Club - Angie Opsahl
angieo@mksc.org, (414) 358-2678

Relay for Life - June 20-21
Hand out water and refreshments and cheer on
participants. 6:00-9:00 a.m. Minimum age: 14
Running Rebels Community Organization - Shane Woodruff
shane.woodruff@runningrebels.org, (414) 264-8222

River Valley Bike Ride - June 22
Help with face painting, children games, serve food or
direct bikers and traffic; 3-4 hour shifts. Minimum age: 14
Riveredge Nature Center - Pat Schindler
volunteers@riveredge.us, (262) 375-2715

Assist a Child with Special Needs - June 28
Share time, energy and a fun day with child with
special needs at Wil’O’Way Park. Lunch provided.
Minimum age: 15
Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services
Sara Jung, Sara.Jung@cssw.org, (414) 292-4161

Rock the Park - June 28
Paint faces, assist on grounds, band stage and clean up
in Hart Park. Minimum age: 17
Horizon Home Care & Hospice - Jason Whittington
jason.whittington@hhch.net, (414) 586-8268

Scenic Shore 150 Bike Tour - July 18-21
Help with registration, rest stops, meals, luggage loading,
route supervision, bike repair, and first aid.
Minimum age: 16
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
scenicshore150@lls.org, (262) 785-4272

Taste of Wellspring at Mequon Nature Preserve
July 27
Greet guests, serve food, help with games and silent
auction. Day and evening shifts. Minimum age: 13
Wellspring - Mary Ann Ihm
wellspring@hnet.net, (262) 675-6755

State Fair Water Patrol - July 31-August 10
Give water and ice to the public. 3 hour shifts.
Minimum age: 16
The Salvation Army of Milwaukee County - Joy Cony
Joy_Cony@usc.salvationarmy.org, (414) 302-4300

For event photos and up-to-the-minute
information on volunteerism, check out
facebook.com/volunteermilwaukee
and Volunteermke on Twitter!
Wisconsin State Fair - July 31-August 10
Staff information booth, usher spectators at Pig Races and manage children's slide. 4 hour day and evening shifts. Minimum age: 14
Wisconsin State Fair Park Foundation - Keith Kalberer
wsffoundation@sbcglobal.net, (414) 259-4138

Run/Walk to Irish Fest - August 16
Set up, register participants, hand out packets and food or sell t-shirts. 7:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Minimum age: 15
Arthritis Foundation - Upper Midwest Region
Elizabeth Scoles, escoles@arthritis.org, (414) 239-6181

2nd Annual S.T.O.P. Bash! - August 16
Check in guests, assist performing groups, distribute food and clean up. 4 hour shifts. Minimum age: 16
Milwaukee Public Schools - Heather Aschoff
aschofha@milwaukee.k12.wi.us, (414) 773-9823

Run Back To School - August 23
Monitor race course and distribute water. 7:00-11:00 a.m. Minimum age: 16
Milwaukee Public Schools - Beth-marie Kurtz
kurtzbl@milwaukee.k12.wi.us, (414) 475-8869

Summer Art Assistants
Assist artists with hands-on children’s activities in parks and playgrounds weekday afternoons June 23-August 1. Minimum age: 16
Artists Working in Education - Jenni Reinke
jenni@awe-inc.org, (414) 933-3877

Lots of Variety
Take inventory, change bulletin boards, sort food donations and a variety of tasks; weekdays. Minimum age: 16
Bay View Community Center - Kimberly Schubring
kschubring@bayviewcenter.org, (414) 482-1000

Camp Assistant
Read, create art, play games, or take walks with children. Two hours weekly for ten weeks. Minimum age: 16
Child Development Center of St Joseph
Sr. Mary Brendan Bogdan
sbrendan@cdcsj.org, (414) 645-5337 ext. 262

For more opportunities now and year-round visit VolunteerMilwaukee.org
Volunteer Center of Greater Milwaukee - A Service of the Nonprofit Center
Maintain Beautiful Gardens
Weed and water the gardens at our hospital hospitality house. Minimum age: 16
Kathy’s House - Irene Schelman
ischelman@hotmail.com, (262) 784-1226

Keep It Clean
Choose a park, river way or neighborhood and pick up litter. Supplies provided. Minimum age: 16
Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful
KGMB Volunteer Coordinator
volunteer@kgmb.org, (414) 272-5462 ext. 105

Field Trip and On-Site Transport
Transport residents using wheelchairs to in-house or community therapy, medical, and beauty shop appointments; weekdays. Minimum age: 12
Caring Companion
Engage elderly residents in table games, help with letter writing or enjoy campus walks. Once weekly. Minimum age: 12
Coffee Cart Host
Travel room-to-room weekdays offering residents a warm cup of coffee/tea, cookies, and conversation. Minimum age: 12
Day Service Activity
Assist Adult Day Center participants weekdays with activities, snacks, and transportation to campus activities. Minimum age: 12
Luther Manor - Cheryl Schmitz
volunteer@luthermanor.org, (414) 464-3880, ext. 600

Use Your Green Thumb
Plant and maintain gardens with elderly residents. Minimum age: 12
Luther Manor - Nicole Kelly
volunteer@luthermanor.org, (414) 464-3880, ext. 577

Waukesha Garden
Garden and pick vegetables in the Green Power Garden for transport back to Milwaukee. Minimum age: 16
Meta House - Nicole Kelly
volunteer@metahouse.org, (414) 977-5823

Food Pantry Assistant
Unload and sort food shipments or pack food bags Monday mornings. Must lift 25-50 lbs. Minimum age: 16
Assist Hmong or Lao Seniors
Assist seniors in Washington Park on Fridays. Must be fluent in Hmong or Lao. Minimum age: 16
Milwaukee Christian Center - Bernadette Arellano
 barellano@mccwi.org, (414) 645-5350 ext. 119

4-H Teen Leader
Use educational literature, software and workbooks and teach a subject to 4-H youth. One meeting per month. Minimum age: 16
Milwaukee County UW Cooperative Extension
Michelle Gonzalez
michelle.gonzalez@ces.uwex.edu, (414) 256-4626

ReStore Cashier
Help customers purchase merchandise Tuesday-Friday; Wauwatosa or Third Ward. Minimum age: 16
Donation Ambassador
Accept and unload donated items Tuesday-Saturday; Wauwatosa or Third Ward. Minimum age: 16
Before and After Specialist
Organize merchandise and beautify sales floor; Wauwatosa or Third Ward. Minimum age: 16
Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity - Katie Krebsbach
kkrebsbach@milwaukeehabitat.org, (414) 257-9078 ext. 12

Discover Treasures at the ReStore
Sort, organize, price and prep vintage, antique and unique donations; Wauwatosa or Third Ward. Minimum age: 16
Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity - Kate Thourot
kthourot@milwaukeehabitat.org, (414) 257-9078 ext. 17

MPS Summer Tutor
Help students improve math or literacy skills at one of 22 locations; weekday mornings July 2-31. Minimum age: 16
Milwaukee Public Schools - Heather Aschoff
aschofha@milwaukee.k12.wi.us, (414) 773-9823

Children’s Book Drive
Host a book drive and collect gently used and new books for preschool and kindergarten children. Minimum age: 12
Books for Kids
Sort, label and shelve donated books; Monday-Thursday. Minimum age: 16
Next Door Foundation - Pam Edyburn
pedyburn@nextdoormil.org, (414) 562-2929

Volunteer Voices
Attend weekday volunteer fairs or speak on the value of volunteering at local schools, universities or community organizations on behalf of the Volunteer Center. Training provided. Minimum age: 16
Nonprofit Center of Milwaukee - Jessica Tabbutt
jtabbutt@volunteermilwaukee.org, (414) 273-7887

Summer Day Camp
Provide academic activities, arts and crafts, and games and sports to youth once a week Monday-Thursday. Minimum age: 14
Our Next Generation - Kayla Schultz
info@ongkids.org, (414) 344-2111

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Youth Summer Camp Leaders
Tutor math and English, read stories, and help kids with gardening and wellness activities. Weekday afternoons June 23-August 15. Minimum age: 12
Pan-African Community Association (PACA)
Michael Grochowski
mgrochowski@panafricoma.org, (414) 442-5864

Creative Classroom Assistant
Help children ages 2-5 with outdoor/indoor play, arts and crafts and lunch. Weekdays, 2 hours per week. Minimum age: 15

Classroom Aide
Assist teachers with meals/snacks, circle time and art projects for children under 3, some with developmental delays. Weekdays, one morning or afternoon a week. Minimum age: 15
Penfield Children's Center - Ellen Anderson
ellenanderson@penfieldchildren.org, (414) 345-6376

Food Pantry
Receive deliveries 1st Monday of month or sort and distribute food Monday and Friday. Minimum age: 16

Supply Drive
Collect school supplies, food, clothing, household items, infant care and personal hygiene items. Minimum age: 16

Food Pantry Office
Make phone calls, coordinate rides, provide resource information to seniors and file paperwork weekdays. Minimum age: 16

Complete Birthday Cards
Send our food pantry volunteers a card on their birthday. May be done from home. Minimum age: 16
Project Concern of Cudahy - St. Francis - Jen Kohls
pcstaff@hotmail.com, (414) 744-0645

Summer Camp
Assist with outdoor summer camp activities; commit to one week June 16-August 8. Minimum age: 14
Riveredge Nature Center - Pat Schnidier
volunteers@riveredge.us, (262) 375-2715

Admissions Booth Attendant
Take fees and hand out trail maps. Choose one week (weekdays or evenings) or once a month (weekends), June 2-August 29. Minimum age: 15

Land Stewardship
Weed, plant, and remove invasive species along Lake Michigan. Wednesday, Friday or Saturday mornings. Minimum age: 14
Schlitz Audubon Nature Center - Laune Haig
lhaig@sanc.org, (414) 352-2880 ext. 144

Ceramics Assistant
Help people with disabilities make ceramics in weekday classes. Training is provided. Must lift up to 50 lbs. Minimum age: 16

Art Teacher Assistant
Assist people with disabilities as they complete an art project; weekdays. Minimum age: 16

Respite Care
Set up and coordinate weekend recreational activities, serve lunch and socialize with people with disabilities. Minimum age: 16
St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care - Delma Vega
delmav@stanncenter.org, (414) 977-5000

Classroom Assistant
Assist young children, some with special needs, in weekday classroom activities. Minimum age: 15
St. Francis Children's Center - Kara Petersen
kpetersen@sfcckids.org, (414) 351-0450

Bingo
Assist our residents with bingo Monday and Friday afternoons. Minimum age: 12

Wheelchair Escort
Transport residents in wheelchairs to in-house therapy, beauty shop, or chapel weekdays or Sundays. Minimum age: 14

Recreational Therapy
Assist elderly residents with games, exercise, and other activities; weekdays. Minimum age: 12
The Lutheran Home - Michelle Mittelsteadt
michellemittelsteadt@thelutheranhome.org, (414) 258-6171, ext. 258

Feed the Kids
Help make 2,500 sandwiches any weekday morning to feed hungry children; June 20-August 21. Minimum age: 16
The Salvation Army of Milwaukee County - Joy Cony
Joy_Cony@usc.salvationarmy.org, (414) 302-4300

Various Volunteer Opportunities
Help with our summer camp, a research project, or outdoors in the park. Our opportunities accommodate many interests and schedules. Minimum age: 14
Urban Ecology Center - Riverside Park - Meghan Jones
mjoness@urbanecologycenter.org, (414) 964-8505 ext. 110
Urban Ecology Center - Menomonee Valley
Chris Steinkamp
csteinkamp@urbanecologycenter.org, (414) 431-2940

urbanecologycenter.org, (414) 344-5460 ext. 207

Build an Urban Farm
Remove weeds, shovel soil, lay out raised beds and maintain compost bins in the Harambee neighborhood; weekdays or weekends. Minimum age: 14
Victory Garden Initiative - Jazz Glastra
jazz.glastra@victorygardeninitiative.org, (414) 431-0888
Wheelchair Escort
Transport residents using wheelchairs to in-house therapy, beauty shop, or chapel weekdays or Sundays. Minimum age: 16

Friendly Visitor
Visit with elderly residents, help write letters, play a game, or be a friend; weekly or every other week. Minimum age: 16

Activity Cart or Snack Bar
Distribute magazines, puzzles, or books; make coffee and lemonade and share a cup with residents. Minimum age: 16

Bingo Assistant
Set up bingo and assist residents, Sat. morning or Wed. afternoon. Minimum age: 12

Manicure
Manicure the nails of our elderly residents; weekly or twice monthly. Minimum age: 16

Outdoor Games
Escort residents outdoors for Friday games. Minimum age: 12

Card Games, Bingo and Crafts
Assist with cribbage, euchre, sheepshead or bingo; or with craft projects, scrapbooking or beading. Minimum age: 12-16

Peer Counselor
Help meet the needs of teens in crisis, 3 hours/week for 3 months. Help with group sessions and promote good relationships. Training provided. Minimum age: 14

Volunteer Resources for Youth

Volunteer Center of Greater Milwaukee
volunteermilwaukee.org
Great resource with a variety of one-time, ongoing and seasonal local volunteer opportunities.

GenerationOn – generationon.org
For youth volunteers who want to learn about community issues and be part of a solution.

Global Youth Service Day – gysd.org
Celebrates and mobilizes millions of young people who empower their communities through service.

Earth Care
Remove weeds from native gardens Thursday mornings. Minimum age: 16

Wheel-n-Chip Society
Chip trails, trim bushes, mend fences, burn prairie Tuesday mornings. Minimum age: 16

Wehr Nature Center - Mary Gaub
mary.gaub@ces.uwex.edu, (414) 425-8550

Land Steward - Groom the Grounds
Groom river trails, clear weeds and other outdoor projects in West Bend. Minimum age: 16

Wellspring - Mary Ann Ihm
wellspring@hnet.net, (262) 675-6755

Volume Resources for Youth

Leaders Club
Participate in meetings and volunteer activities to build your leadership, work ethic, and self-esteem. Minimum age: 13

Youth Sports Assistant
Set up and take down equipment, keep score, coach or assist at practices and camps. Minimum age: 13

Youth Development
Help manage youth and family programs; provide instruction at events, activities, and programs. Minimum age: 13

Adaptive Swim Lessons- John C. Cudahy Branch
Teach children with cognitive and physical disabilities basic swimming skills and safety. Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 p.m. Minimum age: 12

Miracle Baseball League- John C. Cudahy Branch
Help a child with a physical or cognitive challenge play baseball. Tuesday and Thursday evenings, beginning June 15. Minimum age: 12

Young Athletes Program- John C. Cudahy Branch
Help children ages 2-7 with intellectual disabilities enjoy games and activities. April 23- June 4, Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 p.m. Minimum age: 12

YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee - Erik Kennedy
ekennedy@ymcamke.org, (414) 274-0724

Corporation for National & Community Service
nationalservice.gov
Find information on programs like AmeriCorps and Learn and Serve America. The site also has statistics on volunteerism throughout the U.S.

Do Something – dosomething.org
Helps enable youth to do something about the causes they care about. Do Something also offers scholarships and grants for service projects.

Youth Service America – ysa.org
Engages and educates youth to change the world. The site has lots of resources including information about Disney Friends for Change.