

THE COMMUNITY NEEDS OUR HELP!

Bay Area Volunteer Opportunities

Agencies that match volunteer opportunities with volunteers:
San Francisco Connect <http://www.sfconnect.org>

The Volunteer Center http://www.thevolunteercenter.net/volunteers_volsol.php

Volunteer Match <http://volunteermatch.org/>

Hands on Bay Area <http://www.handsonbayarea.org>

Jewish Family and Children's Services: <http://www.jfcs.org>

Hamilton Family Center (SF)- (www.hamiltonfamilycenter.org) provides food and shelter, as well as an array of support services focused on allowing families to return to self-sufficiency. Hamilton provides a continuum of services through its three San Francisco sites: the Emergency Shelter, 1525 Waller Street, Hamilton Family Residence, the largest family shelter in the San Francisco, at 260 Golden Gate, and the Transitional Housing Facility, with 20 individual housing facilities at 1631 Hayes. Please contact volunteer@hamiltonfamilycenter.org.

There are many volunteer opportunities through the Children's Programs at each site, which include regular tutoring or child care, or helping with the more organized classes, clubs or groups, and require a weekly commitment. There are opportunities for groups to assist with special events, such as holidays, birthdays, or field trips. To learn about volunteer orientation sessions, contact volunteer@hamiltonfamilycenter.org

Raphael House (SF)- (www.raphaelhouse.org) provides emergency and transitional housing to homeless families in San Francisco. The House, at 1065 Sutter Street invites individual volunteers, 18 years and older to help serve food, or work in its children's program. Volunteer dinner servers are needed Tuesday through Sunday from 5:15 to 6:45 pm. Volunteers currently needed to assist with the Evening Family Program, Sunday nights 6-9 pm, and to assist Children's Program on Thursdays from 6-8 pm. Groups volunteering opportunities include helping to staff or organize a holiday party; serve meals as a group; or organize a donation drive for apartment starter kits. Please contact volunteers@raphaelhouse.org

Home Away from Homelessness (SF & Marin)- (www.homeaway.org) Builds educational and recreational activities for homeless and formerly homeless children at four sites in San Francisco & Marin. Volunteers, 21 years and older, needed to lead activities, mentor or tutor children or serve meals at its School House in San Francisco. Contact volunteer@homeaway.org.

Compass Community Services (SF): (www.compass-sf.org) Four interconnecting support programs for homeless and low-income Bay Area residents, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and childcare. Compass holds monthly volunteer days for persons 17 years and older,. For more information, email Kristin Mansfield at kmansfield@compass-sf.org.

Homeward Bound of Marin County (Marin): As the chief provider of housing and support services for homeless people in Marin County, Homeward Bound operates seven programs — two for families with children, two for adults with mental illness, and three for other adults. A capacity of 280 beds allows Homeward Bound to provide a safe place to stay for approximately 1,800 people, including 400 or more children each year. Opportunities for volunteers, 14 years and older contact@homewardboundofmarin.org.. To learn more about volunteer opportunities, visit <http://www.homewardboundofmarin.org>.

Shelter Network (Penninsula): (<http://shelternetwork.org/participate.html>) Provides transitional housing, food and support services for homeless families and adults in Redwood City, Daly City, San Mateo & Menlo Park. Shelter Network has regular volunteer opportunities for families, youth and individuals to help with tutoring, child care or donation sorting. In addition, Shelter Network welcomes groups to Adopt-a-Family, cook a meal for single adults, host a part or paint an apartment! Email volunteer@shelternetwork.org, or visit the website for more details.

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Prepare, deliver or serve food to the Bay Area's homeless and food insecure populations:

St. Vincent de Paul (San Rafael)- (www.vinnies.org) Serving 80,000 meals per year to homeless, disabled, elderly and working poor guests, St. Vincent invites volunteers to help prepare and serve food to needy Marin residents. Family volunteering is welcome, but children under 12 cannot work in the kitchen, and a brief orientation is required (offered the first of every month at 5:30). Special group holiday or beautification projects may be arranged, and the Teen Internship program invited young people to participate in serving, fundraising, or outreach. Contact Cris Jones, crisj@vinnies.org.

Glide: (www.glide.org; volunteer@glide.org) This church based organization, has over 50 programs for homeless and at-risk Tenderloin residents, including job training, health services and a drop in center. There are a variety of positions available for those who want to make a regular commitment as a homework tutor, child care provider, or working in their dining room at 330 Ellis. In addition, volunteers can join Glide as individuals or a group to assemble bag lunches on Saturday mornings.

Project Open Hand (SF): (www.openhand.org) Prepares, serves and delivers hot meals, bag lunches & groceries to people with HIV/AIDS, seniors and critically ill San Francisco residents. Volunteer opportunities for adults (15 years +) to prepare meals at 730 Polk Street, or prepare and serve meals at one of various senior lunch sites. Opportunities to help clients shop at the Grocery Center on Tuesday-Saturday afternoons from 3:30-5:30, and to deliver food to clients (in pairs) on foot or in your own car. Contact volunteer@openhand.org. Individual volunteers are asked to please make a six-month commitment and attend a brief volunteer orientation <http://www.openhand.org/pages/join/volunteer/howto.html>

Fill Up America (SF): (www.fillupamerica.org) An all volunteer run organization dedicated to connecting those in need with surplus, by soliciting and distributing food and clothing to needy Tenderloin & Mission residents & a variety of women's shelters. Volunteers needed Friday mornings at Cell Space on Bryant Street to package food and clothing for distribution. A very social atmosphere that is child and teen friendly. 415.503.1100

San Francisco Food Bank (SF): (www.sffoodbank.org) Volunteers contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars of staff time to the San Francisco Food Bank, ensuring that more dollars go to serving the hungry in San Francisco. Becoming a Food Sorter at the Food Bank is a wonderful, hands-on and fun way to give your time! Individual and group shifts are available on weekdays, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and on Saturdays. Contact Sam at volunteer@sffb.org for more information.

Alameda County Community Food Bank (Oakland) : (www.accfb.org) Alameda County Food Bank is always in need of volunteers to support its programs! Regular volunteer opportunities are available referring residents in need of food providers, providing administrative support or sorting food on weekdays. The Food Bank also needs Food Sorters two Saturdays per month to come individually or with a group. The Food Bank invites children 10 years and older, and teenagers who are accompanied by an adult. For more information contact: volunteer@accfb.org.

Food Runners (SF): (www.foodrunners.org) Do you have an extra hour a week? Become a Food Runner! Food Runners is a volunteer organization combating hunger in the city by picking up excess perishable and prepared food and delivering it to shelters and neighborhood programs that feeds the hungry. Visit www.foodrunners.org/volunteer/runner.html for more information or contact feedsf@foodrunners.org.

If you are interested in joining a group of Congregation Emanu-El volunteers with any of the organizations you see here, please contact Social Justice Coordinator, Sandy Rechtschaffen, sandyr@emanuelsf.org to inquire about scheduling a one-time or recurring group project!