**Websites that list local volunteer opportunities:**

Listed below are a few websites that act as data bases for volunteer opportunities in our areas:

*Directory of Nonprofit Organizations in Southeast Michigan:*
http://new.org/nonprofitdirectory.html?gclid=CKPio4DW8qsCFZAAQAodlWOXLQ

*Volunteering opportunities through the Ann Arbor Public Schools Community Resources department:*
http://arborwiki.org/city/Volunteer_opportunities_for_youth_and_teens

*Database of volunteering opportunities in Washtenaw County:*
http://volunteerwashtenaw.org/index.php/get-started/search-opportunities.html

*Ann Arbor Observer online publication with opportunities within the Ann Arbor community:*
http://www.arborweb.com/cg/t0104.html

*Connecting communities with volunteers across the country:*
http://www.volunteermatch.com

**Possible organizations to volunteer with:**

**Ann Arbor Art Center**
http://www.annarborartcenter.org/
Provides short and long term opportunities. Must fill out an application to volunteer. Volunteer work includes providing art instruction to youth or family programs, helping with special events, marketing, administration, assisting with retail and packaging materials in the gallery shop, and helping to set up the gallery itself.

**Ann Arbor Hands on Museum**
http://www.aahom.org/about_us/
Students can volunteer in groups or as individuals. Some opportunities include: special events, working in the office, working with school and teacher programs, helping with the preschool gallery, distance learning and technology, birthday parties, and building/exhibit maintenance. An application must be filled out online.

**Ann Arbor Parks & Recreation**
http://www.a2gov.org/government/communityservices/ParksandRecreation/volunteer
Provides short and long term opportunities. Students can search for programs throughout the Parks & Recreation system. Some opportunities include helping at the Kerrytown Farmer’s Market, volunteering at the Senior Center, participating in the Pioneer Living Program, leading canoe and kayak trips, and helping with recreation center gardening and upkeep.
**Ann Arbor Natural Area Preservation**  
[http://www.a2gov.org/government/publicservices/fieldoperations/NAP/volunteering/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.a2gov.org/government/publicservices/fieldoperations/NAP/volunteering/Pages/default.aspx)  
Students can volunteer during Stewardship Workdays removing invasive species, planting, trail maintenance or volunteer for regular opportunities in a particular park. Must fill out a Volunteer Release and Waiver of Liability form. See website for upcoming events and projects.

**Ann Arbor Active Against ALS**  
[http://www.a2a3.org/](http://www.a2a3.org/)  
Many events throughout the year to promote and fundraise for ASL research. See website for more information or contact info@a2a3.org for volunteering opportunities.

**American Heart Association of Southeast Michigan**  
Volunteers needed at events during the year throughout the Metro-Detroit area. Please see website for current volunteering opportunities and upcoming volunteer orientations.

**The Ark**  
[http://theark.org/club_volunteers.html](http://theark.org/club_volunteers.html)  
Opportunities include preparing and selling food and beverages, staffing the merchandise table, ushering, pre-show setup and cleanup, and selling Ark Memberships. Volunteers also needed for loading music equipment prior to concerts (must be comfortable with heavy lifting). Must register in advance for an orientation session; check website for current orientation sessions.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washtenaw County**  
[http://www.bbbswashtenaw.org](http://www.bbbswashtenaw.org)  
Those interested in becoming a Big Brother or Sister must submit application online and participate in an in-person interview. Students must have access to a car for some events. Other opportunities include volunteering in the BBBS main office, or joining an event committee.

*There is also a University of Michigan Student-led group, Students for Big Brothers Big Sisters. Contact Lylian Dang at lylian@bbbswashtenaw.org for more information.*

**Cancer Support Community Ann Arbor**  
[http://cancersupportannarbor.org/home/volunteer-at-csc](http://cancersupportannarbor.org/home/volunteer-at-csc)  
Projects for short term and long term commitments. Opportunities include outreach ambassadors, greeter, health fair volunteers, and amenity supporter. Please see website for specific contact information based on each volunteering opportunity.

**Community Action Network of Ann Arbor**  
[http://www.hvcn.org/info/can/volunteer.html](http://www.hvcn.org/info/can/volunteer.html)  
Opportunities for short and long term projects in under-resourced Washtenaw County neighborhoods. Programs include food distribution, mentoring, site improvement, publicity, tutoring, program planning and more. Must apply online.
**Dawn Farm Addiction Recovery Center**  
[http://www.dawnfarm.org/get-involved](http://www.dawnfarm.org/get-involved)  
Various opportunities throughout the year with fundraisers, special projects and helping at the Spera Recovery Center. See website for contact information.

**Food Gatherers**  
Provide hours for students who are looking for a more committed experience. Opportunities include running food, working at special events, or working in the kitchen. Application is required.

**Friends of the Ann Arbor District Library**  
[http://faadl.org](http://faadl.org)  
Volunteers needed to help with The Book Shop as cashiers or sorting donations to help support the Ann Arbor District Library. To volunteer, students must visit the website, and click on the “Contact Us” link and select Volunteers in the Send Message To option.

**Growing Hope**  
[http://growinghope.net/get_involved/volunteer](http://growinghope.net/get_involved/volunteer)  
Opportunities include gardening at the Growing Hope center, providing office support or at the Downtown Ypsilanti Farmers’ Market. See website for current opportunities; must apply online and attend orientation.

**Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley**  
[http://www.h4h.org](http://www.h4h.org)  
For a variety of different short and long term projects. Opportunities for students to volunteer as individuals or in a group. Help needed in the main office or H4H warehouse as well as at the H4H ReStore organizing merchandise or repairing donated items.

*For information about joining the UM Student group, please visit [http://umhabitat.org](http://umhabitat.org)*

**Humane Society of Huron Valley**  
Must apply and attend an orientation. Volunteer roles include administrative assistance, walking dogs, greeting, and grooming. The more you volunteer the more responsibilities and opportunities you earn.

**Huron River Watershed Council**  
Volunteers must fill out an application. This organization has lots of possibilities which include: participating in scientific activities by a river or natural area, helping to educate in schools and in the community, helping at community events, also photographing, IT assistance, data entry, and research projects.
Michigan Theater
http://michtheater.org/volunteer.php
Volunteer to usher at events, provide office support or help at special events for the theater. Must submit an application via mail; see website for contact information.

Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum
http://wwwlsa.umich.edu/mbg/getinvolved/opportunities.asp
Projects vary by season; contact the Volunteer Coordinator for current programs. Some may require orientations. Visit website for a complete listing of volunteering opportunities; including educational programs, exhibits, office help, horticulture, marketing, ecological restoration and more.

The Neutral Zone
http://www.neutral-zone.org/supporters/53/volunteer
Must submit an application and attend a general orientation. Volunteer opportunities in a variety of different projects and programs aimed at promoting leadership and personal growth through artistic expression for teens in the Ann Arbor area.

Ozone House
http://ozonehouse.org/join.php
Can provide long term commitment with Crisis Line Volunteering or help with short term projects through Project Volunteer. Must submit application; see website for contact information.

Project Grow Community Gardens
http://www.projectgrowgardens.org/
Volunteer application must be sent in. More rigid opportunities including marketing, educating, and coordinating volunteers; there are also events which individuals can volunteer at.

ReCycle Ann Arbor
http://www.recycleannarbor.org/?module=Page&sID=volunteer&var=resources
Volunteers needed at both The ReUse Center and Drop-off Station for various duties including office support, customer support, merchandise sorting, landscaping, etc. Volunteer for short term or long term projects. See website for contact information of both centers.

Ronald McDonald House of Ann Arbor
http://www.rmh-annarbor.org/how-you-can-help/volunteer/
Provides opportunities for students looking for a long term commitment. Jobs include checking in families, answering phones, house tours, book keeping, helping with general upkeep of the house. See website for Volunteer Information Form.

Shelter Association of Washtenaw County
http://annarborshelter.org/volunteer
Projects include volunteering at the health clinic, service center, front desk help as well as winter and residential programs. Must fill out application and attend orientation. See Food Group volunteer opportunities to help out at the Community Kitchen.
Ten Thousand Villages
http://annarbor.tenthousandvillages.com/volunteers/
Apply in person at the store, located at 303 South Main Street in downtown Ann Arbor. Opportunities include helping maintain the store, stocking merchandise and providing customer service.

University Musical Society
http://www.ums.org/s_about_ums/volunteer.asp
Opportunities include ushering at UMS events, joining the Publicity Operations/Signage Team (POST) or UMS Student Committee. See website for specific contact information for each project or to request more information about volunteering.

University of Michigan Hospital
http://www.med.umich.edu/volunteer/
See website for complete listing of all the volunteer opportunities within UMH. Requires a commitment of 2-4 hours a week for several months. Students must apply and provide supplemental application materials listed online and participate in an on-site interview. Must have completed at least one semester of classes before applying.

Please check the complete listing of UM student organizations for student groups associated with UMH (http://studentorgs.umich.edu/maize/service).

Veterans Affairs Ann Arbor Hospital
http://www.annarbor.va.gov/giving/index.asp
Some opportunities include clerical office work, telephone operations, and comfort relief. See website for complete listing of opportunities and how to apply. Students can volunteer for short-term and long term programs.

826michigan
http://826michigan.org/volunteer/
Looking for volunteers to help with writing workshops and tutoring sessions at the center and in area schools for students ages 6-18. Must apply online.