

## ***Volunteer Opportunities for Students***

Students need volunteer experience for a number of reasons: resumes, college applications, honor societies, and scholarship applications among others!

Volunteering gives you the opportunity to get into your community, network, meet its members, and get to know the different organizations. Build up your resume and gain useful experience all while still in high school!

In addition, volunteering in your own community is good for your community. Volunteerism helps to promote a sense of pride in your community, and gives you that good, warm feeling!

General organizations where you can volunteer:

- Churches and Food Pantries
- Girl/Boy Scouts
- Centers for Assisted Living
- Libraries
- Schools/Early Childhood and Community Centers

### **Specific Organizations in Oceana County**

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- Oceana County Council on Aging (231-873-4461)
  - o Picnic and visiting hours, computer and fitness class instructors, gardeners, servers, handymen, entertainment for parties, volunteers to deliver an occasional food or gift basket
- Oceana Conservation District (231-861-5600)
  - o Highway and beach clean-ups, scrap tire collection, etc.
- Love, INC. (231-861-5619)
  - o Tag, organize items, stock shelves, assist customers
- Read Early, Read Often (231-861-8335)
  - o Passing out children's books, putting bookmarks and stickers on books, sorting books, etc.
- Oceana County Animal Shelter (231-861-5395, preferred in groups or pairs)
  - o Socializing/walking with animals, light cleaning
- Oceana County Historical and Genealogical Society (231-873-2600, Wed's 10am-5pm)
  - o Moving of artifacts from locations, docents for exhibits or historical sites in Hart or Mears, help with technological aspects-Facebook, webpage, cataloging artifacts, press kits, etc.

United Way, Hart Main Street, Oceana County Fair, and the Asparagus Festival all host annual events that need help with organization, vending, set up and tear down, etc.

