



Local Volunteer Opportunities For Teens

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*"You make a living by what you get.
You make a life by what you give."
~Winston Churchill*

Emma S. Clark Memorial Library
120 Main Street
Setauket, NY 11733
(631)941-4080

Please Note:

While all information about volunteer opportunities provided in this brochure was accurate as of February 2022, teens are encouraged to contact organizations in advance, to confirm that locations are open to teen volunteers, and that trainings, required safety procedures, and duties match their expectations.

Animal Assistance

RSVP (Responsible Solutions for Valued Pets)

PO Box 335, Eastport

Independent Volunteering: 16 years old and up

Volunteering with an Adult: Any Age

In-Person Opportunities: General office assistance and fundraising

To Apply: Contact Lillian (516) 702-7712

Smithtown Animal Shelter

410 East Main Street, Smithtown

Independent Volunteering: Virtually: "Teens,"

undefined ages; In-Person: 16 years old and up

In-Person Opportunities: Socializing and playing

with the cats. *NOTE: As of February 2022, In-*

person volunteering is temporarily suspended.

Virtual Opportunities: Create homemade treats,

cat shelters, and cat toys, hold a supplies drive,

attend virtual events, and do

landscaping/beautification projects

To Apply: Contact Leigh Wixson (631) 360-7575

LWixson@smithtownny.gov

Sweetbriar Nature Center

410 East Main Street, Smithtown

Independent Volunteering: 16 years old and up

In-Person Opportunities: Programming, gardening,

wildlife care, office work, vivarium (butterfly

exhibit) assistance, and event planning

To Apply: Contact Isabel lmfswbriarnc@aol.com

Art Galleries

Gallery North

90 North Country Road, Setauket

Independent Volunteering: 16 years old and up

In-Person Opportunities: Event planning, yard

work, gallery sitting, office work, and organization

To Apply: Contact Erin Smith (631) 751-2676

info@gallerynorth.org

Environmental Conservation

Atlantic Marine Conservation Society (AMSEAS)

PO Box 932, Hampton Bays

Independent Volunteering: 16 years old and up

Volunteering with an Adult: 12 to 15 years old

In-Person Opportunities: Beach Cleanups

To Apply: Call (631) 317-0030 or email

volunteers@amseas.org

Avalon Park Nature Initiative

200 Harbor Road, Stony Brook

Independent Volunteering: 13 years old and up

In-Person Opportunities: Completing projects related to

environmental science, marine ecology, stewardship

and conservation

Virtual Opportunities: Occasional virtual events

To Apply: Contact Kayla Serina (631) 689-0619

Kayla@avalonparkandpreserve.org

Or fill out this form:

[https://avalonnaturepreserve.org/youth-](https://avalonnaturepreserve.org/youth-programs/nature-initiative/)

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Coastal Seward

Town of Brookhaven Shellfish Hatchery

231 Harbor Beach Road, Mount Sinai

Independent Volunteering: "Teens," unspecified

In-Person Opportunities: Beach cleanups, shellfish

restoration, and outreach

Virtual Opportunities: Creating social media content,

newsletter assistance, and other various duties

To Apply: Call (631) 941-6528 Or fill out this form:

<https://www.coastalsteward.org/volunteer.html>

Food Programs

Bethel Hobbs Farm

178 Oxhead Road, Centereach

Volunteering Independently: Any Age so long as

participant is "mature, self-sufficient, and

motivated"

Volunteering with an Adult: Any Age

In-Person Opportunities: Planting, weeding, tilling,

watering, transplanting, and harvesting

To Apply: Contact Ann Pellegrino

(631) 774-1556 ann.hobbsfarm@gmail.com

Cooking for Long Island Veterans

31 Hawkins Road, Stony Brook

Independent Volunteering: 12 years old and up

Volunteering with an Adult: All ages

In-Person Opportunities: Computer help, cleaning,

packing, cooking, and food collections

To Apply: Contact Rena (631) 275-4958

cookingfliv@gmail.com

Long Island Cares: Harry Chapin Food Bank

10 Davids Drive, Hauppauge

Volunteering with an Adult: 9 years old and up

In-Person Opportunities: Food Drives and event

planning.

Virtual Opportunities: Participate in Kids United

Against Hunger Program (for ages 7 to 14)

To Apply: Contact Nancy Guarino for general

volunteering licvolunteer@licares.org or

Billy Gonyou for Food Drives fooddrive@licares.org

St. Gerard Majella Food Pantry

300 Terryville Road, Port Jefferson Station

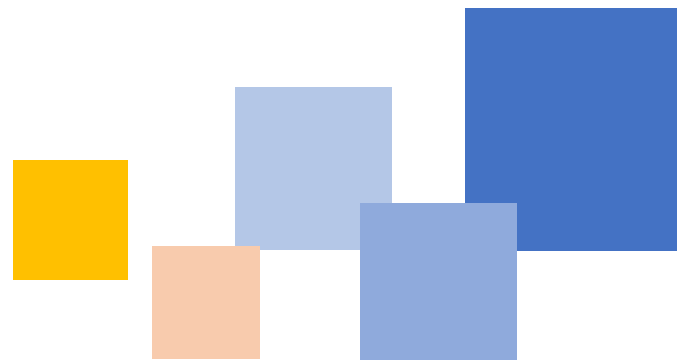
Independent Volunteering: 14 years old and up

In-Person Opportunities: Helping in the food pantry

and soup kitchen

To Apply: Contact Jennifer (631) 473-2900

jennifer@stgmajella.org



Historical Institutions

Three Village Historical Society 93 N. Country Road, Setauket

Independent Volunteering: 13 years old and up
In-Person Opportunities: Gardening, scanning documents, filing, and various other duties
Virtual Opportunities: Writing reviews and creating social media content
To Apply: Contact Mari Irizarry (631) 751-3730
Creative@tvhs.org

Hospitals

Mather Hospital

75 N. Country Road, Port Jefferson

Independent Volunteering: 14 years old and up
In-Person Opportunities: Various duties as assigned, in clinical and gift shop departments
To Apply: Fill out this Form
<https://www.matherhospital.org/application-junior-volunteer-service/>

St. Charles Hospital

200 Belle Terre Road, Port Jefferson

Independent Volunteering: 15 years old and up
In-Person Opportunities: Various duties as assigned, in clinical and gift shop departments
To Apply: Contact Heather Reynolds (631) 465-7161 Heather.Reynolds@chsli.org
Or fill our this form: <https://www.chsli.org/st-charles-hospital/ways-give/volunteer>

Museums

Long Island Explorium

101 East Broadway, Port Jefferson

Independent Volunteering: 15 years old and up
Volunteering with an Adult: 12 to 14 years old
In-Person Opportunities: Be a "Museum Guide," help with events and camps, cleaning, and organization
Virtual Opportunities: Online content creation, video editing, copywriting, and citizen science work

To Apply: Contact Rianna
volunteer@longislandexplorium.org

Music Venues and Theatres

The Jazz Loft

275 Christian Avenue, Stony Brook

Independent Volunteering: 16 years old and up
In-Person Opportunities: Setting-up and breaking-down performances, cleaning, and assisting with the elevator, front desk, and the artist/performers
To Apply: Contact Dr. Laura Landor
laurasteg27@gmail.com

Theatre Three

412 Main Street, Port Jefferson

Independent Volunteering: 15 years old and up
In-Person Opportunities: Ushering at shows
To Apply: Contact Russell Pulick (631) 379-8453
Russell@theatrethree.com
Or fill out this form:
<https://www.theatrethree.com/volunteer.html>
(please note form says you must be 16 years old, but they accept 15 year-olds as well)

Specific Community Needs

The Crime Victims Center at Parents for Megan's Law

100 Comac Street, Ronkonkoma

Independent Volunteering: 16 years old and up
In-Person Opportunities: Prepping, sorting and processing materials for literature shelves and upcoming programs.
To Apply: Contact Jessica S. (631) 689-2672
jessicas@crimevictimscenter.org

Give Kids Hope

1506 Main Street, Port Jefferson

Independent Volunteering: 13 years old and up
Volunteering with an Adult: All Ages
In-Person Opportunities: Work in the Thrift & Donation Center and at special events, help in the food pantry, and fundraising
Virtual Opportunities: Donation Drives and periodic Take-Home Craft Kits
To Apply: Contact Monica Stone (978) 846-0047 MonicaLStone@gmail.com
Or fill out this form:
<https://forms.gle/VWgDrDrhAXDxpMzm6>

Help Homeless LI

<https://helphomelessinc.org/about/long-island>

Independent Volunteering: "High School-Aged" Teens
Virtual Opportunities: Online graphic designing, research, outreach work, finance and fundraising.
To Apply: Fill out this form:
<https://helphomelessli.typeform.com/to/nw5Bbtfh?typeform-source=www.google.com>

Long Island State Veteran's Home

100 Patriots Road, Stony Brook

Independent Volunteering: 14 years old and up
In-Person Opportunities: Assisting in recreational activities and interacting with the residents
Virtual Opportunities: Some, unspecified
To Apply: Contact Samantha Calandrino (631) 444-8590 Samantha.Calandrino@lisvh.org

Open Door Exchange

200 Wilson Street

Building G, Port Jefferson Station

Volunteering with an Adult: 10 years old and up
In-Person Opportunities: Help clients pick out furniture items, entertain clients' children, clean, repair and paint furniture, and organizing and inventorying donated items
Virtual Opportunities: Some, unspecified
To Apply: Contact Eva Stanganelli (631) 743-0633 office@opendoorexchange.org

Pal-O-Mine Equestrian Inc.

829 Old Nichols Road, Islandia

Independent Volunteering: 16 years old and up
In-Person Opportunities: Work with clients, therapy horses, and farm animals, complete barn chores, fundraising, cleaning, gardening, and event planning
To Apply: Contact Andrea Casey (631) 348-1389 or (516) 971-9069
acasey@pal-o-mine.org

Youth Community Service Groups

Ward Melville Heritage Organization Youth Corps

PO Box 572, Stony Brook

Independent Volunteering: 11 to 17 years old
In-Person Opportunities: Complete projects focused on local history and environmental betterment
To Apply: Call (631) 751-2244
Or fill out this form:
<https://wmho.org/category/faqs-youth-corps/>