



# Local Volunteer Opportunities For Teens

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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 June 2023, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:licvolunteer@licares.org) or

Billy Gonyou for Food Drives [fooddrive@licares.org](mailto:fooddrive@licares.org)

### St. Gerard Majella Food Pantry

300 Terryville Road, Port Jefferson Station

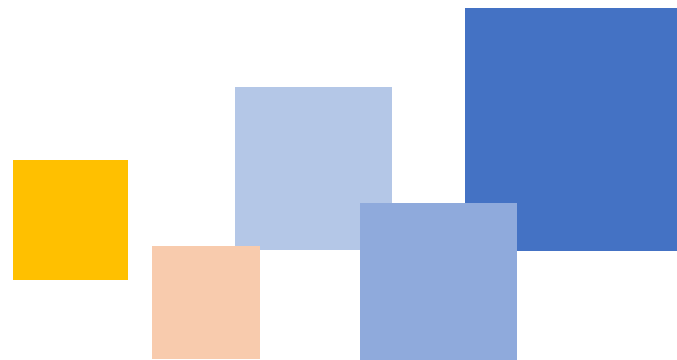
Independent Volunteering: 14 years old and up

In-Person Opportunities: Helping in the food pantry

and soup kitchen

To Apply: Contact Jennifer (631) 473-2900

[jennifer@stgmajella.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jessicas@crimevictimscenter.org)

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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/>

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