

Project Guidelines

Below are some guidelines and project ideas on (page 2) which will help you as you plan your project. After you have reviewed this list, if you have questions, don't hesitate to contact Elaine Stein at 585-242-6499.



Volunteer and Project Minimum

- Projects require a minimum of 5 volunteers
- All projects should be 4 to 6 hours in length
- If you have multiple projects, please register each project separately

Non-Qualifying Projects

- Cleaning automotive equipment
- Telephone recruitment, telemarketing (or fundraising)
- Surveys
- Skilled projects (electrical, plumbing, carpentry, roofing, paving, etc.)
- Projects requiring scaffolding, or equipment such as trucks, tractors, bulldozers, etc.

Supplies and Materials

Your agency is responsible for providing all the necessary supplies, tools and equipment. The volunteer team assigned to your project may be asked to assist but only with everyday items they may have at their workplace or home. Examples include: garden tools, small hand tools, rakes, shovels, paint supplies, etc.

Volunteer Orientation

When your volunteer team arrives on May 13, we recommend a short orientation prior to starting your project. You may want to include staff/client introductions, agency mission, program descriptions, and agency tour.

Have a Backup Plan

It is recommended that you plan a backup project in case other projects are completed ahead of schedule or in situations when weather may play a factor. A change in weather may require a switch of plans, a move to a new location, or different supplies. The Day of Caring is held rain or shine.

Ideas for Volunteer Projects

We hope this list will give you ideas as you create your project. Be creative and have fun!

Beautification

- Spring-cleaning, facility, neighborhood, or block clean-up
- Gardening/landscaping, weeding, mulching, tree/flower planting
- Creating a community garden or memory garden
- Painting and landscaping a playground
- Painting and painting prep work – indoor and/or outdoor



Client Interaction

- Helping at a party, dance, carnival, picnic, or other event for seniors, children and their families
- Helping at an event such as Junior or Senior Olympics, wheelchair volleyball, etc.
- Taking your pet to visit at a senior center or children's organization
- Sorting food, clothing, or books for distribution to those in need
- Delivering food baskets or other items
- Making gifts or presents for delivery
- Taking kids or seniors on a shopping trip
- Assembling first-aid kits, blizzard boxes, or other items
- Working with families or individuals to help fill out applications or forms
- Reading to children at schools or day care centers
- Providing a shadowing or "kids to work" day to help kids learn about the workplace