How Can I Help? Volunteer Opportunities

Alta Bates Summit Medical Center
2450 Ashby Ave. Berkeley 94705
www.sutterhealth.org/volunteering/absmc
Currently recruiting volunteers for limited departments only. E-mail bsmcvolunteer@sutterhealth.org.

Bay Area Volunteer Information Center
www.volunteerinfo.org Online database of non-profit organizations seeking volunteers.

Berkeley Animal Care Shelter
1 Bolivar Dr. Berkeley 94710 510-981-6600
https://berkeleyca.gov/community-recreation/volunteering/volunteer-animal-shelter
Volunteers help with being a dog/cat friend, dog socializing, in-home foster care, grooming, etc.

Berkeley Humane
2700 9th St. Berkeley 94710 510-845-7735 ex. 202
www.berkeleyhumane.org/volunteer Volunteers help with animal socialization, administrative support, mobile adoption help, etc.

Berkeley Neighborhood Food Project
1600 Sacramento St. Berkeley 94702 510-525-2280
www.berkeleyfoodpantry.org/get-involved Volunteers pack and deliver food, help guests during drives and manage records.

Berkeley Free Clinic
2339 Durant Ave. Berkeley 94704 510-548-2570
www.berkeleyfreeclinic.org/get-involved Clinic services are provided by trained volunteers, including health and dental care, counseling, and information and referral. Orientations provided four times a year to get involved.

Berkeley Path Wanderers Association
info@berkeleypaths.org (email for volunteer information)
www.berkeleypaths.org Volunteers lead path walks, identify and map paths, and help restore and maintain paths, lanes, and public steps.

Berkeley Public Schools
2020 Bonar St. Suite130 Berkeley 94702 510-644-8833
www.berkeleypublicschoolsfund.org/volunteer
M-F 9-5 Volunteers help in classrooms, homework centers, gardens, and libraries, for pre-k through high school. Semester commitment, 2 hours per week.

Berkeley READS Adult Literacy Program
1125 University Ave. Berkeley 94702 510-981-6299
www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org/library/literacy-berkeley-reads Volunteer opportunities for one-on-one literacy tutors, computer lab tutors and outreach assistants. Minimum commitment of 2-4 hours a week for 6 months.

Berkeley Youth Alternatives (BYA)
1255 Allston Way Berkeley 94702 510-845-9010
www.byaoonline.org/volunteers Volunteers work with youth as mentors or afterschool tutors as well as in gardening, sports and fitness and public relations departments.

Botanical Garden (UC Berkeley)
200 Centennial Dr. Berkeley 94720 510-643-7265

Computer and Technology Resource Center
620 Page St. Berkeley 94710 415-883-1428
www.ewastecollective.org/volunteer-opportunities Volunteers sort electronics and learn to identify components. Novato location trains volunteers in rebuilding donated computers.

Crisis Support Services of Alameda County
510-420-2460 www.crisissupport.org/get-involved/volunteering/ 24-hour crisis line staffed by trained volunteers under professional supervision. Volunteers must be 21 or older. Requires 3-4 months training. Minimum commitment of 4 hours/week for 1 year.

Dorothy Day House
925-519-9881
www.dorothydayhouseberkeley.org/volunteer Volunteers help with meals, hospitality services, and support services for homeless people.

Daily Bread Project/Milk for Kids Project
510-526-3123 Volunteers pick up and transport surplus food from local restaurants, grocery stores, gardens, and bakeries directly to emergency food kitchens; also delivers "Milk for Kids" to local shelters. Minimum 1 hour per week commitment.

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Berkeley Public Library 2090 Kittredge St. Berkeley, CA 94704
510-981-6100 TTY 510-584-1240 berkeleypubliclibrary.org
East Bay Regional Park District
2950 Peralta Oaks Ct. Oakland 94605
510-544-2515 https://www.ebparks.org/get-involved/volunteer Volunteers help with trail safety patrol, trail maintenance, plant propagation, and many other park activities.

Ecology Center
2530 San Pablo Ave. Berkeley 94702
www.ecologycenter.org/getinvolved/
Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, volunteer opportunities for the Ecology Center are limited and have been altered to correspond with the CDC guidelines. Contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 510-548-2220 x235 or ecvolunteers@ecologycenter.org.

English in Action (EIA)
YWCA Berkeley 2600 Bancroft Way Berkeley 94704
510-843-9716 www.ywca-berkeley.org/english-in-action/
Native English speakers volunteer for 1hour a week for conversational practice with English language learners.

Friends of the Berkeley Public Library
2090 Kittredge St. Berkeley 94704 510-841-5604
www.berkeleylibraryfriends.org Volunteers sort books, staff bookstore, fulfill online sales and pick up donations.

Friends of Five Creeks
1236 Oxford St. Berkeley 94709
510-848-9358 www.fivecreeks.org Monthly volunteer work parties restoring vegetation and wildlife habitats, water quality monitoring and building trails and corridors.

Lavender Seniors of the East Bay
1395 Bancroft Ave, San Leandro, CA 94577
510-667-9655 www.lavenderseniors.org Volunteers assist with lunch programs, fundraising, office work and providing friendly visits to seniors.

Legal Assistance for Seniors – Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP)
(Remote Only) 333 Hegenberger Rd Suite 850 Oakland CA 94621 510-839-0393 Visit www.lashicap.org to complete the application. Trained volunteers help people on Medicare make informed decisions about health insurance. Minimum 1year commitment.

Meals on Wheels Berkeley

Oakland Museum of California
1000 Oak St. Oakland 94607
www.museumca.org/volunteer volunteer@museumca.org (no phone calls)
Volunteers assist with events, office work and more. 1 day commitment. See website for details.

Rebuilding Together Albany-Berkeley-Emeryville
3318 Adeline St. Berkeley 94703 510-644-8979 www.reten.org On Saturdays in April, volunteers rehabilitate homes for low-income and disabled home owners. Volunteers also help year-round with administrative and planning tasks.

Adventure Playground
160 University Ave. Berkeley Marina Berkeley 94710
510-981-6720 Adventure Playground is a wonderfully unique free outdoor play space for children and families. Enjoy assisting kids design and build forts, boats, and towers, with hammers, saws, paint, and recycled materials.

Spiral Gardens
2850 Sacramento St. Berkeley 94702
info@spiralgardens.org www.spiralgardens.org Volunteers may help at the Urban Garden Center (urban farm, produce stand, harvesting backyard fruit trees, etc.). Harvest goes to homeless and elderly members of the community and to volunteer gardeners. E-mail beforehand or just show up.

St.Vincent de Paul
510-638-7600 https://www.svdp-alameda.org/volunteer.html Variety of volunteer opportunities at various locations, including Dining Room, Community and Drop-in Centers, and Job Club.

Tele-Care Program
Herrick Hospital 2001 Dwight Way Berkeley 94704
510-204-4487 www.altabatessummit.org/community/telecare.html Volunteers make cheerful, daily telephone calls (from the Tele-Care office) to people who are home-bound, convalescing, or elderly. Volunteers also provide office assistance. 16 and older.

Women’s Cancer Resource Center
5741 Telegraph Ave. Oakland 94609
510-601-4040 www.wcrc.org/volunteer/ Volunteers work at the Helpline, library, office, Programa Latino, or give in-home emotional and practical support to people with cancer. 6month minimum commitment. Training provided.

Women’s Daytime Drop-in Center
2218 Acton St. Berkeley 94702 510-548-2884 www.womensdropin.org/volunteer Volunteers help with hospitality, lunch preparation, clerical and computer work, gardening, etc., in this daytime refuge for homeless women and their children.