

Volunteering Opportunities in Austin

Austin area Community organizations offer a variety of ways for residents to get involved. Whatever interests you may have, we have a volunteer opportunity for you.



Animals

Animal Trustees of Austin. Make surgical appointments and confirmation calls, answer general questions, help with animal pickups and assist at fast-paced spay/neuter and wellness clinics. 5129 Cameron Road. 450-0111, www.animaltrustees.org

Austin Humane Society. Walk and train dogs, socialize cats, foster pets and assist with adoptions. 124 W. Anderson Ln. 646-7387, www.austinhumanesociety.org

Austin Pets Alive! Assist with off-site adoptions, dog behavior training, dog and cat foster homes, foster coordinating, fundraising, marketing, public relations, help line and transporting pets. 2807 Manchaca Road. 961-6519, www.austinpetsalive.org

Bastrop County Animal Control Shelter. Shelter and adoption services. Volunteer opportunities include walking dogs. 589 Coolwater Drive. 549-5160, www.petango.com/bastropanimalshelter

Central Texas SPCA. Care for animals, help with events and fundraisers, and maintain facilities. 909 S. Bagdad Rd, Leander, www.centraltexasspca.org. 260-7722.

Christ-Yoder Animal Shelter/Adoption Center. Shelter & adoption services. Various volunteer opportunities available. 9150 W. RM 1431, Buchanan Dam. 512-793-5463, www.christ-yoder.org

Elgin Humane Society. Care for animals, help with adoptions and special events, and perform office duties. 725 W. Cleveland St., Elgin. 512-285-9636, www.elginhumanesociety.com

Georgetown Animal Services. Adults help with off-site adoptions, care for animals, assist staff with visitors and walk, groom and bathe dogs. 110 W.L. Walden Drive, Georgetown. 512-930-3592, www.georgetown.org/departments/animalservices

Humane Society of Williamson County. Help with laundry, painting, maintenance, dog walking, pet socialization, adoption events, administrative activities, committee work and the website. 10930 E. Crystal Falls Pkwy, Leander. 260-3602, www.hswc.net

Lifelong Friends Pet Adoptions. Help with dog and cat caregiving, adoption events, administrative activities, public relations/fundraising and pet socialization or provide foster homes for pets. 20803 RM 1431, Lago Vista. 267-6876, www.lifelongfriends.org

PAWS Shelter and Humane Society. Volunteer opportunities include walking, grooming and bathing

dogs and playing with cats. Volunteers must be 16 or older, orientation necessary. 500 E. RM 150, Kyle. 512-268-1611, www.pawsshelter.org

Pflugerville Animal Shelter. Volunteers interact with and help socialize animals, help with basic cleaning, groom animals and help with off-site adoption events. 1600 Waterbrook Drive, Pflugerville. 990-7387 www.cityofpflugerville.com

Texas Hearing and Service Dogs Inc. Volunteer opportunities include helping at training center, adoptions, landscaping and public speaking. 4803 Rutherglen Drive. 891-9090, www.servicedogs.org

Thundering Paws Animal Sanctuary. Help with cleaning, feeding and socializing animals, adoption events, collecting donations, maintenance, landscaping and more. In Dripping Springs. 402-9725, www.thunderingpaws.org

Town Lake Animal Center. Provide socialization interaction for animals in adoption, help with administrative and maintenance work, collect donations and provide educational information on responsible pet ownership. 1156 W. Cesar Chavez St. Moving to Austin Animal Center, 7201 Levander Lp. 311 www.austinanimalcenter.org

Williamson County Regional Animal Shelter. Help socialize animals, assist with off-site adoptions, fundraising events, customer service, adoption counseling and transporting animals to and from clinics and rescue organizations. 1855 S.E. Inner Lp, Georgetown. 943-3322, www.wilcopets.org

Children/Youth

Arrow Child and Family Ministries. Assist with special events for children and families. 110 S. Lampasas St., Suite 4, Round Rock. 388-2400, www.arrow.org

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Texas. A one-to-one mentoring program that pairs adult volunteers with children ages 6 to 16 in Travis, Williamson and Hays 1400 Tillery St. 472-5437, www.bigmentoring.org

Boy Scouts of America Capitol Area Council. Wide range of opportunities including working in youth outdoor programs and character development/mentorship programs. 7540 Ed Bluestein Road. Moving Aug. 1 to 12500 N. Interstate 35. 617-8633. www.bsacac.org

Center for Child Protection. Help greet children and families, assist in the distribution of information packets, educate families about the court process, assist pediatricians, shop for supplies, provide child care, perform administrative activities and assist with center

upkeep. 8509 FM 969, Building 2. 472-1164, www.centerforchildprotection.org

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Travis County. Serve as a child's voice in court cases that involve the child's removal from a home due to abuse or neglect. 7701 N. Lamar Blvd., Suite 301. 459-2272, www.casatexas.org

Easter Seals Central Texas. Perform administrative duties, help with community outreach activities, assist therapists in treatment of clients, help translate for families and therapists, and help with other specialized projects. 1611 Headway Cr, 478-2581, www.centraltx.easterseals.com

GENAustin. Female volunteers help supervise clubGEN, a research-based peer-led after-school program for middle school girls, help plan and execute the annual We Are Girls! Conference, and lead workshops in schools and community locations. 2206 Prather Lane. 841-4093, www.genaustin.org

Girl Scouts of Central Texas. Lead a troop, assist with technology focused events and workshops, outdoor programs and bilingual training, with all activities focused on leadership development. 12012 Park 35 Circle. 512-453-7391 or 800-733-0011. www.gsctx.org

Heart House. An after school program for children in kindergarten to 6th grade with opportunities to mentor, assist with art, literacy, theater, and summer program activities, chaperone field trips or help behind-the-scenes w/staff. 7224 Northeast Dr. 929-8187, www.hearthouse.org

Hope Alliance. Help with administrative duties, answer crisis calls, and work with survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. 1011 Gattis School Road, Suite 106, Round Rock. 255-1212, www.hopealliancetxt.org

Mothers' Milk Bank at Austin. Help with office work and with pasteurizing donations of surplus milk from healthy breast-feeding women. 2911 Medical Arts St., Suite 12. 494-0800, www.milkbank.org

Neighborhood Conference Committee. Serve as a committee member and maintain direct involvement with youths ages 10 to 16 who have committed misdemeanor offenses. 100 N. IH 35. 854-4580.

STARRY. Provide food or child care for counseling groups, create scrapbooks for foster care children, read books to younger children, become a tutor, or update or make repairs in emergency shelter cottages. 1301 N. Mays St., Round Rock. 246-4259, www.starryonline.org

Taylor Head Start Center. Read books to young children

of low-income families, clean facilities, and assist with children and meals. 303 Ferguson St., Taylor. 365-1070, www.wbco.net/help.html

Texas Baptist Children's Home. Provide dinner to a cottage, donate a new swimsuit for a child or teen, interior painting on weekdays and yardwork. 1101 N. Mays St., Round Rock. 246-4244, www.tbch.org

Texas Runaway Hotline. Answer statewide hotline for troubled youths and their families. 929-6877, www.texasrunaway.org

Texas Youth Commission. Serve as mentors, tutors and advocates and provide religious services to assist youth offenders in rehabilitation. 4900 N. Lamar Blvd. 424-6090, www.tyc.state.tx.us

Wonders and Worries. Assist with special events, outreach, administrative duties and more with this organization that helps children cope when a parent faces serious or life-threatening illness. 9101 Burnet Rd, Ste 107. 329-5757, www.wondersandworries.org

Environment/Gardening

American Botanical Council. Provide assistance in education, administrative tasks and gardening. 6200 Manor Road. 926-4900, www.herbalgram.org

Austin Parks Foundation. Adopt a park, help plant trees or assist with trail building or ecological restoration. Other opportunities updated regularly on website. 816 Congress Ave., Ste 1680. 477-1566, www.austinparks.org

Central Texas Trail Tamers. Build, maintain & enhance public hike-and-bike trails. 477-1566, www.trailtamers.org

Ecology Action. Sort plastics, paper, aluminum, cardboard and glass, and assist with various projects. 707 E. Ninth St. 322-0000, www.ecology-action.org

Hill Country Conservancy. Help with trail building and habitat restoration, or office work such as research or event planning. 221 W. Sixth St., Ste 350. 328-2481. www.hillcountryconservancy.org

Keep Austin Beautiful. Assist with community or creek cleanup, adopt-a-street or creek, and various community service projects. 55 N. Interstate 35, Suite 215. 391-0617, www.KeepAustinBeautiful.org

The Trail Foundation. Help keep the trail at Lady Bird Lake beautiful by adopting gardens, planting trees and working at events and cleanup workdays. 733-3989, www.thetrailfoundation.org

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. Help with education programming, display gardens, train to lead tours, work in gift store and assist with research projects. 4801 La Crosse Ave. 232-0100, www.wildflower.org

Wild Basin Wilderness Preserve. Give tours, help with trail maintenance, and work in office or gift shop. 805 N.Cap. of Texas Hwy (Loop 360). 327-7622, www.wildbasin.org

Zilker Botanical Garden. Lead tours, work in gift shop, help with ground maintenance. 2220 Barton Springs Road. 477-1750, www.zilkerGarden.org

Health

American Heart Association. Assist with events & projects. 10900 Stonelake Blvd., Ste 320. 338-2400, www.heart.org

Breast Cancer Resource Centers of Texas. Help with tabling at health fairs, community outreach, putting together and delivering wellness totes, or be teamed with client through the As Sisters program to complete light housework, prepare meals, etc. 544-0905, www.bcr.org

Cancer Connection. Provide one-on-one mentorship for cancer patients and family members, visit area hospitals to give information and emotional support to families and patients, or distribute resource information and serve refreshments at oncology clinics. 3710 Cedar St., Suite 200. 342-0233, www.thecancerconnection.org

Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas. Assist with clinical and nonclinical opportunities. 4900 Mueller

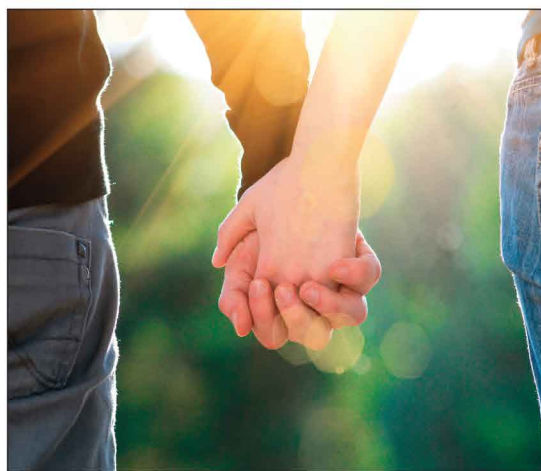
Bldv. 324-0161, www.dellchildrens.net
National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Lone Star Chapter. Advocacy, special events, Austin MS Walk, self-help group leader opportunities and MS 150. Stone Bridge Plaza 2, 9600 N. MoPac Blvd. (Loop 1), Suite 150. 340-2700, www.nationalmssociety.org

Odyssey HealthCare. Work with terminally ill patients as a companion or assist with administrative work. 4201 W. Parmer Ln, Bldg C, Ste 100. 310-0214, www.odshealth.com

People's Community Clinic. Read stories to children in the waiting room, assist with medical records, special events and clerical tasks. 2909 N. Interstate 35. 708-3156, www.austinpcc.org

St. David's HealthCare. See website for opportunities at St. David's Medical Center in downtown Austin, St. David's North Austin Medical Center, St. David's South Austin Medical Center, St. David's Round Rock Medical Center and St. David's Georgetown Hospital. www.stdavid's.com

Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Opportunities in community outreach and supporting the Komen Austin Race for the Cure, events, fundraising, education, public relations, individual, small & large group opportunities. 5508 Parkcrest Dr, Ste 203. 473-0900, www.komenaustin.org



Volunteer Healthcare Clinic. Volunteer positions available for Spanish interpreters, fundraising and public relations, and qualified health-care professionals such as dietitians, nurses, advanced practice nurses, physicians and pharmacists. 4215 Medical Parkway. 459-6002, www.volclinic.org

Miscellaneous

American Gateways. Help with administrative duties, translate documents, help with special events and fundraisers, or serve a pro bono attorney to provide legal services for new Americans. 314 E. Highland Mall Blvd., Ste 501. 478-0546 ext. 214, www.americangateways.org

Austin Habitat for Humanity. Construct and repair homes, work in the ReStore or provide lunch. 310 Comal St., Suite 100. 472-8788 ext. 106, www.austinhabitat.org

The Austin Project. Help families with individual and neighborhood improvements. 5221 Ledesma Road. 929-3545, www.theaustinproject.org

Austin Recovery. Help with administrative support; sports and recreation activities (yoga, art, etc.); life/career planning such as financial, legal, job search consulting; and baby-sitting infants to 6-year-old children. 8402 Cross Park Drive. 697-8507, www.austinrecovery.org

Capital Area Food Bank. Assist with general food bank activities, such as sorting and inspecting donations, at various locations. See website for more details. 8201 S. Congress Ave. 282-2111, www.austinfoodbank.org

Caring Place. Answer phones, assist in social services or in the thrift store or work as cashier. 2000 Railroad St., Georgetown. 512-869-4735, www.caringplacetx.org

Dress For Success Austin. Be a professional shopper, sort

donations or maintain the boutique inventory. 901 Tillery St., Ste A-5. 389-3723, www.dressforsuccess.org/austin
Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO). Various opportunities to help end community homelessness, such as participating in the annual homeless count, Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week or the Homeless Resource Fair. www.austinecho.org

Goodwill GreenWorks. Help de-manufacturing donated computers that will be resold or recycled; application available online. 1015 Norwood Park Blvd. 637-7161, www.austingoodwill.org

Green Doors. Offers a variety of opportunities to support affordable housing programs, such as working in the food pantry, community gardening days and public advocacy projects. 1503 S. Interstate 35. 469-9130, www.greendoors.org

Hands on Housing with Interfaith Action of Central Texas. Teams of volunteers rehabilitate homes for elderly and low-income homeowners in East Austin in the fall and in the spring. 701 Tillery St., Suite 8. 386-9145, www.interfaithtexas.org

Hill Country Community Ministries. Volunteer in the food pantry or clothes closet, participate in special projects, or train to be a volunteer caseworker. 1005 Lacy Dr, Leander. 259-0360 ext. 205, www.hccm.org

Hospice Austin. Run errands, assist with administrative duties, fundraising and special events, or train in September or February to spend time with patients. 4107 Spicewood Springs Road, Suite 100. 342-4700, www.hospiceaustin.org

Keri's Fairy Godmother Foundation. Assist with applying make-up or doing hair, personal shopping, inventory control, maintenance, dressing room attendant, or helping girls with gowns at the boutique. 208 W. Bagdad Ave., Suite 7, Round Rock. 507-6364, www.austinfairygodmother.org

Manos de Cristo. Teach computer or ESL classes, work in the food pantry or clothes closet, provide care at the dental clinic or help with marketing, grounds upkeep or general office work. 4911 Harmon Ave. 477-7454, www.manosdecristo.org

Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central and South Texas. Grant wishes, organize fundraisers and plan events and celebrations for wish families. 2224 Walsh Tarlton Lane, Ste 200. 329-9474, www.cstx.wish.org

Open Arms. Variety of volunteer opportunities with this organization that employs refugee women who have resettled in Austin, including locating bulk donations of T-shirts, and material preparation, sorting and shelving; orientation required. 200 E. Eighth St. 971-2177, www.theopenarmsshop.com

Next-To-New Consignment. Help with administrative duties, merchandising and special projects for St. David's Episcopal Church resale shop. 5435 Burnet Road. 459-1288, www.next2new.org

Project Transitions. Help with caregiving in the AIDS hospice, landscaping, merchandising in the consignment store or various administrative duties and fundraising events throughout the year. 7101-B Woodrow Ave. 454-8646 ext. 104, www.projecttransitions.org

The Volunteer Center. People wanting to volunteer are connected with nonprofit organizations in Williamson County. 1099 E. Main St., Round Rock. 733-7625, www.volrock.org

St. David's Foundation Health's Angels. Work with the elderly and their caregivers through quarterly volunteer opportunities and participate in an annual grant review. 811 Barton Springs Road, Suite 600. 879-6221, www.stdavid'sfoundation.org

Trinity Center. Serve the needs of people experiencing homelessness and poverty by serving meals, sorting donations and assisting staff in providing services. 304 E. Seventh St. 610-3559, www.trinitycenteraustin.org

United Way Capital Area. People seeking volunteer work are matched to projects. 2000 E. Martin Luther King Blvd. 472-6267, www.unitedwaycapitalarea.org