

Mayor's Volunteer Corps

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The Mayor's Volunteer Corps Zine

Organized by the Mayor's Office of Civic Engagement and Volunteer Service, the Mayor's Volunteer Corps (MVC) is a community of volunteers who commit to ongoing, high-impact service in the city of Philadelphia. This zine captures inspiring stories of service from members of the MVC. We hope this encourages you to reflect on the importance of volunteering and begin (or continue) your journey!

Join the Mayor's Volunteer Corps!

Getting featured in the Mayor's Volunteer Corps Zine is as easy as 1-2-3!

- First, join the Mayor's Volunteer Corps. Register an account at the Mayor's Volunteer Corps Portal (serve.volunteermatch.org).
- Second, sign up for volunteer opportunities that are listed on the portal.
- Finally, after completing your volunteer service, track your service hours (this includes opportunities found outside of the Mayor's Volunteer Corps portal).

How can you get featured?

Share your volunteer service story when tracking your service hours online:
bit.ly/MVCtrackinghours

At Prevention Point, I serve as a Harm Reduction Specialist & Trauma-informed Outreach Assistant.

I enjoy serving in Philadelphia because it is my hometown. I find purpose in my relationships with individuals who live with substance abuse and mental health concerns. I love to support others.

To those who want to integrate volunteer service into your life, I would say that volunteering is essential. Helping others and spending time with those in need are altruistic and vital acts.

Benjamin Moore

Prevention Point of Philadelphia

During my volunteer time at SEAMAAC, I help distribute food boxes to low income neighborhoods in Philadelphia.

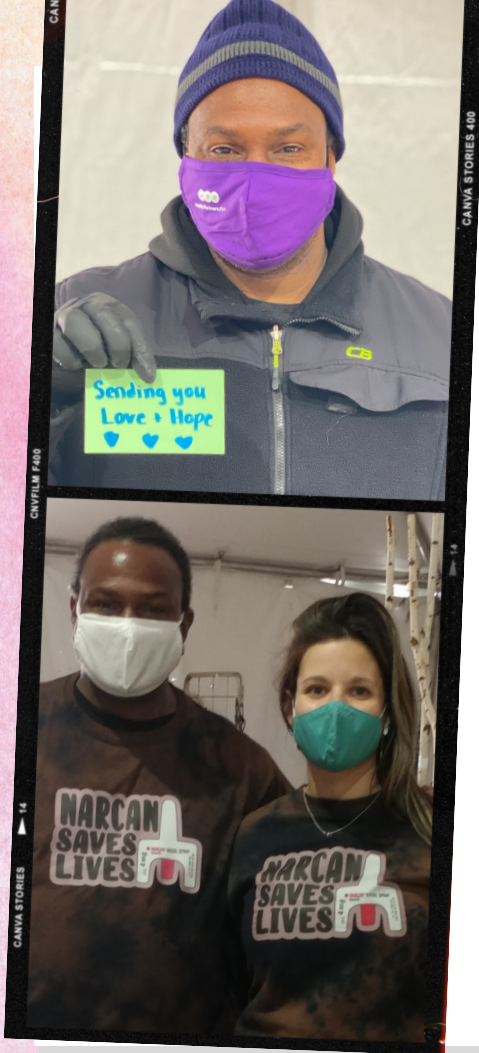
Growing up, my father always taught me to help whenever I can, whether its translating or physically cleaning my neighborhood.

So, considering that this pandemic has been difficult for many families in Philadelphia, it makes me happy to serve local families at meal sites. It's good to know that there will be a meal on their table tonight.

To those who want to volunteer, consider this: there will always be a need for help and helping does not take a lot of time from our day. Even if you spend 1 hour each week, you would have made a difference.



Doha Ibrahim
SEAMAAC



I am the camp and workouts coordinator at Street Legends Youth Sports Program.

Our youth, my community, and the neighborhood deserve to have recreation facilities and safe havens to become involved in the various programs that the city has to offer. I pride myself with having answers for parents who want their children involved in recreational sports programs.

To those of you who want to serve, I would encourage you to become involved with the youth in the neighborhood. They are waiting to be asked how we can help them.

Frank Palmer
Street Legends Youth Sports
Program



This city is ALL of ours and we ALL need to do our part, no matter how small or great to help each other out.

I enjoyed working along with my brethren at the Bynum Hospitably Group's Hero Kitchen to feed over 25,000 meals during this pandemic, at SHARE Food Group packing boxes for our seniors, vets and the jazz community, and at Feed Philly Coalition to introduce legislation to reward restaurants to do the right thing.

For those of you looking to volunteer, just give a little dough and/or time. If we all did that, the world would be a better place. Imagine if the situation was reversed – what would you want them to do?

Harry G. Hayman IV
Feed Philly Coalition



I am a volunteer leader at Bethel Presbyterian Church.

My motivations to serve come from seeing the need to help and being able to make it happen.

I find volunteering meaningful because I can see the problem and provide solutions to help the community.

If you want to get started as a volunteer, I'll tell you this: volunteering makes you feel better. It helps others. And it is the thing to do to fill your day or empty time.

Grace Marable

Bethel Presbyterian Church





I serve as a Latin American Multi-Media Volunteer, providing language services and hosting a cross-cultural radio show.

I am motivated to serve Philadelphia because Philadelphia is my U.S. home and I care. The city has a large Latinx population that faces many barriers, I know I can share my skills and help my community.

Serving with my community is a way to connect with my cultural roots and identity, and to exercise my altruism while taking action to make a difference.

The best part is that I can join a movement towards humanitarian justice.

To my fellow volunteers, I say this: do you have a moment? Stop and serve, you'll love it!

Deise Rodrigues
American Red Cross



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