

LifeGroups
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2023 Micro Mission Ideas

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Beginner Projects

Bay Area Turning Point

Bay Area Turning Point empowers survivors of family violence, sexual assault, and displacement by providing crisis intervention, shelter, and promoting education and awareness within the community.

Opportunities to serve:

Major need in resale shop - Would like a once a month commitment,

Provide childcare

Housework

Landscaping

Host a shelter shower

Provide limited transportation

Help with children's services

5 - 12 Volunteers needed at a time

Approximately 4 hours

To volunteer call: 281.286.2525

For more information visit:

www.bayareaturningpoint.org

Bridge Over Troubled Waters

Opportunities include:

Prepare and Serve a Meal

Can-do-Food Drive

Host a Game Day at the Shelter

Fixer-Upper Day at the Shelter

Grounds Clean-Up Day

Host a Party/Celebration for Clients

281-420-5600

<https://tbotw.org>

Covenant House

Helps kids in crisis through residential programs, community services and outreach efforts designed to keep them off the streets.

Opportunities to serve:

Events/Entertainment

Seasonal Celebrations

Soap and Sponge Crew

To volunteer call: Larry 713.523.2231 Ext. 258

For more information email:

Inorton@covenanthouse.org

www.covenanthousetx.org

Her Heart Pregnancy Center

Mommy Bags

Diaper Drives

281-692-2151

www.herheartphc.org

Hope Village

Hope Village is a residential and day care facility for children and adults with mental disabilities.

Opportunities to serve:

Help in the gift shop, Help on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fri days from 11:00AM - 2:30PM in the Tea Room Restaurant, Help in the workshop to paint and prepare ceramics

To volunteer call: 281.482.7926

For more information visit:

www.hope-village.net

Houston Area Women's Center

The Houston Area Women's Center provides counseling, assistance, and temporary shelter to victims of family violence and sexual assault.

Opportunities to serve: Provide shoe and diaper donations, Major need with help in reconditioning cell phones - No experience required – Or -Help with Children's programs,

Work at the resale shop or pick up donations, Shelter assistance, Maintenance

To volunteer call: 713-528-6798

<https://hawc.org>

Inspira Resource Center

Crisis Pregnancy Center

Contact for opportunities.

281-482-5683

<https://inspiraresourcecenter.com>

Lasagna Love

Lasagna Love is a community impact program that connects neighbors through gestures of kindness, goodwill, and support by three simple principles: feed families, spread kindness and strengthen communities.

<https://lasagnalove.org>

Project Linus

Project Linus provides new blankets to comfort children and teens who are hospitalized in Greater Houston.

Opportunities to serve: Volunteers are needed to make and donate blankets suitable for boys and girls of all ages. Simply make a blanket and donate it to your local chapter of Project Linus and your blanket will be given to a child in need. Single layer fleece blankets are popular but all blankets are welcome.

Collect and donate fabric and yarn for others to make blankets

To donate blankets call: 281.492.2679

For more information visit:

www.projectlinus.org

Project Joy and Hope

Opportunities include

- *Household Items.*
- *Gift Cards for Immediate Needs.*
- *Holiday Celebrations.*
- *Monthly Birthday Celebrations.*
- *Landscaping.*
- *Professionals Needed.* Are you a professional in the Pasadena area,
- *PJH 24th Annual Golf Classic and Gala.*

Contact Shelley Fuller, Director of Development, at 832-202-4674 or shelleyfp@yahoo.com
<https://joyandhope.org/about-us/>

Salvation Army

Opportunities to serve:

Sort donated food, clothing, and household items for the families adopted for the Christmas program

Volunteers must be at least 18 years old

4 - 8 hours

To volunteer call: 281-412-0141

Search Homeless

Opportunities to serve with groups from 10-25.

Opportunities range from helping children, resource center, on-site housing, or sorting donations.

Call 713.739.7752

www.searchhomeless.org

Shoes

Sharing Hope by Offering Essential Needs

Our mission is to show the love of Christ by assisting individuals and organizations in the Greater Houston area.

713-305-3551

<https://www.shoesministry.org>

The Mercy Tree

Cook or pick up a simple meal for 20 individuals.

832-661-2823

www.themercytree.org

The Birthday Joy Program

The Birthday Joy Program is working in the greater Houston area to provide birthday celebrations to children living in shelters, group homes, and other disadvantaged situations.

www.thebirthdayjoyprogram.com

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Intermediate Projects

Anchor Point

Champions the future of children by educating and empowering parents because no one is beyond hope.

103 Davis Road, Suite B

League City, TX 77573

<https://anchorpoint.us>

Bay Area Crisis Hotline

The Crisis Hotline is a telephone counseling service offered free of charge to the public 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It offers the public an anonymous outlet to voice frustrations with life circumstances and has proven to be a critical first line defense to averting suicide and domestic violence.

Opportunities to serve:

- Telephone volunteer

- Help survivors of suicide through their grief

- Motivate, educate, outreach through interacting with the community

To volunteer call: 713.533.4513

For more information visit:

www.crisishotline.org

Bay Area Meals on Wheels

Bay Area Meals on Wheels delivers meals to the homebound from Christus St. John Hospital, Nassau Bay, Texas Monday - Friday.

Opportunities to serve:

- Drive a route one or more times a week

- Substitute as needed for driving or other duties

- Serve as a program coordinator with routes, scheduling or outreach

- Help in administrative duties for the organization

To volunteer call: 832-240-6515

For more information visit:

<https://bayareamealsonwheels.com>

Casa de Esperanza

Casa de Esperanza de Los Ninos
The House of Hope for Children –
is a safe place for children in crisis
due to abuse neglect or the effects
of the AIDS virus.

Opportunities to serve:

- Collect and donate -
- Diapers
- paper products
- dry goods
- or food
- Yard clean up
- Major or minor landscaping
- Painting or small repairs
- Building playgrounds, decks or fences

To volunteer call: 713.529.0639

For more information visit:

www.casahope.org

DePelchin Children's Center

DePelchin Children's Center provides a broad-based program of services to children and families in the Houston area. Programs are designed primarily to meet the needs of individuals and families in crisis.

Opportunities to serve:

- Organizing an outing for the children
- Serve a meal
- Host a party
- Painting and landscaping
- Help receive and sort gifts during the Holiday season

Approximately 4 hours

To volunteer call: 281-780-9873 (at least 2 weeks ahead)

For more information visit:

www.depelchin.org

Family Promise of Clear Creek

Family Promise of Clear Creek is a community-based response to family homelessness. By partnering with the faith, school, and business communities, we offer a holistic program empowering families to become stable and achieve lasting independence.

832-932-3963

<https://www.ccfamilypromise.org>

Friendship Haven

Friendship Haven in Friendswood provides a total care and living facility for the elderly.

Opportunities to serve:

- Reading to the residents
- Organizing arts and crafts projects
- Playing games
- Taking the residents on walks
- Giving the residents Manicures and Pedicures
- Bingo 1:00PM on Saturday
- Approximately 4 hours

To volunteer call: 281.992.4300 (call at least a week ahead)

For more information visit:

<https://friendshiphaven.net>

Good Neighbors

Volunteers and donations needed.

Good Neighbors serves people living outside the margin, right here in League City. To volunteer or for more information, contact

Leanne Sweeney at

sweeney.leanne@yahoo.com

Habitat for Humanity of the Bay Area

Habitat Bay Area helps people in need to build and renovate decent, affordable housing.

The houses are then sold to those in need at no profit and with no interest charged.

Opportunities to serve:

- Volunteer on building sites
- Help construct homes for families in need
- Help with the selection process of partner families
- Nurturing of selected partner families

Public Relations

Church Relations

Saturdays 8:00AM - Noon

Approximately 12 volunteers needed

To volunteer call: 281.337.3590 For Alvin, Pear-land, and Friendswood area call:

281.482.0755

For more information visit:

www.bahfh.org

House of Amos

The House of Amos helps people displaced or homeless with basic needs.

Opportunities to serve:

Collect and donate food, school supplies, school uniforms, and toiletries

To volunteer call: 832-977-1208

Details

<http://www.houseofamos.org>

The Houston Food Bank

Helping feed the hungry. The Houston Food Bank distributes over 27 million pounds of nutritious food each year.

Opportunities to serve:

- Product recovery
- Repack room
- Order puller
- Family Boxes

Monday - Friday

To volunteer call: 713.547.8609

www.houstonfoodbank.org

Interfaith Caring Ministries

Interfaith Caring Ministries in Clear Lake helps people in crisis and facilitates their path to self-sufficiency through a variety of programs, employment services, food pantry assistance and community technology services. ICM also maintains a resale shop to help fund their community programs.

Opportunities to serve:

Help with client interviews

Provide employment counseling

Help in the food pantry

Sort resale items

Straighten the shop

Price merchandise and put items out for display

To volunteer call: 281.332.3881

For more information visit:

www.icmtx.org

Medical Bridges

Medical Bridges is a non-profit organization dedicated to procuring medical and surgical supplies and equipment for donation to impact the healthcare of individuals in impoverished countries.

Opportunities to serve:

- Sort medical supplies

Monday - Saturday

To volunteer call: 713.748.8131

For more information visit:

www.medicalbridges.org

M.I. Lewis Service Center

Mobile Food Distribution Volunteers. The third Saturday of every month from 6:30am – 9:30am. If a group is volunteering, please designate one person to contact us and get the group signed up.

Front office Help. These volunteers greet our clients and assist them with registration. The first faces our clients see!

Client Choice Assistance. These volunteers work directly with clients that visit the pantry and assist them with the choice process and gathering the pre-made bagged items for families! Shifts available on Tuesday full day or 11am-1pm, Fridays or Substitutes

Warehouse Help. Shifts available Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or become a substitute

Drivers Needed. Driver's assistant and Monday back up drivers needed.

Extra Help. Periodically volunteers are needed for improvement projects such as preparing for our summer program.

Contact Angelica Hanley at angelica@milewisctr.org

<https://www.milewisctr.org>

Pearland Neighborhood Center

A United Way distributor, the Pearland Neighborhood Center reaches out to serve needy families in the Pearland area. Services include a food pantry, baby pantry, computer access, medical information, and family counseling referrals.

Opportunities to serve:

- Donate items to the baby pantry
- Food pantry donations and shifting stock
- Yard work around PNC campus
- Santa's Helpers - gift drop off
- Sponsor a family for the holidays

Monday - Friday

To volunteer call: 281.485.1987

For more information email: info@pnctexas.com

<https://pnctexas.com>

Rebuilding Together Houston

Rebuilding Together Houston directs the delivery of essential repairs to houses owned and occupied by low income, elderly, or disabled Houstonians at no cost to them. These repairs correct safety hazards and restore deteriorating exteriors.

Opportunities to serve:

Scraping and painting

Siding replacement

Window repairs

Caulking

Ramps

Materials provided. Most projects take a full day. Some take a full weekend.

To volunteer call: 713.659.2511

For more information visit:

www.rebuildingtogetherhouston.org

Ronald McDonald House Galveston

The Ronald McDonald House of Galveston is a home away from home for the families of children who are hospitalized for the treatment of serious and long-term illnesses. The house is more than a place to stay; as an alternative to an isolated hotel room, the families and children enjoy cheerful surroundings and the support of other families.

Opportunities to serve:

- Prepare a meal for the families
- Play Bingo with the families
- Clean out the storage room
- Help with spring-cleaning

To volunteer call: 409.762 8770

For more information visit:

www.rmhg.org

Sanctuary Foster Care Services

The Sanctuary Foster Care Services seeks to be the hands and feet of Christ to every child and family in our care.

1350 Nasa Parkway, Suite 210

Houston, TX 77058

contact@sanctuaryfostercare.org

281-508-2205

<https://www.sanctuaryfostercare.org>

Star of Hope Mission

A Christ centered organization, the Star of Hope ministers to more than 900 men, women and children every day with food, clothing, shelter, Christian care and structured programs.

Opportunities to serve:

- Movie night volunteers
- Holiday meal volunteers
- Kitchen volunteer groups
- Clothing room volunteers
- Storehouse volunteers
- Christmas workshop volunteers
- VIRTUAL volunteer

Approximately 10 volunteers needed at a time

Approximately 4 hours

2 Hun Breakfast Shift

To volunteer call: 713.440.5322

For more information visit:

ehatler@sohmission.org

www.sohmission.org

Team Jesus

We are here to share the love of Jesus though serving the Homeless in Downtown Houston!

<https://www.facebook.com/TeamJesusHHM>

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Advanced Projects

Teen Challenge of Texas (Alvin)

Donations / Sponsor Clients / Volunteer on Campus with clean up.
Rachel Wallace 330-599-8229

Alvin – Women’s Rehab
413 CR 192, Alvin, TX 77511
Phone: [\(281\) 836-4448](tel:(281)836-4448)

Magnolia – Men’s Rehab
30310 Misty Meadow Dr, Magnolia, TX 77355
Phone: [\(281\) 259-5600](tel:(281)259-5600)
<https://teenchallengetx.org>

Youth For Christ Houston

Join our movement of volunteers who are passionate about introducing 11-19 year olds to Jesus. We’re not looking for perfect people or superstars; just those who are willing to listen well, to be themselves, and to be present in a young person’s life.
<https://yfchouston.org/join>

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