



## CURRENT GROUP PROJECT OPTIONS

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LOCATION	EVENT / NEED	DESCRIPTION
Elk Grove, Park Ridge, Palatine, Schaumburg, Barrington, Arlington Hts., Mt Prospect, Hoffman Est	Assist with American Cancer Society RELAY FOR LIFE	Several Relay for Life fun-filled overnight events to celebrate survivorship, remember those who lost their lives to cancer, and raise money to fight against cancer will be held in our local communities starting May 21 – June 25, 2010. Volunteers' set-up (4pm), register, handle food sales, security, help with teardown (4-6am), etc. Event runs 6pm to 5am. Individuals and group volunteers welcome.
Various	Junior Achievement presentations to students in grade K-6	Individuals or groups needed to each Junior Achievement programs to students, grades K-6 <sup>th</sup> at local schools, various weekday dates. Volunteers can co-teach. All materials needed and training provided. No person equipment or materials. Everything provided in a one hour training provided prior to volunteer date. Can use between 10-20 volunteers Ongoing need, various dates and schools available.
Rolling Meadows	Repeating event - Newsletter Mailing Assistance	Assist with a newsletter mailing for an organization that rescues and serves orphans in third world countries. Label and stuff envelopes, seal, and run through postage machine. <u>Individuals up to 7-10 volunteers</u> , Flexible hours 9:00-5:00, any time during the week, <u>as determined by printing deadlines</u> , (Future dates available, mailing will be done on a monthly basis.)
Rolling Meadows	Mailings and office support for center serving siblings of children with cancer	This special agency is dedicated to honoring, supporting and recognizing brothers & sisters of children with cancer. They support over 12,000 children ages 4 -18 throughout the U.S. Activities can include assembling boxes for sending out courage trophies to siblings, putting personalized name plates on trophies, assembling mailers with welcome kits, mailing journals so they can record their feelings, making fun & creative Smilecards to mail to them to brighten their day, etc. Week day or customized week night to be agreed upon, 6:00 to 9:00pm – <u>groups up to 12 or so</u>
Palatine	Book Sorting and Pricing for a fundraiser supporting programs for the physically and mentally challenged	An agency serving the mentally and physically challenged needs help sorting and pricing books for their gigantic Used Book Sale held annually in June, the largest fundraiser supporting their programs. This is so much fun and great for groups. All weekdays, and customized week nights and for groups of 5-12, Saturdays also. <u>Small to large groups</u>

Schaumburg	Conservation & Environmental	Assist with conservation work at an area nature center on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> and/or 4th Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Workers will prune, clear & thin brush from wooded areas, grounds clean up & planting projects. <u>Small groups up to 10 welcome</u>
Glenview	Help the environmental restoration team work on the land	Make a difference in the environment! Help The Grove's restoration team clear brush, remove weeds, collect seeds or remove non-native invasive plants to make way for native wildflowers, grasses and trees. Age 16 up. Scheduled restoration days, Saturdays – 3/13, 4/10, 5/8, 6/5 starting at 9am, additional dates to be released. <u>Special Wednesday or Friday dates can be organized for groups of 10 to 25.</u> Bring work gloves
Palatine	Cleaning Help Needed for agency serving children and adults with challenges!	A large campus serving the physically and mentally challenged always needs extra help with cleaning projects and maintenance at their group homes or in their activity and vocational centers, as well as on their grounds. Spend a few hours helping them “shine up the place”! <u>Small and large groups.</u>
Arlington Heights	Donation Drives for the needy (in these tough economic times, more and more people are looking to our centers for necessities for their families)	Volunteers are needed to do donation drives for items for the homeless, individuals and families in crisis, a transitional housing and safe house program for homeless women and children, local townships, etc. Food pantry items, paper products, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene products, infant and toddler products (diapers, baby powder, etc) and non-perishable foods, gift cards for grocery stores, gas, transportation, car maintenance establishments, drug stores and discount stores. <u>All size groups</u>
Palatine	Light yard work	Agency providing support for clients dealing with pregnancy issues seeks group to trim hedges running around perimeter of their lot. Small group up to 8.
Palatine, Niles or Schaumburg	Resale Shop help benefitting homeless women and their children	<u>Groups up to 8</u> can help arranging donated items to be moved to the sales floor, cleaning and organizing the sales floor, rearranging items such as clothes in their proper place – seasonal projects re-organizing entire sales floor or preparing new displays. Volunteers bring own plastic gloves, possible 33-gal garbage bags.
Various	Blood Drive Assistance	An organization who works to provide safe, reliable and efficient blood services to Chicagoland hospitals, patients and donors. Help with one-day blood drives held at area places of business or schools – greet and register donors, serve refreshments, watch for adverse reactions, etc. <u>Various locations and # of volunteers</u>
Elk Grove	HIV/AIDS nutrition	Help with packing food boxes in a warehouse in Elk Grove Village for delivery to HIV/AIDS clients from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays each month.
Wheeling & Rolling Meadows	Cleaning and organizing equipment	If organization is your game, extra hands are needed to help tidy up the storeroom and their vans at an agency for special needs children & adults. <u>Up to 20 volunteers needed.</u>

Arlington Hts & Rolling Meadows area	Beautification projects	Organize a beautification project at a group home or day facility – painting, window washing, gardening/landscaping. Perfect opportunity for a small group of volunteers to assist an agency for special needs children & adults.
Palatine	Fundraising event to benefit agency serving mentally & physically challenged	Fall Casino event – Saturday, March 13, 5:00pm to 1:00am in Palatine. Volunteers needed to help with setup, kitchen services, deal Blackjack/Poker, work game tables, bartend, serve food/drinks, and sell raffle tickets. All volunteers working the games must be registered 3 weeks before the event. Great fun for individuals or small group.
Northwest Suburbs	Fundraising event to benefit agency serving mentally & physically challenged clients	Jelly Belly (TAG) Days – May 14 & 15 (Friday & Saturday) 6:30am to 6:30pm. Come join the team of volunteers to participate in the “Power of Change.” Help collect donations at intersections and businesses in two-hour shifts throughout Chicagoland.
Rolling Meadows	Be a buddy to an adult with disabilities	FunFest – Friday, June 18 from 8:30am to 2:30pm on the grounds of the organization in Rolling Meadows. Volunteers needed to help set up and tend games; be a buddy to an adult with disabilities throughout the day’s activities and picnic lunch.
Elk Grove	Fundraising event to benefit agency serving seniors & clients with mental health issues	<b>3/1/10</b> Walk for the Mental Health of It! 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 8 <sup>th</sup> at Busse Woods. Assist with set up, registration, refreshments, water stops, clean up, etc. Individuals or small groups welcome
NW Suburbs	Fundraising event	<b>3/1/10</b> Shelter-A-Child Tag Days to benefit a community-based emergency & longer-term care & housing for children. May 7, 8, 9 from 9am to 6pm, 2 hour shifts. Volunteers are stationed at local stores in communities throughout the NW suburbs to solicit donations. Excellent event for group participation for companies, clubs and individuals.
Palatine	Donation Drive	<b>3/1/10</b> Agency providing support for clients dealing with pregnancy issues, looking for volunteers to conduct a baby formula & diaper drive, up to size 5 for the Baby Closet & Boutique. Simalac with iron is especially needed.
Palatine	Grounds Cleanup	<b>3/1/10</b> A large 6 acre campus serving the physically and mentally challenged needs help with landscaping, planting, weeding, trees & brush trimming, vehicle cleaning, gutter cleaning & repair, etc. Inside work consists of painting, cleaning & general upkeep of buildings. Groups of 5 to 50 volunteers, 16 years & older, weekdays only.