

## Volunteer Opportunities for Youth and Families

Below is a list of some volunteer opportunities for students and families in the community surrounding Districts 203 and 204. This list offers *suggestions* and is in no way inclusive of all opportunities available in the area. (*The Power of Choice is not affiliated with any of these volunteer organizations.*)

Click on the [links](#) below to find out more about each opportunity.

- [Bike Bald](#)- Provides cycling rides & events for the general public supporting community, healthy living & sustainability while supporting Childhood Cancer Awareness. Volunteer opportunities include making greeting cards and providing gifts, toys and gift cards for children dealing with childhood cancer.
- [Buddy Break](#)- offers respite care program where kids with special needs make new friends and enjoy activities together while caregivers get a break.
- [Daybreak Center](#)- provides emergency housing, and supportive services to individuals and families who are homeless. Volunteer opportunities include Back to School Fairs and Holiday Programs.
- [DuPage Children's Museum](#)- for students and adults.
- [DuPage Pads](#)- Provides housing and support services to area families.
- [Feed My Starving Children](#)-Volunteers pack meals that are shipped to children in impoverished areas.
- [Forest Preserve District of Will County](#)- Learn to care for the environment and participate in a variety of work projects.
- [Friends for Therapeutic Equine Activities](#)- provides therapeutic equestrian activities for people with disabilities. Volunteers are needed in a variety of ways. No experience necessary!
- [GiGi's Playhouse](#)- Achievement center for individuals with Down syndrome and their families.
- [Happy Helper Kids](#)- Organization focused on "leading kids to change the world" by providing volunteer opportunities for those ages 5-17.
- [Hesed House](#)- Provides a variety of services to homeless individuals in the Aurora area.
- [Loaves and Fishes](#)- Provides food and services to DuPage County residents in need.
- [Miracle League of Joliet](#)- Removes barriers that keep children with mental and physical disabilities off the baseball field and lets them experience the joy of America's favorite pastime.
- [Naperville Humane Society](#)- Provides shelter and care for animals waiting to be matched with a home.
- [Naperville Public Library](#)- variety of opportunities to volunteer at each of the Library's 3 locations.
- [Safety Town](#)- Teens assist children in safety program.
- Senior Centers- Many local senior centers have volunteer opportunities for teens and families.
- [Special Olympics](#) – Volunteers provide support and training for individuals with intellectual disabilities who compete in a variety of athletic events.
- [Special Spaces](#)- Create dream bedrooms for children with life-threatening medical illnesses.
- [YMCA](#)- Volunteer opportunities for both individuals and groups to coach and support youth and families.