1. **Books for Africa:**
   The mission of Books For Africa is to end the book famine in Africa. With your help, we will help create a culture of literacy and provide the tools of empowerment to the next generation of parents, teachers, and leaders in Africa. Wars, economic crises, poverty, malnutrition, and illiteracy plague many areas of Africa. According to the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), 40 percent of school-age children in Africa do not attend school. Forty-six million African children have never set foot in a classroom. Access to an education is one of the only opportunities young people have to end the cycle of poverty and attain a better quality of life than previous generations. Books For Africa works to help children who otherwise would not attend school by supplying educational materials to reduce or eliminate education costs. Volunteers will be assisting these efforts by sorting and packing books at the Books for Africa warehouse.  
   [www.booksforafrica.org](http://www.booksforafrica.org)

2. **Center for Pan Asian Community Services: Marquis Parc Apartments**
   Center for Pan Asian Community Services, Inc. (CPACS) is a private nonprofit located in Atlanta, Georgia. Our mission is to promote self-sufficiency and equity for immigrants, refugees, and the underprivileged through comprehensive health and social services, capacity building, and advocacy. Founded on the belief that “people need people,” CPACS is the first, largest and oldest organization in the Southeast to focus on issues and concerns of Asian Americans, especially women, children and families with low incomes. Since 1980, CPACS has provided a home base and essential programs that support Asian Americans in their new chosen country. By providing a variety of services for numerous facets of life, CPACS helps many on their personal journeys and brings people together to create stronger communities. Volunteers will be helping to clean, organize, and renovate rooms used at one of the CPACS afterschool sites to help facilitate better learning. This may include tasks like carpet cleaning, painting walls and organizing books.  
   [www.icpacs.org](http://www.icpacs.org)

3. **Clyde Shephard Nature Preserve:**
   The 28-acre nature preserve opened in 1995 under the management of South Peachtree Creek Nature Preserves, Inc. (SPCNP) a non-profit, neighborhood organization with the goal of preserving natural spaces in the South Peachtree Creek watershed. SPCNP Inc. maintains the property for the protection of wildlife and the enjoyment of our neighbors and other visitors. Volunteers will assist with mulching, trail maintenance, and removal of invasive plant species and securing the boardwalk of this inner-city greenspace.  
   [www.cshepherdpreserve.org](http://www.cshepherdpreserve.org)

4. **Community Farmers Markets:**
   Community Farmers Markets is a non-profit organization that operates the East Atlanta Village, Grant Park, and Decatur Farmers Markets. Our goal is to increase access to local, organic, handmade food, foster farmers markets as places that bring communities together,
and support local farmers. Community Farmers Markets strives to make good food affordable for food insecure families by doubling food assistance benefits in partnership with Wholesome Wave Georgia. Additionally, Community Farmers Markets drives the local movement though educational cooking demonstrations and engaging presentations at schools, community organizations, and special events. We are a community effort deeply rooted in the passion, vision, and creativity of dedicated artisans, chefs, and patrons.

Volunteers will help with weeding, bed building, mulching, and composting at a local farm. www.farmatl.org/

5. **Concrete Jungle:**
   Concrete Jungle is a volunteer-run, Atlanta-based organization that works to connect wasted resources with those who need them most. Generally, we organize volunteers to pick food from the hundreds of fruit and nut trees growing in the Atlanta area — in yards, on the side of the road, next to buildings. Most of these trees are untended and ignored with their bounty being wasted to wildlife while only miles away many poor and homeless struggle to include any fresh produce in their diet. We donate the picked food to homeless shelters, orphanages, and food banks. Concrete Jungle is entering its seventh year and it has so far donated almost 18,000 pounds of fresh, local, and organic produce to organizations serving those in need throughout Atlanta. Our Rollins-teer project will be at Dog Head Farm, a 1 acre farm in Sylvan Hills, just south of downtown Atlanta. At Dog Head Farm, we grow vegetables that are requested by shelters. Activities may range from planting, weeding, mulching, digging, and harvesting.

   www.concrete-jungle.org

6. **Covenant House Georgia:**
   In 2000, Covenant House Georgia opened its doors to provide shelter and services to Atlanta’s homeless and runaway youth. For over a decade, we have dedicated ourselves to helping young people suffering from homelessness, sexual exploitation, involved in drug-dealing, theft, and other anti-social activities. More than 15,000 youth have received support from CHGA since 2000. Currently, more than 1,300 homeless and at-risk youth are served every year. Covenant House Georgia’s clients range from youth who have “aged out” of the foster care system, to runaways, to young people who have been trafficked.

   Regardless of how they came to be on the streets, we aim to provide our youth with sanctuary and a sense of immediacy. Volunteers will assist with a variety of projects around the shelter including organizing donations for the clothes closet and organizing the toiletry closet, as well as deep cleaning, organizing, and preforming inventory in the shelter’s kitchen.

   www.covenanthousega.org

7. **East Side Parks Network:**
   The East Side Parks Network is an evolving linear park system connecting parks and green spaces, schools, public health facilities, and neighborhoods with the PATH trail system.
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(Eastside Trolley and Stone Mountain segments) and important elements of the Sugar Creek and Ocmulgee River watersheds. The mission is to facilitate non-vehicular connectivity between the parks, public greenspaces, and public institutions of Eastlake, Edgewood, and Parkview; to facilitate the protection and care of the parks of these communities by assisting and partnering with the efforts of residents and neighborhood based organizations; and to facilitate the improvement and maintenance of communication between residents and neighborhoods with parks departments, elected officials, and like-minded non-profit organizations. Volunteers working at this site will assist in the care and feeding of one of the parks in this network by clearing unwanted and invasive plants and mulching trail beds.

8. **Gateway Center:**
The Gateway Center works to end homelessness, and particularly chronic homelessness by providing the support and framework people need to achieve self-sufficiency. Through therapeutic programs and services, the Gateway Center helps homeless individuals in metro Atlanta move into transitional and permanent housing. The core mission of the Gateway Center is to provide a supportive and compassionate setting where individuals can receive the tools, programs, and services they need to end their homelessness. Volunteers will be helping with the operation of Gateway by assisting with gardening, street beautification or painting.

www.gatewayctr.org

9. **Good Samaritan Health Center – Urban Farm Project:**
The Good Samaritan Health Center was formed in 1998. As a Christ-centered ministry, the Center offers a comprehensive range of services to adults and children who are without health insurance or the means to afford care. The Center’s vision is to create a dependable, full-time, comprehensive healthcare home for Atlanta’s working poor and homeless. The Center offers medical, dental, health education, and mental health services to patients. The Urban Farm Project is a partnership with the Southeastern Horticulture Society to improve access to healthy food for our patients and the community. The volunteer team will work to plant, mulch, and harvest on a one acre site at The Center.

www.goodsamatlanta.org

10. **Hosea Feed the Hungry and Homeless:**
Hosea Feed The Hungry and Homeless (HFTH) was founded in 1971 by civil rights icons Rev. Hosea and Juanita T. Williams. Since its founding HFTH has distributed more than $3.0 billion in food, clothing, medical, educational, toiletries, furniture and cleaning supplies to 16 Georgia counties, three states and to the Philippines, Haiti, the Ivory Coast and Uganda. Hosea Feed the Hungry and Homeless follows the principle that education and self-help must fortify charity work so recipients learn to break the cycle of poverty. HFTH prevents homelessness by providing rent, mortgage, and utility assistance, financial literacy and
wellness classes, distribution of school supplies and book bags to children, annual Christmas children’s party, intensive case management and support to other charitable organizations. Volunteers will be packing food boxes for the Day Center Program which provides groceries, baby products, clothing, toiletries and case management for up to 75 families and individuals every week throughout the year.

www.hoseafeedthehungry.com

11. **International Rescue Committee Atlanta:**
The International Rescue Committee responds to the world’s worst humanitarian crises and helps people to survive and rebuild their lives. Founded in 1933 at the request of Albert Einstein, the IRC offers lifesaving care and life-changing assistance to refugees forced to flee from war or disaster. At work today in over 40 countries and in 22 U.S. cities, the IRC restores safety, dignity and hope to millions who are uprooted and struggling to endure. The IRC leads the way from harm to home. Since its inception in 1979, IRC’s office in Atlanta provides essential resettlement services including access to basic necessities, education, employment, social services and advocacy, to assist refugees in rebuilding their lives and reuniting families in Georgia. Volunteers will be participating in IRC’s adult education classrooms, working with refugee adults on survival English skills, as well as working in the resettlement shop, sorting donations and assisting clients in selecting needed items.

www.rescue.org

12. **Jerusalem House:**
Jerusalem House is Atlanta’s oldest and largest provider of permanent housing for Atlanta’s low-income and homeless individuals and families affected by HIV/AIDS. More than 100 children live in Jerusalem House programs. With the help of our donors and volunteers, we are able to provide them with the tools they need to succeed – like stable housing, lifestyle workshops, tutoring, and school supplies. Volunteers will be helping with yard work maintenance, to include but not limited to mowing, weeding, edging, trimming, raking and bagging leaves and debris as well as assisting with some inside cleaning/organizing projects.

www.jerusalemhouse.org

13. **MedShare International:**
Medshare is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the environment and healthcare through the efficient recovery and redistribution of surplus medical supplies and equipment to underserved healthcare facilities in developing countries. MedShare sent its first 40-foot container of product to Costa Rica in 1999, and has since served 88 countries worldwide by sending over 800 containers of medical supplies and biomedical equipment. In 2013 alone, MedShare diverted more than 2 million pounds of medical surplus from entering local landfills, shipped 138 containers of life-saving medical supplies and
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equipment, and outfitted 359 medical mission teams with critically needed medical supplies. Volunteers will be helping to sort, organize and box surplus medical supplies to be shipped overseas.
www.medshare.org

14. Park Pride—Tucker Nature Preserve:
Founded in 1989, Park Pride is the only Atlanta nonprofit organization dedicated to improving parks in geographically and socioeconomically diverse area of Atlanta, thereby creating a better quality of life for everyone who lives here. Park Pride’s mission is to provide programs, funding and leadership to engage communities in developing and improving parks and greenspaces. We partner with community groups, parks departments, developers, environmentalists, smart growth organizations, corporations, foundations and the media. Volunteers will join Park Pride and the Friends of Tucker Parks for a workday in Tucker Nature Preserve (TNP). TNP is a 9-acre park located in the heart of Tucker in NE Atlanta. Previously the site of some abandoned homes, the community is now reclaiming the property as a proper nature preserve full of walking trails, educational signage, picnic areas and play spaces. Volunteers will help with restoration of the forest through invasive plant removal as well as help with the establishment and maintenance of a new loop trail. This hidden gem of a park is full of beautiful trees representing what the area used to look like years ago. Come on out and see what it takes to build a new park! www.parkpride.org

15. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul:
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Atlanta empowers people, regardless of their background, ethnicity, or faith, to achieve self-sufficiency by offering financial, material, educational, and spiritual support and by collaborating with others to develop and deliver programs and services that help those in need. The Society operates 10 thrift stores that help to fund their mission and services. Volunteers will be helping to sort and organize donations at one of these thrift stores as well as placing items on the sales floor.
www.svdpatl.org

16. Trees Atlanta:
Trees Atlanta is a nationally recognized non-profit citizens’ group that protects and improves Atlanta’s urban forest by planting, conserving, and educating. In Spring & Summer 2013, Trees Atlanta planted nearly 8 ½ acres of native grass and wildflower prairie along the Atlanta BeltLine’s Eastside Trail. Planted over the course of four months, the prairie now comprises more than 109,000 individual plants, in 43 different species of grasses and wildflowers! The area along the Eastside Trail was a damaged urban ecosystem, with lots of manmade disturbance, invasive plants, and poor topsoils; planting a native prairie contributes to ecological recovery. Volunteers will help with prairie maintenance in the Atlanta BeltLine Arboretum Prairie by removing unwanted, invasive species of plants so that the native prairie plants can thrive.
17. **Urban Health Initiative—Super Giant Community Garden:**
Emory’s Urban Health Initiative Super Giant Community Garden (SGCG) is the first community garden in the nation to be built on the parking lot of a grocery store in a low-income neighborhood. It is an educational garden that seeks to improve the wellbeing of our targeted community (a neighborhood in North West Atlanta called “Bankhead”). Bankhead is a historically impoverished area of neighborhoods that meets the United States Census definition of food desert, meaning, “at least 33% of the census tract’s population live more than one mile from a supermarket or large grocery store (10 miles, in the case of non-metropolitan census tracts).” Volunteers will assist with a variety of gardening activities, such as watering, weeding, and planting seedlings, as well as turning over compost and distributing the monthly newsletter throughout the neighborhood.

http://supergiantgarden.wix.com/emoryuhi#!aboutus/c1vj2

18. **Wylde Center:**
The Wylde Center, formerly the Oakhurst Community Garden Project, teaches environmental awareness to diverse local students and adults through hands-on gardening and outdoor education programs. We are dedicated to empowering young people to become the next generation of environmental stewards by engaging in projects that address real needs. Respect for the earth and each other underlie all our efforts. By teaching about wellness, teamwork, and conservation, we hope to empower youth to take charge of their own health, as well as the environment. In addition to our work with young people, we provide adult classes on a wide range of topics, have regular garden workdays and host popular community events. Volunteers will be weeding, mulching, painting and planting in the gardens.

http://wyldecenter.org/