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1. **Atlanta Community Food Bank:**
   Volunteering at a Food Pantry site provides the unique opportunity to provide friendly encouragement, while directly distributing nutritious food to neighborhood residents. The Atlanta Community Food Bank works hand-in-hand with our partner agencies by sending truckloads of food to pantry sites across greater Atlanta. The Southwest Ecumenical Emergency Assistance Center (SWEEAC) provides emergency assistance to Southwest Atlanta citizens facing crisis. Driven by the goal to empower every family with the tools to once again be self-sufficient, productive and contributing members of society, impact continues to increase as SWEEAC serves more than 13,000 residents, with approximately 250,000 pounds of food being distributed.

   Volunteers will be distributing food boxes and products to local residents at the SWEEAC pantry location as well as organizing food, household supplies and clothing donations for the distribution pantry.
   

2. **Atlanta Hospital Hospitality House:**
   The Atlanta Hospital Hospitality House (AHHH) provides a home away from home including lodging, meals, and supportive companionship to families and patients who have traveled to Atlanta for world-class healthcare. Our purpose is two-fold: 1) we provide compassionate care to individuals from out-of-town during a medical crisis and 2) we partner with local hospitals to ensure that their world-class services are accessible to families with limited resources. Since 1981, with the generous support of the community, we have provided over 125,000 accommodations for guests from around the world.

   AHHH utilizes volunteers to help with cleaning, gardening, and yard work. We also have volunteers who help with meal prep and organizing some snack bags.
   
   [http://atlhhh.org/](http://atlhhh.org/)

3. **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, and 46 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)
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4. **Center for Pan Asian Community Services (CPACS):**
   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 with beautification projects around the building including gardening, cleaning out storage areas, etc.
   www.icpacs.org

5. **Clyde Shepherd Nature Preserve:**
   The 28-acre nature preserve opened in 1995 under the management of South Peachtree Creek Nature Preserves, Inc., (SPCNP) which is 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

6. **Community Farmers Market: East Atlanta Village Learning Garden:**
   Community Farmers Markets is a non-profit organization that operates the East Atlanta Village, Grant Park, and Decatur Farmers Markets. The mission of Community Farmers Markets is to develop a local food infrastructure for long term sustainability and meaningful community impact. Our purpose is to preserve, root, and grow a diverse local food culture by maintaining an authentic space for all people to share community, fair food, and healthy lifestyles while providing a sustainable living for producers who steward the earth. 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, we drive 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 spreading mulch, clearing ivy from trees, picking up litter, weeding, spreading gravel, tending to garden beds.

www.farmatl.org/

7. **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.

Volunteers will be clearing out and harvesting our summer crops, planting fall crops, as well as clear cutting some areas that are covered with shrubs

www.concrete-jungle.org

8. **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 (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 will be working at both the Walker Park Community Garden and Kirkwood’s Historic Clay Cemetery doing maintenance and restoration.

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9. **Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC):**
   FODAC has been around since 1986 providing mobility and daily living equipment in our communities with disabilities or families with disabled members. Our mission is to provide durable medical equipment (DME) such as wheelchairs and hospital beds at little or no cost to the disabled and their families. We strive to meet the short term needs in medically necessary situations where the client is waiting on benefits to begin. Examples include injuries with no existing insurance; a child outgrowing a wheelchair; a backup piece of equipment; all shower equipment; or caregiver aids. We also seek to enhance the quality of life for people of all ages who have any type of illness or physical disability. Since 1986, FODAC has collected and distributed more than 35,000 wheelchairs!
   
   Volunteers will help with sorting and price tagging in or thrift store. There are also warehouse needs as well as washing and repairing our DM equipment.  
   [http://www.fodac.org](http://www.fodac.org)

10. **Furniture Bank of Metro Atlanta:**
    The Furniture Bank, a 501(c)3, was founded in 1988 in response to the lack of furniture for families moving out of homeless shelters. Today, the Furniture Bank recycles gently-used furniture by collecting it from the community and giving it to individuals and families moving out of homelessness and fleeing domestic violence, as well as countless others struggling to make ends meet. Furniture is essential to a persons physical and emotional well-being. The Furniture bank provides beds for sleeping, tables for sharing meals, and couches for relaxing. We turn houses into homes.
    
    Volunteers will sort and make kitchen and linen sets for our families from our donations. Additionally, we would have the group assist with any other miscellaneous warehouse tasks that we need finished. 
    [http://furniturebankatlanta.org](http://furniturebankatlanta.org)

11. **Gateway Center:**
    Gateway Center is one of Atlanta's largest service agencies. We are Atlanta's hub for housing assessments for those experiencing homelessness. Gateway Center's philosophy rests on the guiding principle that homeless individuals can ultimately achieve permanent housing through their own dedicated efforts combined with a collaborative process built on a foundation of support from a skilled staff, intensive case management, and trained volunteers.
    
    Volunteers will organizing our clothing closet and donations and well as assisting in our finger nail clinic for those experiencing and transitioning from homelessness. 
    [www.gatewayctr.org](http://www.gatewayctr.org)
12. **Good Samaritan Health Center: Urban Farm:**
For many the access to quality healthcare like regular check-ups and exams, prenatal care, dental visits, health education and counseling all seem, though sometimes burdensome, a necessity to living a well-balanced life. Too often however families must make a choice between the basics of food and shelter or preventive healthcare that could not only change their lives, but many times save them.

The Good Samaritan Health Center exists to remove the burden of that decision from families, creating a place where they can receive the highest quality care without sacrificing the basic necessities of life. Good Sam serves individuals and families who have the least access to healthcare and are at the highest risk of having serious health issues remain undiagnosed and untreated.

The Center offers medical, dental, health education, mental health, and social services. Patients pay on a reduced sliding fee scale based on income and household size with the remaining costs provided by donations. At The Good Samaritan Health Center, the entire family receives quality healthcare in an atmosphere of dignity and respect, regardless of race, ethnicity, or religion.

Good Sam has an urban farm run by a team who keeps food growing year-round. We also have a seasonal farmer’s market where patients and community members can purchase produce from our farm.

Volunteers will be helping with various tasks such as weeding, harvesting, using rakes, shovels, gardening hand tools. 

13. **Hope Lodge:**
The American Cancer Society Hope Lodge program provides a free home away from home for cancer patients and their caregivers. More than just a roof over their heads, it's a nurturing community that helps patients access the care they need. Each Hope Lodge community offers a supportive, homelike environment where guests can share a meal, join in the evening's activities, or unwind in their own private room. Patients staying at a Hope Lodge must be in active cancer treatment, and permanently reside more than 40 miles or one hour away from their cancer treatment center. Each patient must be accompanied by a caregiver.

Volunteers will help with our blanket project and bingo as well as aid in general house cleaning.

14. **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 working with the adult education programs which include general ESL, advanced ESL, women’s literacy, and an English literacy and civics class.

[www.rescue.org](http://www.rescue.org)

15. **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 which includes but is not limited to: mowing, weeding, edging, trimming, raking and bagging leaves and debris as well as assisting with some inside cleaning/organizing projects. In the case of inclement weather, volunteers will be helping with indoor cleaning duties.

[www.jerusalemhouse.org](http://www.jerusalemhouse.org)

16. **Lost n Found:**

Lost-N-Found Youth is an Atlanta, Georgia based nonprofit (501c3) that exists to end homelessness for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ+) and all sexual minority youth. Lost-n-Found Youth is the outgrowth of Saint Lost and Found, an LGBTQ homeless youth fund project of the Atlanta Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence.

Founded by Rick Westbrook, Art Izzard, and Paul Swicord after each of them experienced being turned away when attempting to place queer youth into local shelters and youth aid programs, the three resolved that something needed to be done to address the immediate need.

Volunteers will help put out clothing, clean shelving, and do other retail related tasks in our thrift store.

17. **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 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](http://www.medshare.org)

18. **Open Hand:**
Open Hand is a nonprofit organization that provides Comprehensive Nutrition Care for a diverse population of men, women and children with unique nutrition needs. Our programs and services are designed to help clients meet their personal goals and objectives for good health and to assist clients and healthcare providers in the early identification and treatment, as well as the prevention or progression of many nutrition-sensitive illnesses.

Open Hand's Registered Dietitians plan balanced menus and select products according to the level of nutrition care determined for each client's needs. All clients receive nutrition education, delivered on a regular basis with the meals, and can access individual or group nutrition education and counseling sessions on topics such as portion control, healthy eating, hands-on food preparation, physical activity, goal-setting, and self-management. Follow up reinforcement is provided by Registered Dietitians and may include review sessions, group training, referral(s) to additional support services, and/or phone consultations.

Volunteers will be assisting with packing meals that will be delivered throughout metro Atlanta.

[http://www.projectopenhand.org](http://www.projectopenhand.org)
19. **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 areas 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 weeding flower beds, trail maintenance, and removing invasive plants- ivy/wisteria/kudzu. This hidden gem of a park is full of beautiful trees representing what the area used to look like years ago.

[www.parkpride.org](http://www.parkpride.org)

20. **Re: Loom:**

Re:Loom is a program of Initiative for Affordable Housing (IAH), a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization in Decatur, Georgia. Founded in 1990 with one home and one homeless family, IAH's mission is to provide permanent, affordable housing to homeless and low-income families in metro Atlanta. Our rigorous, holistic social services program empowers individuals to reach personal goals and achieve independence. Re:Loom grew naturally from our work with adults who struggled to secure and maintain jobs. We help individuals address obstacles to employment through paid on-site job training and leadership opportunities. Weavers design and produce handmade products and lead a team of weave house volunteers. With a stable salary, 100% healthcare coverage, and opportunities to engage in the operation of the weave house, employees gain a financial foundation, leadership skills, and a sense of purpose and accomplishment. With your help, Re:Loom will continue to support the IAH team in growing our positive impact on homelessness in Atlanta.

Volunteers will help with cutting and preparing fabric for projects.

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21. **TREES Atlanta:**
   Founded in 1985, Trees Atlanta works tirelessly to address Atlanta’s tree loss, protect its forests, and create new green space. Empowered by its wonderful community of volunteers, Trees Atlanta serves the metro Atlanta area, and has grown to become one of Atlanta’s most widely known and supported non-profit organizations. Our mission statement: Trees Atlanta is a nationally recognized non-profit citizens’ group that protects and improves Atlanta’s urban forest by planting, conserving, and educating.

   Volunteers will help us mulch, water, and weed young street trees in an in-town Atlanta neighborhood.
   [www.treesatlanta.org](http://www.treesatlanta.org)

22. **Wylde Center:**
   The mission of Wylde Center is to educate, cultivate greenspaces, and build community in the areas we serve. Wylde Center accomplishes this through educational programs, events, and greenspaces that actively engage youth, families, and individuals in their environment, health, and community. These programs also allow for the development of skills in environmental science, sustainable urban living, organic gardening, health, and nutrition.

   Wylde Center was founded in 1997 out of a need to provide opportunities to experience nature in an urban environment. As a result of the community's involvement and commitment, the organization has evolved into a large and active nonprofit organization operating five greenspaces (Oakhurst Garden, Sugar Creek Garden, Hawk Hollow, Edgewood Community Learning Garden, and the Mulberry Fields Garden) in four different Decatur and Atlanta neighborhoods that are open year-round for the community, whether it be for events and for Wylde Center’s educational programs.

   Additionally, Wylde Center provides one of the largest youth environmental and science education programs in metro-Atlanta, including the Decatur Farm to School program, Atlanta Farm to School, Healthy Living by Healthy Growing at the Decatur Housing Authority, and science program and field trips linked to Common Core standards.

   Volunteers will help out at the gardens by digging, mulching, weeding, and planting at three of our various sites.