

## Community Service Opportunities:

Struggling to find community service opportunities amidst this global pandemic? We've got you covered!

### **Brief Overview:**

Community service is super important at UCVTS as well as within FBLA. The community service award (CSA) recognizes members for 50, 200 and 500 hours of community service. The BAA program also requires 5 hours as part of one task to complete the future level. At UCVTS, 40 hours are required to graduate. Remember to keep in mind that these hours can always be double dipped. Hopefully this list provides resources that can help you find a volunteer opportunity that fits your interests and skills!

### **Virtual Volunteer Opportunities:**

- [Jersey Cares](#): *This organization helps students find virtual volunteer opportunities easily with their advanced search system and database full of information.*
- [Volunteer Center of South Jersey](#): *Great resource for students to find a multitude of volunteer opportunities nearby on a regular basis. There are numerous in-person and virtual opportunities available on a weekly basis.*

### **In-Person Volunteer Opportunities (social distancing and masks required):**

- [Community FoodBank of New Jersey](#) (Emergency Cargo in Hillside): *This volunteer program offers individuals, families and groups of many sizes a meaningful experience to make a direct impact on hunger in a positive and safe environment.*
- [Union County Department of Parks and Recreation](#) (Earth Keepers in Watchung Reservation Mountainside): *Volunteers are needed to make a trail more accessible to hikers and to people who wish to enjoy nature.*
- [Volunteer Center of South Jersey](#): *Great resource for students to find a multitude of volunteer opportunities nearby on a regular basis. There are numerous in-person and virtual opportunities available on a weekly basis.*
- [Jersey Cares](#): *This organization helps students find virtual volunteer opportunities that they meet the requirements for. They have an advanced search system that allows volunteers to narrow down opportunities based on their interests and skills.*
- [Summit TryCAN](#) (Peer Mentor): *The TryCAN organization offers many [programs](#) for high school students to mentor kids. These programs consist of social skills classes (for special needs children), reading classes, yoga classes, and sports classes. Before becoming a peer mentor, students need to email [dguidajr@cityofsummit.org](mailto:dguidajr@cityofsummit.org) and complete a Mentor Training Session (which counts for community service hours).*

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## Chapter Volunteer Opportunities:

- Operation: Uplift! *The goal of Operation Uplift is to provide resources and necessities to the homeless. Participating chapters will collect donated items and create care packages. In order to help as many people as possible across the state, chapters will individually contact and deliver packages to their local homeless shelters.*
- [Bridges Community Outreach Program](#): *Bridges ends homelessness through volunteer-driven outreach and individual case management focusing on health, housing and independence. They form relationships with those experiencing homelessness while meeting their most urgent needs.*

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