

Caring Canines

Join the Caring Canines volunteers and participate with your dog in group visits to nursing homes, hospitals, adult day care programs and assisted living facilities in the greater Boston area. For more information about the pet therapy program and the certification process to register your dog, please visit the website at www.caringcanines.org.

English at Large

Adult volunteers are wanted to learn how to tutor adults learning to read or speak English. Extensive training is provided. After training, the tutoring can be done in many communities, including Burlington. Call 781-395-2374, or email volunteer@englishatlarge.org. "Volunteer opportunities with English At Large are varied enough to suit almost any schedule and level of commitment."

Greater Boston Food Bank

Volunteers (individuals or groups) are wanted to inspect, sort and package food products at the GBFB warehouse located at 70 South Bay Avenue, Boston, MA 02118. Apply on-line and choose a time for a 3-hour shift at <http://www.gfb.org/how-to-help/volunteer.php>. The Food Bank is a 15 minute walk from Andrew Station on the MBTA's Red Line, convenient to anyone who can drive or take the 350 T bus to Alewife Station. There is also a parking lot at the Food Bank for those who choose to drive in.

Horizons for Homeless Children

This is an independent non-profit organization that helps children throughout Massachusetts. Volunteers (ages 18 and up, or 16 with a parent) are welcomed. Training is provided to become Playspace Activity Leaders (PALs) who participate in educational play activities with children on a weekly basis in homeless shelters in area communities. A commitment of 2 hours a week for 6 months is expected. Occasional help is wanted with administrative projects/special events, as well. Learn more at www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org, and then apply online or by mail or fax.

Mission of Deeds

Mission of Deeds began with a simple dream of one man: to provide basic home essentials to those in need. We are seeking volunteers to work on our truck and in our warehouse moving furniture and household goods. Also needed are individuals to organize drives for items that are in short supply including twin linens and kitchenware. Our warehouse hours are 9-4pm. For more information, please e-mail us at info@missionofdeeds.org or 781-944-9797.

NuPath Inc.

NuPath is seeking volunteers of all ages who would like to make life's journey happier, healthier and more fulfilling for people living with disabilities! Volunteers can work in our day habilitation, day services, community-based day support or residential programs. If you are interested, please visit www.nupathinc.org/careers or contact Karen Franklin at kfranklin@nupathinc.org. The home is located at 147 New Boston Street, Woburn, MA.

Science Museum (Boston)

Adult and youth (ages 14+ to interact with visitors and to assist in a variety of exhibits at the Science Museum. Volunteers are expected to commit to one shift a week for 4-6 months. Call Volunteer Services at 617-589-0380, or email volunteers@mos.org. Volunteer applications are available online. Volunteers who have completed 50 hours may apply for internships.

VNA Hospice Care

The VNA (Visiting Nurse Association) of Massachusetts welcomes caring and compassionate volunteers to: provide companionship and support to patients, provide respite care for families, help with errands or transportation, assist in fundraising, and provide office support. Training is provided. A commitment of one year is wanted. For more information, call 781-756-2888, or email lpalais@vnab.org. The headquarters of VNA Hospice Care is located in Woburn, MA.

Websites that list a changing array of additional volunteer opportunities in this area are:

www.mass-service.org
www.bostoncares.org
www.volunteermatch.org

Volunteer Opportunities



Burlington Public Library
22 Sears Street
Burlington, MA 01803
781-270-1690
www.burlingtonpubliclibrary.org

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Volunteer Opportunities in Burlington

BCAT (Burlington Cable Access TV)

Volunteers (ages 13 – adult) are wanted for production crews that film town meetings and events. Training is provided at the cable studio, located at Burlington High School on Cambridge St (Rt 3A), and much of the filming is done there as well. Other volunteers are wanted at the studio to do light office work, some easy data-entry on a computer, and to update bulletin boards. Internship opportunities are available. The cable studio is open Mon-Thurs 10-10, Fri 10-4 and Saturdays 10-4. Closed Sundays. Call Jennifer Dodge at 781-273-5922. Website: www.bcattv.org

Burlington Council on Aging

The Council on Aging welcomes volunteers for front desk reception and to help in the kitchen and fitness room. The Council on Aging is located in Burlington's Human Services building on Center Street. Contact: Marge MacDonald at 781-270-1953.

Burlington Historical Museum

Volunteers are needed to document and organize items in our basement, and monitor visitors when the museum is open. The museum is located at the corner of Bedford and Cambridge Streets and is open at various times throughout the year. To help with the inventory contact petercoppola@rcn.com to help during visiting hrs., contact mtredeau@burlingtonmahistory.com

Burlington Players

The Burlington Players are an all-volunteer community theater group, housed at the Park Playhouse, 1 Edgemere Avenue in Burlington. Volunteers build sets, operate lights and sound equipment, make costumes, staff refreshment and ticket booths. Help is also wanted with cleaning, gardening, desktop publishing and grant writing. A mentor program is available for those who want to learn. Volunteers need to be 18 or older. Send inquiries about volunteering by email at mailings@burlingtonplayers.com or call 781-229-2649.

Burlington Public Library

Adult volunteers are welcomed to help with various clerical tasks. A commitment of 2 hrs. a week for a minimum of 10 weeks is expected. There is always a waiting list to volunteer. Contact Marnie Smith msmith@burlington.org or 781-505-4985.

Burlington Public Library (con'd)

Teens can volunteer during school year by joining the library's Teen Advisory Group. This group meets once a month to plan teen activities, help plan and run children's events, prep crafts and more. Members are given any other opportunities that arise. In the summer, teen volunteers work our summer reading prize desk. Teens interested in summer reading must submit an application in the first 2 weeks of May.

Burlington Recreation Department

The Recreation Department has volunteer opportunities for adults and for boys and girls who have completed eighth grade. If you like working with people, enjoy recreational activities, or have a special skill, you may be able to use your talents volunteering at one of our programs or special events. Summer volunteers should apply by late May. For information, call 781-270-1695 or visit the website at www.burlingtonrecreation.org/

Burlington Volunteer Reserve Corps (BVRC)

The BVRC is seeking volunteers to help provide assistance to the community in the event of emergencies such as widespread power outages, pandemic disease or a severe weather event. BVRC members participate in training exercises and drills to become better prepared in the situations that call for emergency management. The BVRC also assists the Burlington Board of Health with flu clinics, house hold hazardous waste collection, blood pressure screenings and other town sponsored events. For more, call the Board of Health at 781-270-1955.

Friends of the Burlington Public Library

Adult volunteers are always wanted either to assist with spring or fall book sales, or to serve on the executive board, which meets monthly. Contact Ginna Shahid at msginnashahid@gmail.com.

Lahey Clinic

Opportunities available for teens (18) and adults year-round between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Provide support and companionship to patients and their families, or assist with transport of patients, specimens, equipment and medical records. Four hours a week for a minimum of 6 months is expected. Phone 781-744-8803 or e-mail: VolunteerServices@Lahey.org

Minuteman Senior Services

Adult volunteers are welcomed to deliver MEALS ON WHEELS. Or volunteer in the one of 20 programs offered to help older and disabled adults age with dignity. For more information on positions available or to apply online visit www.minutemansenior.org or call 781-272-7177.

People Helping People

Burlington's non-profit, mostly volunteer organization that oversees the **Burlington Food Pantry** (781-270-6625 or burlingtonpantry@gmail.com), the **Covenant for Basic Needs** (781-270-1691), and the **Holiday Food Program** (744-722-3859). Many volunteer opportunities! Learn more at www.peoplehelpingpeopleinc.org.

Saheli

Saheli is a Burlington based women's group dedicated to helping South Asian women. Volunteers are currently needed to teach English and computer literacy to new immigrants. See website for details (www.saheliboston.org) email sahelihelp@gmail.org

Volunteer Opportunities Beyond Burlington

All Care Hospice

Volunteers are needed to provide direct companionship to our patients and/or with administrative help. For more information contact Volunteer Coordinator Maureen Burge at 781-244-1129 or mburge@allcare.org

Bedford VA Medical Center

The Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veterans' Hospital in Bedford welcomes many individual (youth ages 13-20 and adults) and corporate volunteers. **There are also opportunities for students, both individual or in groups, to earn community service credits.** To learn more about volunteer opportunities go to <http://www.bedford.va.gov/giving/>, or call Volunteer Service at 781-687-3076 to make an appointment for an interview. The hospital is located at 200 Springs Road, Bedford, MA 01730.