

TALLAHASSEE SENIOR SERVICES

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) Virtual Volunteer Opportunities

Virtual Volunteering

When most people think about volunteer opportunities, they imagine an in-person scenario where they are assisting an individual or group face-to-face. While most of us may still prefer this type of community interaction, the changing and increasingly digital world we live in, and the COVID-19 outbreak in particular, has incentivized many to explore a growing number of virtual volunteer opportunities. Virtual volunteering is a great way to feel connected and engaged with your community while maintaining physical distancing requirements, necessary at this time.

Online volunteer opportunities are varied and include a wide range of activities, like transcribing documents, research and writing, as well as hotline work, [recording audio books](#), [reading to children virtually](#), fund raising, [virtual tutoring](#), letter-writing or telephoning vulnerable individuals in your area. Elder Care Services has established the **Elder Call** program which utilizes senior volunteers to make weekly (and in some cases more frequent) calls to home bound and isolated seniors. For more information about volunteering with Elder Call contact **Ronda Parrish** at **850-245-5918**.

AARP *Create the Good*

createthegood.aarp.org/volunteer-ideas/virtual

Create the Good connects individuals with volunteer opportunities to share their life experiences, skills and passions in their community. The website is full of tips and resources for finding virtual volunteering opportunities to fit individual skills and interests, as well as links to search local volunteer needs by zip code.

Idealist

idealist.org/en/

Idealist describes [how to get involved with virtual volunteering](#). There are many established virtual volunteer programs through the [United Nations](#) and the Red Cross. The Smithsonian also has projects [transcribing historical documents](#) and [updating relevant Wikipedia pages](#). Idealist has a search feature that will allow you to search local volunteering needs.

Additional suggestions and tips for filling virtual volunteering needs can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

Finding Volunteer Opportunities

All for Good, Points of Light

allforgood.org/search

[All for Good](#), a service of Points of Light, pulls volunteer opportunities from many sites around the internet to provide a comprehensive database of volunteer opportunities, including [virtual volunteering](#).

Volunteer Match

volunteermatch.org/search

Volunteer Match is another volunteerism database that allows individuals to search specifically for virtual volunteering opportunities locally and beyond.

Volunteer Leon

volunteer.volunteerleon.org/need

Listing of local opportunities in Leon County, search can be filtered to target virtual volunteering needs.