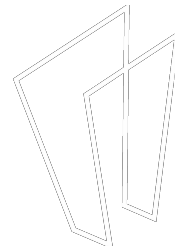




Charities and Volunteer Work

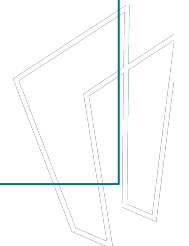
- Finding Charities
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What Do You Want to Support?

- What issues do you care about?
- What charities offer the most bang for the buck?
- What does your community need?
- What does the world need?





Types of Charities



- Humanitarian
[Amnesty International](#)
- Food justice
[Feeding America](#)
- Medical causes
[Operation Smile](#)
- Environmental/Conservation
[Seed Savers Exchange](#)
- Animal welfare
[Humane Society](#)
- Arts & Media
[Girls Rock!](#)
- Educational
[PBS Foundation](#)
- Political causes
[Innocence Project](#)

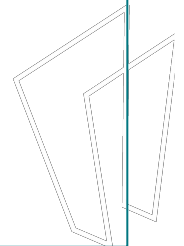




Finding Charities - What To Consider

How Do You Want To Help?

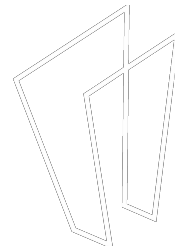
- Do you want to donate food, clothing, a car? (Goodwill, Salvation Army, NPR)
- Cash Donations (one time, recurring, legacy)
- Start your own funding source through crowdfunding platforms like Kickstarter or Indiegogo.
- Do you have time and expertise to help out? (volunteer)





Finding Charities

- Non-Profits that you or your friends may interact with that need support
- Do a **Google Search** for Topics you're interested in with the term **“Charity”**
- Make it simple, give to a Charity Aggregator (**United Way of Metro Chicago - liveunitedchicago.org**)
- Search a **Charity Review Site**

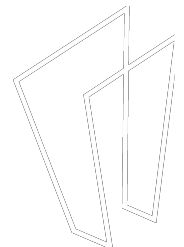




Charity Rating Sites

Charity Navigator

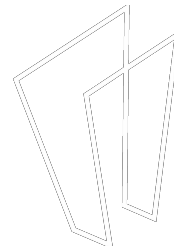
charitynavigator.org Search for charities by a variety of criteria including: Financial Ratings, Location, Focus, or Hot Topic. Also contains a selection of guides for donators





Checking on a Charity

- Go to the charity websites and see what they say. Check About Us page.
- Cross reference their claims on independent sites that rate charitable organizations
- Talk to people who work at the charities of your choice to find out more information, or discuss experiences with other donors. You should be confident that your gift will be properly used.
- You can also judge their accountability and transparency by their willingness to speak with you. Organizations with nothing to hide have no problem speaking with prospective supporters.
- Google the organization and related news articles about them.



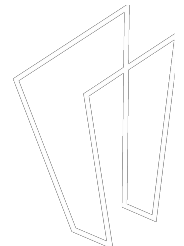


Other Charity Rating Sites

- [CharityWatch.org](https://www.charitywatch.org)

CharityWatch is a project of the American Institute of Philanthropy (AIP) that grades charities on their effectiveness.

- [Give.org](https://www.give.org) From the BBB Wise Giving Alliance, Give.org produces reports that evaluates both local and national charities.





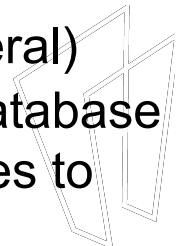
Researching Charities

Articles from the FCC

- Before Giving to a Charity (from the FCC)
consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0074-giving-charity
- How to Donate Wisely and Avoid Charity Scams (FCC)
consumer.ftc.gov/features/how-donate-wisely-and-avoid-charity-scams
- Donating Through an Online Giving Portal
consumer.ftc.gov/articles/donating-through-online-giving-portal

From the Illinois Attorney General

- Building Better Charities (from the Illinois Attorney General)
ag.state.il.us/charities/index.html Contains a Charitable Trust Database Search to get financial records of local charities along with guides to charitable giving and how to report charitable fraud.

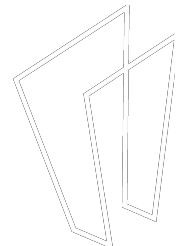




Charitable Apps

A Sample:

- ***Charity Miles*** charitymiles.org
Run, walk, bike, to donate a small amount of money to a charity of your choice for each mile.
- ***Share The Meal*** sharethemeal.org
Fight world hunger by tapping the app to donate 80 cents or adopt a family. From the UN World Food Program.
- ***Coin Up*** coinupapp.com
Link your credit or debit card to round up your purchases to donate to a charity of your choice.





Making the Most of Your Giving

The Life You Can Save

thelifeyoucansave.org



Peter Singer, the world's leading ethicist-philosopher, founded this organization to push the idea of Ethical Altruism and maximize the effect of charitable giving.





Making Charitable Contributions Count

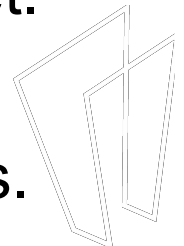
How to do the most with your donations.

www.thelifeyoucansave.org/impact-calculator/



Many charities provide an option for contributions in installments instead of a one-time donation. Maybe you aren't able to commit to a large sum at once, but smaller sums a few times a year works better with your budget.

You may see more impact by donating to small local charities instead of large national or international ones.





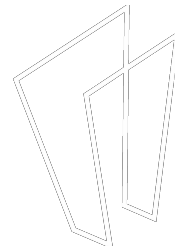
Making the Most of Your Giving

GiveWell givewell.org

GiveWell finds outstanding giving opportunities and publishes the full details of its analysis to help donors decide the charities that offer the most bang for the buck. to give.

They recommend just a few charities they deem highly capable and likely to benefit from additional funding. They assume that all human life is equitable across the world.

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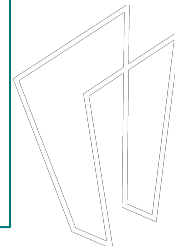




Donating to Charities & NonProfits

Places I Donate

- Clothes & Money to GoodWill & Salvation Army
- Yearly Donation to Rainbow Hospice
- Animal Care League
- Doctors Without Borders
- WBEZ
- Friends of the Forest Preserves
- Various Podcasts
- Better Government Association
- Khan Academy & Wikipedia
- The Life You Save (Ongoing)
- United Way

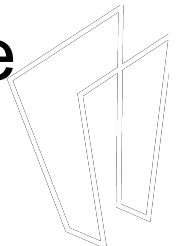




Volunteering Options

- United Way of Metro Chicago
liveunitedchicago.org
- Local food banks
www.skokie.org/811/Local-Area-Food-Pantry-Information
- Mutual aid networks in your neighborhood
thelovefridge.com/volunteer/
- HandsOn Suburban Chicago
handsonsuburbanchicago.org/

Check local schools, libraries, hospitals, village offices, religious institutions to see if they need volunteers.

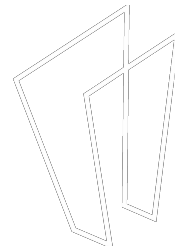




Helping Out Locally

Organizations with Volunteer Opportunities

- Niles Township Food Pantry
nilestownshipgov.com/category/food-pantry/
- Skokie Village skokie.org/faq.aspx?qid=94
- Skokie Public Library
skokielibrary.info/about/volunteering/
- Oakton Community College oakton.edu
- SCORE (Business mentoring)
northchicago.score.org/volunteer





Finding Volunteer Opportunities

VolunteerMatch volunteermatch.org

Search for volunteer opportunities by Zip Code. Contains information about volunteering during Covid 19 and also offers a number of Virtual Opportunities



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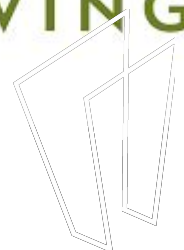
Universal Giving

universalgiving.org/volunteer/

When the Pandemic ends this site will be helpful. Allows you to sort volunteer and giving opportunities by continent or by type of project,



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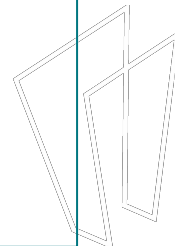




Volunteer Experience

Stories of Volunteering

- My alma mater, Indiana University
 - Clerical work & side projects
- Local public library
 - Monroe County Public Library
 - Literacy program for adults
- Girls, Inc.
 - After school program
 - Encouraging girls to have healthy relationships
 - Mentoring
- Local projects
 - Community pantries
 - Neighborhood little libraries





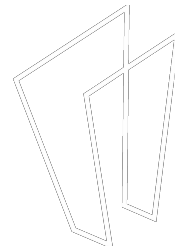
Helping Out During Covid Crisis

What to expect:

Volunteer organizations have different procedures during the pandemic. Some include:

- offering virtual trainings or programming
- no contact services
- social distancing staff & volunteers
- collaborating with other organizations to create a larger reach within the community.

Always ask for clear communication about safety measures to make sure you will be comfortable with the organization's standards.





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