

# **Community Service Database**

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## Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS)

**About BBBS:** Founded in 1904, BBBS is the oldest, largest and most effective youth mentoring organization in the United States. Research has found that the organization effectively helps children make the positive choices needed in order for them to stay in school, stay out of prison and to graduate from High School or earn their GED.

**Mission/Goal:** To help children reach their potential through professionally supported one on one mentoring relationships.

### Volunteer Programs:

- **Community-based program:** Volunteers usually make weekly visits to their "little" during non-school hours.
- **School-based program:** Volunteers usually spend time with their "little" for about an hour a week at their school (can include helping with homework, having lunch, watching the school play, etc).
- **Magic while you wait:** A program for children who are on the BBBS waiting list to be matched with their Big brother or big sister. The program features special sporting or interactive events that allow these children to be matched with a volunteer for the day. Events are typically held on Saturdays and are free for waiting "Littles" and volunteers. Great for groups and organizations!

### Program impact:

- In the well-known Public/Private Ventures study, children matched in the BBBS program were found to be 46% less likely to start using drugs; 27% less likely to start drinking; 52% less likely to skip a day of school; 33% less likely to hit someone
- In a central Texas study released in 2005, 87% of children studied who were matched in the BBBS program graduated from HS or got their GED
- In a national study released in 2007, children who were matched with a Big Brother or Big Sister showed improvement in 8 academic areas
- Volunteer mentors help children make good choices, avoid risky behaviors and develop the assets they need to grow up to become contributing, productive, successful adults
- Our program influences and measures the assets that are critical for a child to grow up successfully. These include:
  - The ability to make good decisions
  - A sense of the future
  - An ability to avoid juvenile delinquency , substance abuse, and early pregnancy
  - Better relationships with family, peers and other adults

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## **Children's Association for Maximum Potential (CAMP)**

**About CAMP:** Founded over 28 years ago by volunteer health professionals and young counselors to provide summer camp experiences for children with serious and chronic disabilities. Over the years, our diverse volunteers have collaborated to provide recreational camp experiences that have kept safety, fun, and a fostering of independence as primary goals. Learning occurs from all avenues of volunteering. Many of our young counselors have chosen careers in health, counseling, service, and education as a result of their experience at CAMP.

**Mission/Goal:** CAMP's mission is to strengthen and inspire individuals with special needs – and those who care for them – through Recreation, Respite, and Education.

### **Volunteer Programs:**

#### **PARENTS NIGHT OUT (PNO)**

One Friday evening each month for 4 hours at our facility on Lackland AFB. Help care for and play with special needs children and their sibling ages 6 months to 13 years old.

#### **TEEN AND ADULT DAY ADVENTURE (TADA)\***

One Saturday each month for 3-4 hours.

Help care for special needs teens and young adults ages 14-35. Various activities around San Antonio to include the zoo, movies and bowling.

#### **RESPIDE WEEKENDS**

One weekend a month at our camping facility in Center Point, Texas. Help care for special needs children and siblings ages 5-25. Participate in all CAMP activities to include swimming, canoeing and horseback riding. Below are descriptions designed for UTHSC volunteers/service learners.

### **All Education Students Description:**

The programming for Parent's Night Out is focused on activities that enhance the opportunity for each child to develop Fine Motor Skills, Gross Motor Skills, and increase Sensory experiences. The evening consists of alternating groups through activities specifically designed for each area, including an interactive reading time. Each child with special needs is paired with a counselor who assists them with developing their skills and ensures that they receive full support to complete the activity to the best of their ability.

Students have the opportunity to design and implement one activity (or more, with approval) based on the evening's theme. They must meet with the Program Coordinator at least one month prior to gather information on our program, discuss their procedure for planning, and to experience PNO as a counselor. They will then plan and implement their activity at the following PNO event.

### **Dental Students:**

The programming each evening is based on a central theme. Students have the opportunity to design and implement one activity period that will present the importance of dental hygiene to our children. They must meet with the Program Coordinator at least one month prior to gather information on our program, discuss their procedure for planning, and to experience PNO as a counselor. They will then plan and implement their activity at the following PNO event. Their activity/presentation will be repeated at least once (for each small group) during the evening.

### **Medical Students:**

Students have the opportunity to design and implement one activity period that will highlight a subject of medical concern relevant to children, for example: healthy eating, exercise, what to expect when going to the doctor, etc... The activity must be geared to be interactive and understandable.

Students must meet with the Program Coordinator at least one month prior to gather information on our program, discuss their procedure for planning, and to experience PNO as a counselor. They will then plan and implement their activity at the following PNO event. Their activity/presentation will be repeated at least once (for each small group) during the evening.

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## Boys and Girls Club of San Antonio

**About BGCSATX:** The Boys & Girls Clubs of San Antonio serves more than 6,000 Club members in the San Antonio community annually. Founded in 1939, Boys & Girls Clubs of San Antonio operates five branches year round. The Clubs provide after school and summer programs that develop assets, values and skills in youth ages 6-18 years old. As a result of the club's programs, young people are inspired and enabled to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. We are truly "The Positive Place for Kids."

**Mission/Goal:** The Boys & Girls Clubs of San Antonio strive to enhance the educational, social and moral development of San Antonio's youth, particularly those most disadvantaged, through its services, programs and opportunities. By offering professional staff, thriving facilities, dynamic volunteers and strong links to the community, the clubs provide professionally designed youth development programs.

### Volunteer Programs:

Ongoing, special projects, internships. There are also short-term opportunities at annual events such as Halloween parties, Collection of toys for toy drives, Community Thanksgiving dinners, Christmas parties (distribute toys), Back-to-School Jamboree, camping trips, Kids' Day, and field trips.

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## Christian Senior Services

**About CSS:** was incorporated in 1977 as a joint venture of St. Johns and Grace Lutheran Churches to provide home delivered meals to the elderly and offer an adult day care program. Christian Senior Services has grown to one of the largest non-profit providers of services to people over age 60 in Bexar County. We operate [Meals on Wheels](#) preparing and **delivering over 2,500 hot nutritious meals daily**. CSS has two [Grace Place](#) Alzheimer's Activity Centers providing a safe, warm and nurturing environment with an abundance of activities and exercise programs. The [Senior Companion Program](#) is designed to link low-income companions with isolated homebound and lonely seniors, so that the health, well being, and self-esteem of both are enhanced and improved.

**Mission/Goal:** To promote the dignity, self-worth and independence of those in need, primarily seniors, through the provisions of meals, companionship and activity-orientation senior day-care.

### Volunteer Programs:

Meal Delivery, Kitchen Helper, Route Coordinator, Clerical Assistant/General Office Worker, Microsoft Office & PC Skilled Helper, Mother's Day Volunteer, Thanksgiving Volunteer, Fundraising Events, Special Projects, RN or LVN – Volunteer Nurses, Caring, Nurturing Volunteers for Crafts & Activities, Library Assistant, Internet Researcher, Volunteer Speakers (We provide many speakers for our caregivers in order to keep them informed on a variety of topics: Latest Break Through Medicines and Treatment for Alzheimer's Disease, Caregiver Solutions, Advanced Directives, Medical & Durable Power of Attorney, Living and Estate Wills, and any pertinent subject matter), Hair Dressers/Cosmetologists, Senior Companion, Telephone Reassurance Companion, and Clerical Assistant.

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## San Antonio Youth Centers

**About SA Youth Centers:** San Antonio Youth Centers (SAYC) is a 25-year-old nonprofit agency that exists to promote the positive development of poor urban youth living in the pockets of poverty and at-risk of dropping out of school. Our primary mission is to capitalize on the strengths, talents, and skills of inner-city youth so we can help them achieve their full potential in life. SAYC offers a variety of quality programs and services throughout San Antonio so we can fulfill our mission and meet the ever-growing needs of urban youth. SAYC is concerned primarily with the prevention and recovery of high-school drop-outs. In addition, we seek to build positive assets in urban youth and help them achieve a healthy lifestyle.

**Mission/Goal:** To develop the character, strength, talents, and skills of San Antonio's high-risk urban youth through fun, safe experiences, positive learning environments, and holistic programs that inspire each individual to fulfill their potential personally and in the community.

### Volunteer Program:

- Service Projects (One-time) Saturdays
- Presentations needed – Medical, Dental, etc...
  - Kindergarten through high school

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## **Alamo Area Resource Center (AARCSA)**

**About AARCSA:** The Alamo Area Resource Center, Inc. (AARC) is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization, located at 527 N. Leona in downtown San Antonio, Texas within the University Health System. AARC was founded in 1990 and has provided supportive services to the HIV/AIDS community since its inception. AARC is the largest non-medical HIV/AIDS service organization in the San Antonio area providing the broadest spectrum of supportive services to Persons with HIV/AIDS in South Texas.

**Mission/Goal:** The Alamo Area Resource Center maximizes the quality of life for individuals facing disabling or life threatening diseases, including, but not limited to HIV/AIDS, by providing comprehensive, compassionate, and effective rehabilitative and social services.

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## Alpha Home

**About Alpha Home:** Women who enter treatment at Alpha Home receive confidential, individualized treatment in the least restrictive environment with dedicated professionals. We offer both residential and outpatient treatment programs that can be tailored to meet a woman's specific needs. Alpha Home maintains two residential facilities with 47 beds, and can provide care for up to 65 clients in our outpatient program.

Founded in 1966, Alpha Home is a private, non-profit chemical dependency treatment center providing specialized services to the unique needs of women. For four decades, Alpha Home has earned a highly respected reputation in the treatment community, both locally and nationally, for having an established success record in treating chemically dependent women.

### Mission/Goal:

- To provide spiritually-based substance abuse treatment and support to women and their families in order to prepare them to become more productive members of society.
- To provide women with an affordable safe haven where they can identify and overcome the core issues underlying their chemical addictions, regain their independence, and rejoin their communities as healthy, whole women.

**Type of Volunteer:** Ages 18+

### Type of Community Service Activity:

- Groups can participate in various projects (gardening, painting, sorting donations etc.)
- Will need to attend orientation for a urine test, drug test and criminal background check
- Volunteers also needed for Macy's closing closet - a program that offers clothing to individuals looking for a job or individuals coming out of prison.

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## Methodist HealthCare Ministries

**About:** Methodist Healthcare Ministries was created in 1995 with the clear purpose of helping people who do not have easy access to health care services lead healthier lives.

It accomplishes this through owned and operated medical and dental clinics, as well as through nursing, health education and parenting programs that work from area churches. It also provides support services that include counseling, case management and social services, and provides funding to other established organizations that understand the needs of the underserved in their local communities and are effectively providing services to meet those needs. Since 1996, MHM has been the largest non-public funding source for community healthcare to people in need in San Antonio and South Texas, including service to some of the poorest counties in the United States. All of Methodist Healthcare Ministries' work is done in service to people to honor God.

### Mission/Goal:

- Facilitate access to primary care.
- Develop and deliver appropriate healthcare education.
- Influence healthcare policy through advocacy.
- Diversify and expand revenue sources.
- Ensure a spiritually-based dimension in programming.
- Develop parenting and family support programs.
- Build appropriate partnerships, through facilitation, leadership and/or collaboration.
- Preserve, enhance, strengthen, develop and integrate the Methodist Healthcare System as a part of Methodist Healthcare Ministries' charitable purpose and mission.

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## San Antonio Children's Museum

**About SA Children's Museum:** Local museum for children where they are able to play and learn at the same time. There are various exhibits throughout the year.

**Mission/Goal:** Where children play to learn and adults learn to play.

### Volunteer Programs:

Prefer 8-10/shift (usually 4 hr shifts)

- Science programs (Saturdays)
- Diamond dells (Mining project)
- Exhibits (Guiding)
- Art projects
- Community Events
- Prep work involved

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## Vista Care Hospice

**About Vista Care Hospice:** VistaCare is a leading provider of hospice care services. Through interdisciplinary teams of physicians, nurses, home healthcare aides, social workers, spiritual and other counselors and volunteers, VistaCare provides hospice care primarily designed to reduce pain and enhance the quality of life of patients facing life-limiting illness. This hospice care is most commonly provided in the patient's home or other residence of choice, including hospitals, assisted living communities and nursing homes.

**Mission/Goal:** To support and educate persons and organizations dealing with life limiting illnesses. The Foundation is a nonprofit organization funded by generous donations from grateful families and friends of our patients.

### Volunteer Programs:

- Visit with patients and families to provide companionship
- Visit with a patient to provide the caregiver a time of respite
- Assist with basic maintenance, yard, and handy work at patients' homes
- Prepare meals or run errands for patients
- Provide assistance with light housekeeping for patients
- Provide grief and bereavement support for families
- Assist in the office with administrative and clerical tasks
- Help recruit and train other volunteers
- Work in your own home making special items for patients
- Contribute your professional expertise

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## Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation

**About Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation:** Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation (WRR) [rescues, rehabilitates, and releases](#) orphaned, injured, and displaced wildlife and provides sanctuary with dignity for non-releasable animals, both native and non-native.

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### Volunteer Programs:

Wildlife Caretaker

Wildlife Rescuer

Wildlife Transporter

Home Rehabber

Maintenance & Construction

Office & Administration

Special Events

Donation Transporter

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## Goodwill of San Antonio

### About Goodwill:

**Mission/Goal:** Goodwill helps change lives through the power of work.

### Volunteer Programs:

General Description of Volunteer duties: Volunteer Mentors will meet with Non-Violent ex-offenders and Special Needs Adults for one hour a week at one of the Goodwill Industries locations. In some instances, individuals with criminal histories (no assault or sexual convictions) who have turned their life around may be considered for Volunteer Mentor assignments.

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## Seton Home

**About Seton Home:** Seton Home is a residential facility that provides shelter and support services for **homeless** pregnant or parenting teens and their babies. We provide our residents with the support and services necessary for them to become productive citizens and caring parents.

**Mission/Goal:** Seton Home exists to provide a nurturing environment that fosters childbirth and proper parenting skills for homeless teens that are pregnant and/or parenting and have chosen to keep their babies. Seton Home's goal is to help our client's progress from crisis to self-sufficiency through a model of care that interrupts the recurring pattern of teen pregnancy, child abuse and neglect and provides a brighter future for the teens and their children.

### Volunteer Programs:

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## Family Service Association

**About Family Service Association:** Family Service Association of San Antonio has been building strong families since 1903. It is the oldest human service agency in San Antonio dedicated to helping children, seniors, and families in need. From six neighborhood locations and from 32 school campuses, Family Service provides high quality service in English and Spanish to the residents of 11 counties of all ethnic and racial backgrounds and all socio-economic levels. Family Service is a private, non-profit, non-sectarian agency funded by the United Way, fee-for-service contracts with both public and private organizations, foundation and corporate grants, private contributions, client fees, and outpatient mental health insurance. Fees are charged on a sliding scale, and no one is denied help because of their inability to pay the full cost of service. Family Service is nationally accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children and the Better Business Bureau.

**Mission/Goal:** To help children, seniors, and families in need.

### Volunteer Programs:

Over the past five years, nearly 15,000 volunteer hours have been contributed by groups from corporations, churches, and civic and social organizations in support of Family Service. Volunteers have painted murals for children's counseling rooms, landscaped our facilities to create a more inviting environment, distributed school uniforms to children in need, wrapped gifts for our adopt a family program, sorted and stocked our baby pantry, and many other tasks.

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## The Children's Shelter

**About The Children's Shelter:** The Children's Shelter is a private, non-profit, nationally accredited corporation that has been providing services to San Antonio and Bexar County since 1901. The Children's Shelter's services have expanded from emergency shelter care to a continuum of care of emergency shelters, foster care, adoption, residential treatment care, child abuse prevention and teen pregnancy programs.

**Mission/Goal:** To strengthen our community by providing safety, well-being and lasting families for children. Core values are respect, compassion, optimism, integrity, team spirit, and excellence.

### Volunteer Programs:

Wish lists available

\*Jerome York (VP and Chief Information Officer) from UTHSCSA on Board of Trustees\*

1. Because the kids need you.
2. Because you want to be somebody's hero.
3. Because a sunny day is too nice not to share with someone.
4. Because you have been blessed and feel that you should share your blessings with others.
5. Because your children have left you with an 'empty nest' and you still have love to give.
6. Because you are a college student eager to make a difference.
7. Because you are retired and find yourself watching too many reruns of Matlock
8. Because there's no one to answer your knock-knock jokes.
9. Because a new box of crayons still gets you excited.
10. Because you're not yet ready to let go of your passion for kickball.

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## San Antonio Independent Living Services (SAILS)

**About SAILS:** PROGRAMS **Advocacy:** Provide information, assistance, support systems for people with disabilities and their families and promote changes that enhance their full integration to the community. Provide education on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and information about disability rights. **Information and Referral:** Provide up-to-date information about community resources. **Independent Living Skills:** Provide workshops to enhance the ability to live independently. **Peer Support:** Offer opportunities to interact and share information with peers. SERVICES: **Benefits Assistance:** Provide individualized social security benefits planning. **Deaf Support Service, Telecommunications:** Provide assistance to persons who are deaf/hard of hearing and deaf and blind. Provide information, assistance and training for adaptive telecommunication devices. **Relocation Services:** Provide transition assistance from nursing facilities to the community. **Recreation, Social Events:** Provide opportunities for persons with disabilities to participate in various community activities.

**Mission/Goal:** To advocate for the rights and empowerment of the people with disABILITIES and to provide needed services to people with disABILITIES in order to increase their self-determination and independence.

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## March of Dimes Texas Chapter

**About March of Dimes:** Through life saving research we beat polio, but we continue our efforts to help children today by working to save babies from the silent crisis of premature birth.

**Mission/Goal:** To improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality. We carry out this mission through research, community services, education and advocacy to save babies' lives. March of Dimes researchers, volunteers, educators, outreach workers and advocates work together to give all babies a fighting chance against the threats to their health: prematurity, birth defects, low birth weight.

Several clubs and organizations partner with the March of Dimes to help further our mission. These groups participate in fundraising events and program activities that reach out to the community. Sponsorship of March of Dimes events and programs promotes a positive corporate image, which supports marketing and sales goals. When you partner with the March of Dimes, you're associating your name/product with an organization whose reputation, history and accomplishments stand alone.

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## Child Advocates of San Antonio (CASA)

**About CASA:** Child Advocates of San Antonio is one of 1018 programs in 50 states affiliated with the National CASA Association. The local names of these programs vary, but they include: Court Appointed Special Advocate, Guardian Ad Litem and Voices for Children. The original Guardian Ad Litem program was established in 1977 in Seattle, Washington. Judge David Soukup conceived of the idea that individual citizens could serve as representatives of the community to advocate for children who have no one to stand up for them once they are removed from their families because of abuse and neglect. In 1988, Child Advocates San Antonio (CASA) became a free-standing agency with its own Board of Directors and United Way funding. The agency is also supported by Federal and state grants, private foundations, corporations, individual donors and fundraising events.

**Mission/Goal:** To recruit, train, and supervise court-appointed advocates who provide constancy for abused and neglected children and youth while advocating for services and placement in safe and permanent homes.

### Volunteer Programs:

CASA volunteers receive 33 hours of initial training and are asked to pursue an additional 12 hours of continuing education per year. Following the initial training, CASA volunteers are sworn in by a judge and become court-appointed special advocates for children who have been removed from their homes because of abuse and neglect.

CASA volunteers make incredible differences in the lives of the children they serve. Our volunteers have influenced siblings being adopted together into safe and permanent homes, facilitated children being able to move toward adoption by a relative, and completed research that in some cases has helped a loving family reunify based on positive information that only they were able to uncover about parents from whom the children were initially removed. Ninety-nine percent of the time, the judge agrees with our volunteers' recommendations for final placement.

- **A Friend of CASA** is a volunteer position in which, people who wish to impact the lives of abused and neglected children, can still volunteer and make a difference, even if they cannot become an advocate at this time. By choosing to become a part of this program you will be involved in many aspects of volunteering, such as: special events, fundraising, recruitment, and clerical help. The time that you give will not only assist in changing lives, but it will become a reward unto itself.

If you are interested in becoming a **Friend of CASA** please call 225-7070 and get more information about our Friends of CASA Program.

- **Individual Volunteer Opportunity**, become a Court Appointed Special Advocate

The role of the Advocate is:

- To be a fact-finder for the judge.
- To speak for the child in court, representing the child's best interest.
- To continue to act as a "watchdog" for the child during the life of the case, ensuring that the child's needs are met and the case is resolved in a timely and appropriate manner.

### Time commitment:

- FOC – as desired
- Court Appointed Special Advocate 12 to 18 months

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## Christus HomeCare

**About Christus HomeCare:** CHRISTUS® HomeCare offers the finest in home health and hospice services from an interdisciplinary team of health care professionals. Headquartered in San Antonio, Texas, CHRISTUS HomeCare is a faith-based, not-for-profit home care system comprised of multiple agencies and Visiting Nurse Associations throughout Texas and Louisiana.

To provide care and support for patients, CHRISTUS HomeCare employs associates who specialize in the unique health care needs of home and hospice patients. As a division of **CHRISTUS Health**, CHRISTUS HomeCare is among the top ten Catholic health systems in the U.S. From the referral and intake process to utilization of the latest home health technology, the care given to patients is high-touch, innovative, and highly individualized.

**Mission/Goal:** To extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. CHRISTUS HomeCare fulfills its mission through community programs and quality home care that considers physical, social, and spiritual needs of patients.

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## Alamo and Bexar Area Agencies on Aging (AACOG)

**About AACOG:** The Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) is a voluntary association of cities, counties, and special governmental districts. AACOG serves the Alamo Area/State Planning Region 18, which covers 12 counties and 11,354 square miles.

Local governments organized AACOG as a regional planning commission in 1968 under Chapter 391, Local Government Code. Defined as a political subdivision of the state, AACOG can plan, assist local governments, and deliver public services, but has no power to tax or to regulate. State law requires that the governmental body of AACOG be composed primarily of local government officials.

**Mission/Goal:** To enhance the lives of all residents of the Alamo Region by working in mutual respect and partnership with all levels of government, the business sector, and the community at large to meet regional challenges and to create regional strengths

\*Must be over 18 years of age and have reliable transportation; ability to work well with the senior population and persons with disabilities; maintain effective working relationships with agency employees, service providers and the general public; demonstrate proficiency in both oral and written communication; ability to use standard office equipment, including copy machine, typewriter, calculator, and computer. No prior experience required but must be willing to attend provided orientation and training.

\* Time commitment is a minimum of 2-4 hours/week.

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## American Diabetes Association

**About The American Diabetes Association:** The American Diabetes Association is leading the fight against the deadly consequences of diabetes and fighting for those affected by diabetes. The Association funds research to prevent, cure and manage diabetes; delivers services to hundreds of communities; provides objective and credible information; and gives voice to those denied their rights because of diabetes.

**Mission/Goal:** To prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes

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## The Arc of San Antonio

**About The Arc of San Antonio:** The Arc of San Antonio provides direct care programs such as childcare, day habilitation and vocational training for people with developmental disabilities. The Arc also serves as a gateway to other community resources through our case management and support services for children, youth and adults with all types of disabilities.

### Mission/Goal:

### Volunteer Programs:

Focuses on assisting children with disabilities

Go with children on field trips  
Play board games with children  
Teach arts and crafts to the children

Perform -  
Magic shows  
Plays  
Puppet show  
Singing  
Dancing

Lead exercise classes  
Read for story time  
Throw a party (birthday or other special occasion)  
Teach a computer or other class

### Frequency of Activity:

Life Enrichment – Adults	9:30 am – 3:30 pm
Life Enrichment – Child	3:30 pm – 6:30 pm during school year 7:30 am – 6:30 pm holidays and summer
Office Support	8:00 am – 4:30 pm

The Arc of San Antonio has very few evening or weekend volunteer projects but will post these opportunities as they become available.

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## Brighton

**About Brighton:** Brighton provides family & community education and developmental services to children (birth to age 22) with disabilities or delays empowering them.

**Mission/Goal:** To achieve children with disabilities' individual potential making them successful in every community.

### Volunteer Programs:

#### Special Events

Brighton's largest fundraiser each year is A Taste of the Northside, and official Fiesta Event in April of each year. We also have the Fiesta Open and Queen of the Vine that happen around the same time. Each of these events requires support for planning and implementation in addition to support on the day of the event.

In addition to our fundraisers, Brighton hosts two family festivals and a Children's Holiday Party where volunteer support is necessary. The event dates vary from year to year. To volunteer for a special event, please contact [Shae Freeman-Hicks](#).

#### Program Support

At different times throughout the year, Brighton seeks support in one or all of its programs. Volunteers can offer to read to children in Bright Beginnings, provide child care in Precious Minds, New Connections or PALS while parents are in training, assist in stuffing mail-outs and more

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## Healthy Families – San Antonio

**About Healthy Families – San Antonio:** Healthy Families San Antonio (HFSA), a 501(c)3 organization, has been serving the San Antonio community since 1971. For the past 30 years, HFSA has demonstrated a long tradition of innovative services to children and families. Always child-centered, HFSA seeks to intervene early in the life of a child and strengthen families to build assets that will continue through out life.

**Mission/Goal:** Preventing child abuse and neglect through community education and services that strengthen families and promote healthy child development.

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## Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM)

**About CAM:** An ecumenical, non-profit charitable corporation that provides immediate, temporary assistance to individuals in crisis situations & enables those in need to move toward independence. CAM, at its downtown location provided by Grace Lutheran Church, offers food, clothing, financial assistance, counseling, nutrition and budget education, referrals, and job information. CAM assists families getting their children ready for school with vouchers for new shoes, uniforms, appropriate clothing and school supplies. CAM also provides turkeys at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The CAM Satellite provides food, clothing, limited financial aid, and referrals to needy families living in Northwest San Antonio. The satellite is located at 5084 DeZavala on the property of University United Methodist Church. Approximately 4,000 individuals were assisted in 2006.

The CAM Day Center provides shelter from the weather, two libraries, shower and laundry facilities, two televisions with VCRs, etc. to the unemployable homeless who habitually wander the streets in the daytime.

The CAM Day Center is the first of its kind in San Antonio and is located at 212 N. Alamo in a building provided by First Baptist Church of San Antonio. An average of 60 guests visits the center each day.

The CAM Chapel offers Bible study during the week.

**Mission/Goal:** Every person who comes to CAM regardless of his or her belief is considered a child of God.

### **Volunteer Programs:**

With only 8 full-time staff members and 3 part-time staff members, volunteers are the heart of CAM. Altogether CAM has over 350 volunteers.

Approximately 150 volunteers a week are needed at the 110 McCullough location. Positions include desk & phone receptionist, interviewer, food pantry worker, men's, women's & children's clothing worker, warehouse worker, recorder, as well as administrative duties. Hours include Monday through Friday 9-12:30 and 12:30-4. Volunteers typically work one shift a week; however, some volunteers work one or two shifts a month.

Around 20 volunteers a week are needed at the CAM Day Center at 212 N. Alamo. Positions include women's floor host, men's floor host, and desk receptionist. Hours are Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 1-4:30 p.m.

Fifteen volunteers a week are needed at the CAM Satellite at 5084 DeZavala. Positions include interviewer, desk & phone receptionist, food pantry workers, and men's, women's & children's clothing worker. Hours are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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## **Girls and Boys Town of San Antonio**

**About Girls and Boys Town of San Antonio:** Boys Town is a beacon of hope for America's children and families through its life-changing youth and health care programs across the United States.

**Mission/Goal:** To affect change in the puzzling system by building a continuum care to provide the right services at the right time based on a child's or family's needs.

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## JumpStart Performance Company

### About JumpStart Performance Company:

Jump-Start Performance Co. has three general divisions:

- **Original Productions**

Each year, Jump-Start presents a season of four to six new works by company members or associate artists. Many of these new works have gone on to tour nationally.

- **Guest Artist Series**

Over the years, Jump-Start has presented work by renowned guest artists such as Maya Angelou, Sandra Cisneros, Guillermo Gómez-Peña, Peggy Shaw, Ntozake Shange, Robert Wilson, Astrid Hidad, Scott Turner Schofield, Robert Karimi, Denise Chavez and Karen Finley.

- **Community Education**

Jump-Start is exemplary in its community involvement and collaboration with other San Antonio organizations. In the past three years, Jump-Start's community educational programming has doubled, currently working with twenty community partners.

**Mission/Goal:** Dedicated to the discovery and support of new ideas in the arts and arts education. By encouraging visionary thought and non-traditional approaches, Jump-Start is committed to the creation of art that is a lasting voice of diverse cultures and communities.

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## Junior Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF)

**About JDRF:** JDRF is the leading charitable funder and advocate of type 1 (juvenile) diabetes research worldwide.

**Mission/Goal:** To find a cure for diabetes and its complication through the support of research.

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## Odyssey Healthcare

**About Odyssey Healthcare:** At Odyssey HealthCare, we improve the quality of life for patients facing terminal diagnoses while providing support for their loved ones.

**Mission/Goal:** To support and educate persons and organizations dealing with life limiting illnesses. The Foundation is a nonprofit organization funded by generous donations from grateful families and friends of our patients.

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## National Muscular Sclerosis Society

**About The National MS Society:** The National MS Society is a collective of passionate individuals who want to do something about MS now—to move together toward a world free of multiple sclerosis. MS stops people from moving. We exist to make sure it doesn't.

We help each person address the challenges of living with MS through our 50-state network of chapters. The Society helps people affected by MS by funding cutting-edge research, driving change through advocacy, facilitating professional education, and providing programs and services that help people with MS and their families move their lives forward.

- We are moving research forward by relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatment and cure.
- We are moving to reach out and respond to individuals, families and communities living with multiple sclerosis.
- We are moving politicians and legislation to champion the needs of people with MS through activism, advocacy and influence.
- We are moving to mobilize the millions of people who want to do something about MS now.

**Mission/Goal:** We mobilize people and resources to drive research for a cure and to address the challenges of everyone affected by MS.

### Volunteer Programs:

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## Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas

**About Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas:** Girl Scouts of the USA is the world's preeminent organization dedicated solely to girls – all girls – where, in an accepting and nurturing environment, girls build character and skills for success in the real world. In partnership with committed adult volunteers, girls develop qualities that will serve them all their lives, like leadership, strong values, social conscience, and conviction about their own potential and self-worth.

In Girl Scouts, girls discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together. Through the myriad of enriching experiences, such as extraordinary field trips, sports skill-building clinics, community service projects, cultural exchanges, and environmental stewardships, girls grow courageous and strong. Girl Scouting helps girls develop their full individual potential; relate to others with increasing understanding, skill, and respect; develop values to guide their actions and provide the foundation for sound decision-making; and contribute to the improvement of society through their abilities, leadership skills, and cooperation with others.

**Mission/Goal:** Our vision is to be a high performing, girl-focused staff with the desire and skill set to provide the highest standard of support that enriches, empowers, and energizes the local Girl Scout Movement. In doing so, we create a lifetime of inspiration through Girl Scout experiences that are so relevant and inclusive every girl will want to be a part.

### Volunteer Programs:

- Opportunity to make a contribution to the development of girls
- Opportunity to increase self-esteem
- Learning opportunities in public speaking, goal setting, supervision, time managements, running meetings, team building, etc
- Opportunities to meet new people and form new friendships

Girl Scouts offers volunteer opportunities for all levels of time commitment. You can choose the opportunities that fit your skills, talents, interests, and availability.

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## Any Baby Can

### About Any Baby Can:

#### Mission/Goal:

#### Type of Volunteer:

#### Type of Community Service Activity:

#### Frequency of Activity:

Volunteers can get involved with any or all of the following:

- Provide child supervision for children while their parents attend counseling or support groups at Any Baby Can.
- Represent Any Baby Can at community health fairs and functions by distributing literature.
- Represent Any Baby Can at local speaking engagements; training is provided to be a part of the Any Baby Can's Speakers Bureau.
- Assist with special office projects or preparation for fundraising events.

Volunteers are needed for child supervision on an on-going basis during the following times:

- Every Monday from 5:00pm – 7:30pm (counseling)
- Every Thursday from 6:30pm – 8:00pm (parent education series)
- The 2nd Friday of every month from 6:30pm – 8:30pm (sibling support)
- Last Tuesday of every month from 6:30 – 8:00pm (support group)

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## San Antonio Food Bank

### About San Antonio Food Bank:

The San Antonio Food Bank (SAFB) is a non-profit organization that serves as a clearinghouse by receiving and storing truckloads of donated food, produce, and other grocery products. SAFB distributes these items in manageable quantities to approximately 440 service agencies that help people in need.

### Why is it needed?

Nearly one out of every three children and one out of every five adults in Southwest Texas lives in poverty and has difficulty meeting basic nutritional needs. Sixty-five percent of the people requesting emergency food have children. Senior citizens and those living on a fixed income often have limited funds for a consistent grocery budget. Meanwhile, enormous quantities of surplus food are available from the food industry, food manufacturers, and farmers.

### Why is food donated? Who donates it?

Most of the food comes from the major brands of the food industry. Often, the reason is overproduction or inventory control. Other reasons include packaging errors, changes in product formulas, and the expiration of coupons or approaching sell-by dates. The United States Department of Agriculture donates commodities, while Texas farmers supply fresh produce through the SAFB's Fresh Produce Program. The public, through numerous community food drives, also donates food to the SAFB.

### How does the San Antonio Food Bank confront hunger and food insecurity in our community?

In FY09, the SAFB received more than 36 million pounds of food, produce, and grocery products. These products are distributed to 440 human service agencies that help southwest Texans in 16 counties. By partnering with SAFB, these agencies save more than \$56.8 million in food purchase costs. These values represent almost 2.3 million meals per month going to 40,000 poor and hungry families in the San Antonio area. In the coming year, additional partner agencies will be eligible to receive SAFB products.

### Do people who are hungry go to SAFB for food?

No. Our partner agencies – including soup kitchens, church food pantries, neighborhood centers, rehabilitation facilities, family crisis shelters, hospice programs, orphanages, and low-income daycare facilities – provide SAFB food and grocery products to their clients. Partner agencies report that 20 to 100 percent of their food comes from the San Antonio Food Bank. Through our network of partner agencies, the SAFB served 28,125,000 meals to poor and hungry individuals and families this year.

### How is the Food Bank funded?

Donations are received from local businesses, churches, foundations, corporations, government, civic groups and individuals. When you make a donation toward SAFB operating funds, your gift is used to acquire and distribute donated food, including the operation of our warehouse; utilities to run our huge freezers and coolers; and fuel and maintenance for our refrigerated trucks. A donation to the SAFB will ensure the stability of the Food Bank for years to come, at a time when the economy might not be strong and when the need for services is more in demand than ever before.

**Mission/Goal:** To fight hunger in Southwest Texas through food distribution, programs, education, and advocacy.

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## San Antonio Humane Society

**About San Antonio Humane Society:** The Humane Society of San Antonio is a non-profit organization that has served Bexar County and its surrounding areas since 1952. Every year, the Humane Society shelters, medically treats, and rehabilitates over 5,000 animals that have been injured, abused, owner surrendered, or found as strays until ready for adoption. As an adoption guarantee organization, the HS only euthanizes animals for untreatable or severely contagious illnesses, or certain behavioral problems. Through our volunteer and foster care programs and other educational programs such as Camp Humane, we educate the public on the importance of micro-chipping and spaying/neutering. We offer adoptions and support the community's No Kill Plan by transferring animals from the San Antonio and Bexar County government shelters. In the near future, we plan to expand our facility with a shelter medicine hospital for spay/neuter and treatment wards.

**Mission/Goal:** To protect and improve the lives of dogs and cats by providing shelter, care, adoption, rescue, spay and neuter programs, and community education.

**Volunteer Mission Statement:** To provide support to the Humane Society Staff during their daily efforts to socialize with the many animals that are brought to us, maintain a clean, disease-free environment, and help find forever homes for the hundreds of homeless animals that are surrendered to us each year.

### **Volunteer Programs:**

If you have a group that would like to volunteer for a one-time community service project, all group members must be age 16 or older with supervisor in attendance. There may be 10-15 volunteers in one group. These projects are usually scheduled for at least 3 hours at a time.

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## American Heart Association

### About the American Heart Association:

**Mission/Goal:** Building healthier lives, free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke

The association's impact goal is to reduce coronary heart disease, stroke and risk by 25 percent by 2010. Progress toward the goal will be measured according to these indicators:

- Reduce the death rate from coronary heart disease and stroke by 25 percent.
- Reduce the prevalence of smoking, high blood cholesterol and physical inactivity by 25 percent.
- Reduce the rate of uncontrolled high blood pressure by 25 percent.
- Eliminate the growth of obesity and diabetes.

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## Texas Organ Sharing Alliance (TOSA)

**About TOSA:** TOSA is one of only 58 non-profit 501 (c)(3), independent, federally-designated Organ procurement Organizations (OPOs) in the United States dedicated to educating and providing organ donation and recovery services to families wishing to donate and to those waiting for a life-saving organ transplant. Founded in 1975, TOSA serves 56 counties in South and Central Texas.

**Mission/Goal:** To maximize quality organ donation within the Texas Organ Sharing Alliance service area and to provide the regional transplant centers and the national Organ Procurement Transplantation Network with a professional and responsive organ recovery program. In so doing, TOSA will constantly maintain the utmost consideration and concern for the donor family, the potential donor and the donor hospital staff.

### **Volunteer Programs:**

There is a vast array of volunteer opportunities in our community. These opportunities range from individual commitments to short-term group projects to ongoing programs. All of which include an important element – a mutual relationship between an individual and organizations to carry-out a mission.

Volunteerism is vital to meeting TOSA's increasing demands from the general public to participate in donor awareness initiatives. With the national average value for volunteers at \$18.04 an hour, utilizing volunteers represents a cost-saving of many thousand of dollars for a non-profit organization such as TOSA.

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## Elf Louise Christmas Project

**About the Elf Louise Christmas Project:** The Elf Louise Christmas Project is dedicated to providing a little bit of joy to Bexar County's less fortunate children. Get into the spirit of Christmas! Join Elf Louise volunteers in spreading joy throughout San Antonio! In 2008, more than 4,500 Elf Louise volunteers wrapped and delivered presents to 19,000 children in 5,800 families! The project began in 1969 when its founder, Louise Locker, was a student at Trinity University in San Antonio. She found that for many San Antonio families, Christmas just did not exist. Louise began to look for a way to provide a few Christmas presents to some of these children. That first year, with the help of a friend, she collected gifts for children in 13 families. The Elf Louise Christmas Project is a 501 (C)(3) Non-profit organization staffed by all volunteers and funded by donation. 98 cents of each dollar donated goes directly to the purchase of toys; approximately 2% is used for telephone, postage, and insurance expenses.

Elf Louise relies on the help of donations from grass roots San Antonio, and corporations who want to share their blessings at Christmas. People also donate toys, but since we need over 60,000 gifts, we have to purchase many of them. Our current budget is over \$300,000. These donations ARE 100% deductible on your taxes!!!

The Project operates out of donated space located anywhere within the city and requires about 50,000 square feet. Each year, we must find space to continue this worthwhile project. Our 2009 location is undetermined at this time. If you have a space that you would like to donate for our use in 2009, please contact [Elf Louise](#).

**Mission/Goal:** The Elf Louise Christmas Project is based on hope and faith and a belief in the goodness of people.

### Volunteer Programs:

Join Elf Louise volunteers in spreading joy throughout San Antonio!

In 2008, more than 4,500 Elf Louise volunteers wrapped and delivered presents to 19,000 children in 5,800 families! The atmosphere happy, busy and Christmassy! One of the most unique aspects of Elf Louise is that we take those gifts and have Santa Claus and his/her helpers deliver the gifts personally to the children. It is probably one of the most joyful experiences you and your family and/or friends can have - to bring joy to a child at Christmas!

Our 2009 Project location is undetermined at this time. If you have a place you would like to donate for our use in 2009, please contact [Elf Louise](#).

**Gift Wrapping:** We will be wrapping beginning December 5 through December 10 from 10 am to 8 pm, Monday - Saturday and 12 - 8 pm on Sunday. **Families are welcome any time during the wrap schedule!** Just come on down and wrap for a couple of hours. For groups of more than 5 people, we need to pre-schedule you to make sure there's enough room for everyone. We have expanded our hours for groups with children under the age of 15. Those hours are Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Because of the overwhelming number of groups that want to wrap with us, we can no longer accommodate groups with more than 15 people.

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## Urban Connection

**About Urban Connection:** Urban Connection-San Antonio is a holistic, faith-based, human and community development organization.

### **Mission/Goal:**

**Mission** is to share the love of God in word, action, & attitude while building genuine community in the neighborhoods where we live and work.

**Vision** is to establish a network of partnerships among individuals and groups that will provide a strong, supportive community for the residents of the San Antonio Housing Authority properties.

**Goal** is to provide opportunities for these residents to take hope-filled, positive, proactive steps to gain control of their own lives and living environment.

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## **SAM Ministries**

**About SAM Ministries:** SAMMinistries provides an array of programs and services available to the homeless of San Antonio. Programs offered to guests include life skills, job training, financial management, computer skills, parenting classes and more. Our guests have access to medical and dental facilities and each program is designed to provide our guests with the basic tools necessary to return to the path of self-sufficiency.

**Mission/Goal:** SAMMinistries is an interfaith ministry whose mission is to help the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless attain self-sufficiency by offering, with dignity and compassion, shelter, housing, and services.

**SAMMinistries** also provides volunteers opportunities to be renewed and fulfilled as they serve.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

We have a number of different programs to help provide services for our residents and guests. There is our Transitional Living and Learning Center, Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing and Permanent Housing. We have quite a few different opportunities to serve, anywhere from reoccurring opportunities such as weekly childcare and providing of meals for families to one time events like monthly birthday parties, special game days, holiday events or helping spruce up our facilities by painting and doing light repair work. Time commitments range from 2-6 hours depending on what you would like to participate in.

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## Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC)

**About RMHC:** RMHC is making a global impact on the most pressing problems facing families today. Our approach is to think globally but act locally by tailoring our programs to address the most urgent needs of each community we serve. With a network of local chapters, our core programs can be found in 52 countries and regions around the globe. Programs include: Ronald McDonald House, Ronald McDonald Family Room, Ronald McDonald Care Mobile, Local Chapters @ Work, Grants, and RMHC U.S Scholarships.

**Mission/Goal:** To create, find, and support programs that directly improve the health and well being of nearly 3.7 million children world-wide every year.

### Core Values

- Focusing on the critical needs of children
- Celebrating the diversity of programs we offer and the staff, volunteers and donors who make them possible
- Staying true to our heritage of 35 years of responsible stewardship
- Operating with accountability and transparency

### Vision

We believe that when you change a child's life, you change a family's, which can change a community, and ultimately the world.

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## Habitat for Humanity

**About Habitat for Humanity:** Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio (HFHSA) partners with low income San Antonio residents to help them achieve their dream of homeownership. Homes are built with the support of local volunteers and the homeowner and are purchased with a 20 year 0%interest mortgage. HFHSA has built over 600 homes in the San Antonio area since it was founded in 1976.

**Mission/Goal:** Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio, Inc. (HFHSA) is an ecumenical Christian non-profit housing organization working in partnership with God's people in need to build simple, decent and affordable houses without interest or profit, thereby witnessing God's love in action.

We work with very low-income families whose total income is generally 25% - 60% of the area median income. Families are accepted to the Habitat program based on their need, ability to pay a 0% interest mortgage, and their willingness to partner. Applicants must be residents of Bexar County. Families spend a minimum of 300 hours investing in "sweat equity" where they support and help build their own house and that of their neighbors. Monthly mortgage payments average \$375 to \$425.

### Volunteer Programs:

We recruit volunteers (groups and individuals) to work on the construction site. No experience is required and there is a variety of tasks to be done each day, so there is always something for everyone. Our big volunteer days are Friday and Saturday and we work from 7:45 am until 3 or 3:30 pm. We do ask volunteers to commit to a whole day. Volunteers are welcome to come out only once or volunteer on a regular basis. Please contact the office for a list of available dates.

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