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What would the Guide to Youth Volunteer Opportunities be without opportunities to volunteer with youth? You can make a powerful impact in the lives of other young people whether it means reading to pre-schoolers at a child development center, playing basketball with middle school kids or gardening with a girls' after school program. Maybe someone a little older than you once taught you something or just hung out with you; the agencies listed in this section will let you pass on your knowledge and experience to other young people.

A Better Way, Inc.; Foster Family Agency

3200 Adeline Street, Berkeley
510-601-0203 x301

Email: bhathaway@abetterwayinc **Web:** www.abetterwayinc.net
Minimum age: 16 **W/parental supervision:** 16
Bus lines: **BART:**

After certification, we place children from birth to 18 years old, with warm, caring parents who receive 14 hours of additional training each year. Children are monitored weekly and get counseling, extra-curricular activities, and tutoring support. Call to find out how you can help.

American Red Cross Bay Area Chapter

85 Second Street, 8th Floor, San Francisco
415-427-8055

Email: **Web:** www.bayarea_redcross.org
Minimum age: 14 **W/parental supervision:** 14
Bus lines: Market lines, 42, 30 **BART:** Montgomery

The mission of the American Red Cross is to help Bay Area residents prepare for, prevent, and/or respond to emergency and disaster situations. Opportunities in safety, first aid, disaster preparedness and relief, and office work are some examples of ways you can be involved. Please call for more information.

BA Discovery Museum (F, G)

557 McReynolds Road, Fort Baker, Sausalito
415-289-7296

Email: eausterman@badm.org **Web:** www.badm.org
Minimum age: 14 **W/parental supervision:** 12
Bus lines: Golden Gate Transit **BART:**

The Bay Area Discovery Museum is full of hands-on exhibits and programs that young people (ages 0-10) are encouraged to participate in. Volunteers will provide face painting, facilitate art projects, lead science demonstrations, or assist young children in other programs. There are also behind-the-scenes volunteer opportunities.

Richmond Hills Family Ctr. (G)

6324 Geary Boulevard, San Francisco
415-750-5080 x109

Email: **Web:** www.ccasf.org
Minimum age: 18 **W/parental supervision:** 13
Bus lines: 38 Geary, 29 Sunset **BART:**

At Catholic Charities- Richmond Hills Family Center we offer a very special place devoted to helping homeless families gain employment skills and find permanent housing. Many of the families have young children and help is always needed with art or other age appropriate activities. Working on art and other projects with these children is a chance for you to help them gain confidence in their own abilities. We also need chaperones for our monthly field trips!

Chinatown Beacon Center (F,G)

831 Broadway Street, San Francisco
415-391-4721

Email: alison@wuyee.org **Web:** www.chinatownbeaconcenter.
Minimum age: 14 **W/parental supervision:** 12
Bus lines: 30, 45, 9x **BART:**

The Chinatown Beacon Center is a community center with programs in academic assistance, arts & recreation, leadership, health & career development for children, youth, and adults in the Chinatown neighborhood. We welcome youth volunteers to join us in giving back to the community.

CUAV; Queer Youth Training Collaborative

160 14th Street, San Francisco
415-777-5500

Email: **Web:** www.cuav.org
Minimum age: 13 **W/parental supervision:** 13
Bus lines: All Downtown Lines **BART:** Powell

At Queer Youth Training Collaborative Job Readiness & Employment program we provide queer youth with skills and tools for personal growth and work experience. We offer resume writing and interviewing skills workshops, on-the-job training, mental health sessions, emergency housing, and peer support networks. Volunteers are needed primarily for class sessions held 4 times a year as well as office duties and outreach. Special projects are also possible.

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Community Youth Center-SF; Richmond

319 - 6th Avenue, Ste. 201, San Francisco
415-752-9675

Email: myepp@cycsf.org

Web: www.cycsf.org

Minimum age: 14

W/parental supervision: 14

Bus lines: 1, 2, 4, 38, 44

BART:

This Branch Office provides employment services for youth ages 14&18 through MYEEP (Mayor's Youth Employment & Education Program). It is available during the summer and the regular school year. Call for details about qualifications.

CYC Intel/Macromedia Computer

217 Clement Street, San Francisco
415-668-2582

Email: volunteercenter@compute

Web: www.computerclubhouse.net

Minimum age: 16

W/parental supervision: 14

Bus lines:

BART:

We work with youth with highly-motivated, enthusiastic, and caring volunteer mentors in an open non-structured safe environment equipped with cutting-edge, state-of-the-art hardware and software allowing youth the freedom for self-exploration while learning, exchanging experiences and developing bonds with mentors from the community-at-large. Call for information on available volunteer positions.

Donaldina Cameron House (F,G)

920 Sacramento Street, San Francisco
415-781-0401 x142

Email: Lamg42@aol.com or

Web: www.cameronhouse.org

Minimum age: 14

W/parental supervision: 13

Bus lines: L, 29

BART: West Portal

Cameron House is a faith-based non-profit organization affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in Chinatown. Volunteer opportunities include a school year-round program known as the Bilingual Youth After School Tutorial Program, and two summer programs: Cameron Ventures, a 6-week day camp for 1st-8th graders, and The Bilingual Youth Summer Program, a 7-week program offering classes and recreational activities.

Drawbridge

Sites Vary, San Rafael
415-456-1269

Email: drawonus@aol.com

Web: www.drawbridge.org

Minimum age: 16

W/parental supervision: 16

Bus lines:

BART: Oakland/ S.F. sites/ Bart

We provide weekly expressive arts groups for homeless children and children from low-income families. Groups are held in emergency homeless shelters, transitional housing programs and low-income housing facilities. There is a paid staff facilitator who supervises the volunteers during the group.

Edgewood Center for Children & Families;

1801 Vicente Street, San Francisco
415-682-3116 or

Email: yvetted@edgewoodcenter.

Web:

Minimum age: 18

W/parental supervision: 16

Bus lines: 66

BART: L-Taraval

The youngsters we serve, ages 6-14, may have grave emotional problems stemming from abuse but they're still eager and resolved to learn. Come tutor them in reading & math Monday-Tuesday & Thursday-Friday, 3:00-4:30pm. Call for information on other volunteer opportunities also.

Family Connections (G)

2565 San Bruno Avenue, San Francisco
415-715-6746

Email: volunteer@voaba.org

Web: www.familyconnectionsportal

Minimum age: 18

W/parental supervision: 16

Bus lines: 9, 9X, 44

BART:

Family Connections is a parent-family organization serving the Portola neighborhood. They need your on-going help with their after school program or summer program. Help elementary school age (5-12) children in a variety of ways: tutoring, craft projects, cooking projects, library visits, park visits, reading groups. Help grade school children with their homework during the school year or in the summer help children do arts and crafts and supervise park activities.

Friends of the Children San Francisco (G)

303 Second Street, South Tower Suite 800, San Francisco
415-856-5170

Email: anna_yen@yahoo.com

Web: www.friendsofthechildren.com

Minimum age: 18

W/parental supervision: 14

Bus lines: 10, 12, 15

BART:

FOTC intervenes in the lives of six-year old children whose high risk factors place them beyond the reach of traditional mentoring or after-school programs. The program teaches children life skills, academic advancement, behavior management and acts as a support system for children and their families. It is the nation's only program that hires professional mentors to work full time to nurture and guide children into adulthood. Please contact us to find out what you can do

Girls After School Academy (GASA)

3543 18th Street #15, San Francisco
415-406-1935

Email: gasa@pacbell.net

Web: www.gasa.citysearch.com

Minimum age: 17

W/parental supervision: 17

Bus lines: 9, 15

BART: Balboa Park BART

The Girls After School Academy needs your help as a Youth Mentor for girls ages 8-11. Help young women access their power by serving as a tutor and youth mentor in a program that addresses violence prevention, health, economic development and self-esteem.

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Health Initiatives for Youth (G)

235 Montgomery Street, Suite 430, Forest Hill
415-274-1970

Email: reception@hify.com **Web:** www.hify.com
Minimum age: 15 **W/parental supervision:** 15
Bus lines: **BART:**

HIFY is a health agency that serves youth and their providers in a variety of capacities, often in collaboration with other community service agencies. HIFY does health education workshops for youth in schools and community-based organizations, trainings for youth health providers on topics such as HIV, youth development, working with LGBTQ youth and substance use interventions. We produce zines and other informative publications for youth as well as a quarterly

Horizons Unlimited of SF, Inc.;

440 Potrero Avenue, San Francisco
415-487-6718

Email: **Web:** www.horizons-sf.org
Minimum age: 18 **W/parental supervision:** 14
Bus lines: #9, #22 **BART:** 16th St.

At Horizons Unlimited of SF, your help is needed to do something about problems such as school drop-out, gang violence, and AIDS. You can be a peer leader in Horizons Unlimited, or help with the youth magazine.

Hunters Point Community Youth Park

200 Middle Point Road, San Francisco
415-285-1415

Email: hpypark@sbcglobal.net **Web:** www.sfusd.k12.ca.us/dept/doi/
Minimum age: 18 **W/parental supervision:** 12
Bus lines: 19, 44, 54 **BART:**

If you are a Hunters Point resident and are interested in working with other youth in the community, you can volunteer at the Hunters Point Community Youth Park. You can lead dance classes, assist with arts and craft projects, tutor students, or help out with occasional field trips.

I Have a Dream Foundation

1575 15th Street (at Marshall Elementary), San Francisco
415-487-9334

Email: abby_rovner@yahoo.com **Web:** www.ihad-sf.org
Minimum age: 15 **W/parental supervision:** 15
Bus lines: 22 33 53 49 **BART:** 16th Street Station

Our program offers long term academic support and enrichment activities to 60 children in the Mission District. Its goal is to help "dreamers" succeed in school and in life. Once the dreamers have graduated from high school, the program will offer supplemental scholarships for their post-high school college and/or trade school education. Please contact the Coordinator of Volunteers for information about volunteer opportunities.

International Institute of SF

657 Mission Street, Suite 500, San Francisco
415-538-8100 x203

Email: lcongdon@iisf.org **Web:** www.iisf.org/youthcares
Minimum age: 14 **W/parental supervision:** 14
Bus lines: All Market Street **BART:** Montgomery

We hire 10-20 youth volunteers three times per year on approximately Jan. 3rd, June 15th, and Sept. 10th. Youth can apply in person or e-mail us and we will send you an application via the internet. Activities range from computer and English tutoring to general companionship and shopping. We are in need of volunteers who are fluent Russian speakers.

IRIS Center

333 Valencia Street, Suite 222, San Francisco
415-864-2364 x211

Email: jdryan@iriscenter.org **Web:** www.citysearch.com/sfo/irisc
Minimum age: 14 **W/parental supervision:** 14
Bus lines: 26, 49 **BART:** 16th Street

We invite volunteers to participate in our youth program as peer counselors. If you are interested in supporting other young people please contact Jane Ryan via email at jdryan@iriscenter.org for more information.

Jovenes Unidos

1249 Alabama Street, San Francisco

Email: **Web:** www.jovenesunidos.org/mx/ju
Minimum age: 15 **W/parental supervision:** 15
Bus lines: 12 **BART:** 16th/Mission

Jovenes Unidos is a nonprofit, after-school program for immigrant youth aged 8-14. We offer homework assistance, arts and crafts, recreation, field trips, computer help, video production and journalism classes, and various workshops. Come be a part of our community and volunteer! Call for more details.

Kids' Turn (F)

1242 Market Street, 2nd Floor, San Francisco
415-437-0700

Email: kidsturn@earthlink.net **Web:** www.kidsturn.org
Minimum age: 15 **W/parental supervision:** 15
Bus lines: various **BART:** Civic Center

At Kids' Turn, we provide workshops for families undergoing separation or divorce. These educational sessions for children and their parents teach how to work better as a family. As a volunteer you can assist workshop leaders with groups of 4-6 year-olds or 7-9 year olds. Workshops take place on Saturday mornings or week day evenings. Contact us to volunteer in San Francisco or for workshop locations in the Bay Area.

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LYRIC

127 Collingwood Street, San Francisco
415-703-8510 x39 or

Email: Lena@lyric.org **Web:** www.lyric.org
Minimum age: Any **W/parental supervision:** Any
Bus lines: K, L, M, F, 24, 33, 37 **BART:** Castro Street Station

We have opportunities for persons of all ages. Young volunteers who are computer savvy can work with our Filemaker Pro database or be a lab monitor and help other computer users. Those who want to work with our clients can volunteer as a youth talk line listener. Training is provided.

Mission Girls Services

3261 23rd Street, San Francisco
415-648-2826

Email: missiongirls@aol.com **Web:**
Minimum age: 16 **W/parental supervision:** 16
Bus lines: 48, 49, 14, 67 **BART:** 24th Street BART

YWCA Mission Girls' Services provides tutoring and counseling for girls ages 6 - 14. They need volunteers to tutor in math, science, English and social studies, and to assist the girls in completing their homework. Mission Girls' Services requests female volunteers to act as leaders and role models for younger girls.

PLI/Fort Miley Adventure Challenge

1600 Holloway Avenue, San Francisco
415-338-6883

Email: drewmc@sfsu.edu **Web:** www.pliprograms.org
Minimum age: 15 **W/parental supervision:** 15
Bus lines: 17,28,29,38 **BART:**

Fort Miley offers ropes course experiences for Bay Area communities, especially youth service programs. Volunteers learn to lead ropes courses including safety and technical rope systems as well as playing games, leading low elements and relaying high elements.

Salvation Army of San Francisco (F, G)

832 Folsom Street, San Francisco
415-575-4848

Email: Dana_Hojsack@usw.salv **Web:** www.tsagoldenstate.org
Minimum age: 12 **W/parental supervision:** 8
Bus lines: Market Street lines **BART:** Civic Center

The Salvation Army provides clothing for Back-To-School and toys for Christmas to low income families in San Francisco. We invite youth volunteers to help sort clothes and toys in preparation for these events. You may also serve as a personal shopper during these events in August and December.

YCUP (F, G)

2940 - 16th Street, Suite 305, San Francisco
415-431-5248

Email: jose@ycup.org **Web:** www.ycup.org
Minimum age: 12 **W/parental supervision:** 6
Bus lines: 22, 14, 33, 53, 49, 26 **BART:** 16th St. Station

The Mission Area Federal Credit Union-Youth Credit Union Program (YCUP) is a youth-run credit union program for ages 18/under who live or go to school in the Bay Area. Youth members can become a part of the YCUP management as tellers. Volunteers are also needed for: planning monthly finance education workshops., developing marketing strategies, managing the loan program, organizing fund raisers, and more. Please call for more info.

Mission Neighborhood Centers, Inc.; Head

362 Capp Street, San Francisco
415-206-7752

Email: **Web:** www.mncsf.org
Minimum age: 14 **W/parental supervision:** 14
Bus lines: All Mission lines **BART:** 16th Mission

The Mission Neighborhood Head Start Program needs your help as a Preschool Aide. There are a variety of ways your talents can be put to great use! Read to young children in small group settings or on a one-on-one basis; help out with classroom projects; lead outdoor activities in the park, or assist with the games groups. Spanish speakers are especially encouraged!

Richmond District YMCA (F, G)

360 18th Avenue, San Francisco
415-666-9622

Email: ekay@ymcasf.org **Web:** www.ymcasf.org/richmond
Minimum age: 16 **W/parental supervision:** 5
Bus lines: 38 **BART:**

The Richmond YMCA offers a variety of educational, health, and social programs serving people of all ages. Youth volunteers may assist in the fitness, wellness and after-school tutoring programs or help at the front desk with customer service.

SF Child Abuse Prevention Center

1757 Waller Street, San Francisco
415-387-3684 x243

Email: talkline@sfcapc.org **Web:**
Minimum age: 17 **W/parental supervision:** 17
Bus lines: 7, 6, 66, 43, N **BART:**

Child Abuse Prevention's mission is to help children (infants through school age) who are at risk of abuse and neglect, and their parents. The Children's Drop-In is a child-care program available for parents who are already using CAP's services. Please call for more information about volunteer opportunities.

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SF Conservation Corps; ECO Center

1050 South Van Ness Ave (21st and 22nd), San Francisco
415-920-7171 x313

Email: volunteer@ecosfcc.org **Web:** www.sfcc.org
Minimum age: 17 **W/parental supervision:** 17
Bus lines: 14, 42, 47, 49 **BART:** 24th/Mission

The San Francisco Conservation Corps (SFCC) Eco Center is an educational and job skills program training young adults and adolescents ages 12-26. They aim to improve the leadership potential, academic abilities, and employment skills of the urban youth. Volunteers will work with adolescents ages 12-14 as tutors, service project assistants, computer lab assistants, and art/media production assistants.

YMCA Central (F,G)

220 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco
415-447-2514

Email: saverbach@ymcasf.org **Web:**
Minimum age: 10 **W/parental supervision:** 10
Bus lines: 5 Fulton, 38 Geary **BART:** Civic Center

YMCA Central has a comprehensive program for youth ages 10 to 18 years in the Tenderloin. The program includes community service projects (recycling, graffiti removal, and neighborhood clean-ups), sports leagues, swimming, tutoring, strength training, Youth and Government, outings, and more. Please call for more information on volunteer opportunities.

South of Market Recreation Center

270 6th Street, San Francisco
415-554-9532

Email: **Web:**
Minimum age: 14 **W/parental supervision:** 14
Bus lines: 14 Mission **BART:** Powell or Civic Center

At South of Market Recreation Center, volunteers may work as peer counselors with the after-school program for children between the ages of 6-12 years. We also need volunteers to plan and lead group activities, help children complete their homework, and/or act as a timekeeper for basketball games. Please call for more information.

Streetcats Foundation for Youth (F,G)

1095 Market Street, Ste.611, San Francisco
1-866-227-3709

Email: streetcats@aol.com **Web:** www.child.net
Minimum age: 16 **W/parental supervision:** any
Bus lines: F, 7, 71, 6 **BART:** Civic Center

We invite school groups, youth groups, and youth groups with religious affiliations to set up fundraising events or tables to benefit our much needed programs; TEEN-ANON Recovery Groups(national resource referral to help at risk youth and provide information for their supporters); or One Heart for Kid Campaign which provides fundraising and project support for a number of Bay Area grassroots youth organizations.

Telegraph Hill Neighborhood Center

660 Lombard Street, San Francisco
415-421-6443 x37

Email: jan@tel-hi.org **Web:** www.tel-hi.org
Minimum age: 18 **W/parental supervision:** 14
Bus lines: 15, 30, 41, 42, 45, **BART:** Powell Street

By providing direct services & community organizing, we enable low-income children, families & seniors to improve the quality of their lives. We encourage High School & Middle School students to volunteer and enhance our program by: being a reading buddy with youth in grades K-2, and/or providing preschool assistance for children ages 2.5 - 5. Call today and begin to develop your leadership & professional skills while having fun with children.

The Imagine Bus Project

Various Locations in SF, San Francisco
415-517-0381

Email: imaginebusproject@earthli **Web:** www.imaginebusproject.org
Minimum age: 16 **W/parental supervision:** 16
Bus lines: 19, 53, 48 **BART:**

We are an art based program providing services for the kids of under-served communities. We have 2 different programs in need of volunteers which are: the Art Bus and The Art House at the Potrero Hill housing project. Please call to find out how you can be a part of one of these programs.

Treasure Island Sailing Center (F, G)

Pier 12 at Clipper Cove, San Francisco
415-421-2225

Email: tisailing@yahoo.com **Web:** www.tisailing.org
Minimum age: 14 **W/parental supervision:** 8
Bus lines: **BART:**

TISC provides summer sailing and water adventure camps for kids aged 7-10yrs of age. We invite youth volunteers to join us and learn about water safety, boat maintenance and how to organize safe and educational experiences. We also have many kids with varying physical abilities that may need varying levels of assistance.

Trips for Kids; Rides and Re-Cyclery

138 Sunnyside, Mill Valley
415-458-2986

Email: tfkbike@pacbell.net **Web:** www.tripsforkids.org
Minimum age: 15 **W/parental supervision:** 15
Bus lines: Golden Gate Transit **BART:**

Trips for Kids provides mountain bike outings and environmental education for children throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. Kids can earn a bike of their own in our Re-cyclery Program which focuses on recycling used bikes and bike parts through its thrift shop and provides job skills and job training programs for youth.

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Vistacion Valley Communtiy Beacon

450 Raymond Avenue, Room 101, San Francisco
415-452-4907

Email: kris_viz@yahoo.com **Web:**
Minimum age: 19 **W/parental supervision:** 14
Bus lines: **BART:**

We encourage high school students to participate as tutors in our afterschool program. We require volunteers to be competent in math, reading and writing at middle school level, to work with a diverse group of high-need students and to accept responsibility and operate at a very mature, high functioning level.

Westbay Pilipino Multiservices, Inc. (F, G)

180 7th Street , San Francisco
415-431-9336

Email: www.pilipinocenter.org **Web:** www.pilipinocenter.org
Minimum age: 12 **W/parental supervision:** 7
Bus lines: 14, 19, 26 **BART:** Civic Center, K, L, M,N, J

The West Bay Pilipino Multi-Service, Inc. provides a variety of services to children, youth, and families in the South of Market and the San Francisco Bay areas, with special emphasis on the Pilipino population through a comprehensive service delivery system, as well as to advocate for the continuation of needed services in the community. Call for information on volunteer opportunities.

Whitney Young Child Development Center

100 Whitney Young Circle, San Francisco
415-821-7550

Email: **Web:**
Minimum age: 16 **W/parental supervision:** 14
Bus lines: 44 **BART:** Glen Park

Help young children learn and grow at the Whitney Young Child Development Center. Your skills are needed to help teach karate, gymnastics and music. Work with small groups or one-on-one in the classrooms. Assistance is also needed in the kitchen to help prepare meals throughout the day.

YMCA Buchanan; Buchanan After-School

1430 Scott Street, San Francisco

Email: **Web:** www.presidioymca.org
Minimum age: 14 **W/parental supervision:** 14
Bus lines: 38, 22 **BART:** Van Ness

The Buchanan Site Learning Center of the Presidio Community YMCA (Buchanan/Presidio/Richmond district) is a free after school tutorial program for elementary and middle school students. Volunteer as a tutor to help students with their homework and in areas in which they need special attention.

YMCA Embarcadero (G)

169 Steuart Street, San Francisco
415-957-9622

Email: scisneros@ymcasf.org **Web:** www.ymcasf.org/embarcader
Minimum age: 16 **W/parental supervision:** 14
Bus lines: Market lines, 14 **BART:** Embarcadero

The Embarcadero YMCA offers fitness, youth, and community programs. Tutors are needed for their after school program from 3:45-5:30PM. This program has 85 students who need caring adults as mentors/tutors. Volunteers are also needed as swim class assistants to help teach groups of kids in 1-2 hour long swim classes on weekday afternoons or on the weekends.

YMCA Family Stonestown

333 Eucalyptus Drive, San Francisco
415-242-7133

Email: adebeck@ymcasf.org **Web:** www.ymcasf.org
Minimum age: 16 **W/parental supervision:** 16
Bus lines: M, N, K, 23, 28, 17 **BART:** West Portal

The Stonestown Family YMCA needs motivated, responsible volunteers in the Youth Sports department in our soccer, basketball, T-ball, and Pee-Wee programs. Will provide training. Lots of fun! Flexible days/hours - afterschool and weekends. Come join our other volunteers who make our Youth Sports department so great!

Young Ideas Community Home (G)

Confidential Site,
415-337-1617

Email: **Web:** www.careprovider.org/place
Minimum age: 18 **W/parental supervision:** 18
Bus lines: 29 **BART:** K

Young Ideas Family Home is a home for abused or abandoned teenagers. If you're willing to make a long-term commitment of two or more hours a week, you could make a difference in another teenager's life. You can be a tutor, mentor, computer instructor, or help with sports, music, gardening, art, and other activities.