



Ways to Get Plugged in to Community Volunteering

Sometimes, it takes a disaster to remind us just how much we all have in common. Maybe something you saw on the news has got you thinking about spending a few hours a week volunteering to help those less fortunate. Or perhaps you would like to start allocating a certain percentage of your monthly income to charity. Whether you would like to team up with [NANAY](#) to work to improve the lives of low-income and disadvantaged people, put together packages with essential items for the homeless, or even start your own nonprofit, these resources will point you in the right direction!

Donate to Local Organizations

A few dollars can go a long way if you donate to the right community organizations. Here are a few groups you could consider supporting.

- [Volunteer with NANAY](#) to help empower and transform the lives of low-income, minority, and disadvantaged individuals and communities.
- You can give money or non-perishable goods to food banks and food drive programs.

- Homeless shelters in the city could always [use more support](#).

Small Actions for Big Change

You don't necessarily need to get involved with a larger organization to make a difference. You can start making changes all on your own! In addition to activities like mentoring a young person, working on conservation projects, and working in a charity store, consider these ideas that can make a big impact.

- Have you noticed more litter on the streets of your neighborhood lately? Plan a local cleanup event.
- You can give directly to the homeless by [putting together basic care packages](#) with useful items.
- Share your love for reading by [constructing a free library box](#) on your property where people can leave or pick up books for no charge.

Start Your Own Nonprofit

What if there is no local group addressing a particular cause that you care about? You may want to look into starting a new nonprofit and lead the effort. There are [specific tasks](#) that need checked off before operating as a nonprofit, so be sure to know what your city and state require. Here are a few tips to get you going:

- [Draw up](#) a nonprofit business plan with your ideas for managing operations and fundraising.
- Find out if you could [establish your nonprofit](#) as an LLC in your state.
- Use a [formation service](#) like Rocket Lawyer or Incfile to register your LLC.
- [Get creative](#) as you come up with new ways to fundraise and finance charitable initiatives.
- If your nonprofit does work abroad in countries like Brazil, use a [low-fee](#) money transfer service like Remitly to pay employees and avoid cost-prohibitive bank transactions.

You don't have to be a superhero to make a positive impact in your community or worldwide. Everyone can take steps to create the changes they want to see. By referencing these resources, you'll feel inspired to give back!

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