Local Service Learning Opportunities

**Maricopa County Animal Care and Control**

Pictures speak louder than words - especially when those pictures include floppy ears and big brown eyes! MCACC Pet Photographers help to save lives by drawing the potential adopters to our shelters with the pictures of their potential new family members!

Tasks include:
- Taking photographs of available animals
- Using MCACC software to upload pictures into database

When: It's flexible! We'll work with your schedule.
Where: 2630 W 8th Street, Mesa, AZ 85201
Good match for: Teens, 55+
Requirements: Must be at least 15, Orientation or Training

**Sunrise Health and Hospice**

Patient support. This can include visiting, reading, writing letters, bringing in music, pet visits, massage therapy, skilled nurser assistance, Doctors and nurses.
Family support. Volunteers can assist with shopping, household duties, or allow family caregivers to take care of necessary errands and get some time away from the house.
Bereavement support. Volunteers can work with our bereavement staff in duties that range from assisting as a support group facilitator to serving refreshments and helping with mailings to clients and families.
Administrative support. A volunteer with clerical skills can help us in the office with simple administrative duties.

When: It’s flexible! We’ll work with your schedule.
Where: 1840 E. University Dr. Suite 2, Mesa, AZ 85203
Good match for: Teens, 55+

**Child Crisis Center**

Work with children ages birth to 11 who are currently residing at the Child Crisis Center. Volunteers are asked to come once a week to play with the children and help staff with daily responsibilities.

- When: It's flexible! We'll work with your schedule.
- Where: 604 W. 9th Street, Mesa, AZ 85201
- Good match for: Teens, 55+, Group
- Requirements: Background Check, Must be at least 16, Orientation or Training, One year commitment
Arizona Museum of Natural History Guild

The Exploration Station is a hands-on children’s activity center. Visitors can create dino rubbings, hold a real dinosaur fossil, enjoy puzzles and 5 interactive carts that help make connections with our natural history galleries. Exploration Station Facilitator assist children/caregivers in exploring the interactives, must be able to move around the room freely for duration of shift

When: It's flexible! We'll work with your schedule.
Where; 53 N. Macdonald Street, Mesa, AZ 85201
Good match for: Teens, 55+
Requirements: Must be at least 14, Orientation or Training, 3 hours once a week or 2 weekend shifts a month, Interview

MASK(Mothers Awareness on School-age Kids)

MASK(Mothers Awareness on School-age Kids) will be operating a booth at Tough Mudder 2013 event in Mesa on February 23 and 24! We will need assistance with general operation of the booth, collecting money from customers, cooking and serving food/beverage. Tough Mudder has also added a second (2) booth for the Saturday, February 23 date and MASK will be manning that concession booth as well (this booth will be strictly serving beverages).

Contact Mary Lynn Korn by phone at (480) 502-5337 or by email at MaryLynn@maskmatters.org for available dates/times. For additional information, please visit: http://www.maskmatters.org/events/details/46-tough-mudder-2013

When: Sat Feb 23, 2013 - Sun Feb 24, 2013
Where: 11349 South Ellsworth Road, Mesa, AZ 85212
Good match for: Kids, Teens, 55+ Group
Requirements: Must be at least 12, A minimum of 3 hours.

Arizona Disabled Sports

Arizona Disabled Sports (AzDS), is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing sports and recreation opportunities for individuals with all types of disability. The sports programs for individuals with physical disabilities are designed for athletes ages 6 through adulthood who have an orthopedic, neurological or sensory impairment. This can include but is not limited to cerebral palsy, spinal cord injury, spina bifida, amputation, traumatic brain injury, and visual impairment. Arizona Disabled Sports is about to kick off their Winter/Spring season with various programs that are offered. Below you will find some opportunities for everyone to take part in. We prefer individuals 18 years or older.

Volunteers can be on a steady basis or even half way steady basis. Volunteers are not require you to sign up for the entire season. You can just volunteer for one session, if desired - although we do love our regulars!

When: Sat Jan 26, 2013 - Sat May 11, 2013
Where: Mesa High School, 1630 E. Southern Ave, Mesa, AZ 85210
Good match for: Teens, Group
Requirements: 7:30am-11:30am, Sign up via: www.arizonadisabledsports.com
**Save the Family Opportunities**

Birthday in a Bag
Childcare Helper
Clean/Sanitize Children's Classroom – Group Volunteer Opportunity
Dynamic Inventory Assistant
Eagle Scout Leadership Service
Holiday Sponsorship
Landscaping Needed
Learning Baskets Needed
Organize a Donation Drive for Save the Family
Professional Clothing Drive
Reading Hour
Sack Meal Program
Throw a Baby Shower!
Volunteers Needed for Youth
Youth Mentors

When: It’s Flexible! We’ll work with your schedule.
Where: 450 W. 4th Pl. Mesa, AZ 85201
Good match for: Kids, Teens, 55+, Groups

**East Valley YMCA – Coach Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer**

The Ross Farnsworth East Valley and Mesa YMCA locations are looking for volunteer coaches for the upcoming Spring Sports Season. Sports include Jr. Suns Basketball, Jr. Rattlers Flag Football, Volleyball and Soccer! Enjoy a great time at the Y teaching kids the fundamentals of sports!!

When: Fri Mar 01, 2013 - Sat May 11, 2013
Where: 1807 South Sunview Drive Mesa, AZ 85206
Good match for: Teens, 55+
Requirements: Background Check

**City of Mesa, Great Arizona Bicycle Festival**

The City of Mesa and the Downtown Mesa Association is currently looking for volunteers to help out at the Great Arizona Bicycle Festival. The Great Arizona Bicycle Festival is a celebration of all things bike. We are celebrating the return of the El Tour de Mesa to Downtown and combining it with a host of attractions from the Downtown Historic Bicycle Tour to the Great Arizona Bike Swap.

When: Fri Apr 05, 2013 - Sat Apr 06, 2013
Where: *Mesa Convention Center263 N Center StreetMesa, AZ 85201*
Good match for: Teens 55+ Group
Requirements: Must be at least 16, Orientation or Training, Volunteers are asked to remain for entire shift
Arizona Museum for Youth

Attention Phoenix area teens! Do you:
  Want to help out in your community?
  Love kids?
  Enjoy being creative?
  Need service hours for school?

If you are at least 14 years old and answered YES to these questions, we'd love to have you as a volunteer at the Arizona Museum for Youth! AMY is a children's art museum located in downtown Mesa and we are always looking for more helpers in our galleries and during our programs and events. No previous experience is required and training will be provided. Summer is a great time to get involved!

If you are interested in becoming an AMY volunteer, please plan to attend one of the following volunteer orientation sessions:
  Saturday February 2 at 10am
  Saturday February 16 at 10am

If you would like to sign up for a volunteer orientation or would like more information, please contact:
Ana Bentancur, Museum Education Assistant
Arizona Museum for Youth
480-644-4783
ana.bentancur@mesaaz.gov

When: It's flexible! We'll work with your schedule.
Where: 35 N. RobsonMesa, AZ 85201
Good match for: Teens
Requirements: Must be at least 14, Orientation or Training, At least 8 hours per month (preferred)

Assistance For Independent Living Volunteer Services-Helping Homebound Seniors

The Assistance for Independent Living Volunteer Program serves the homebound elderly in Mesa, Tempe, Gilbert, Chandler & Apache Junction.

Friendly Visitors are volunteers who spend two hours a month visiting an isolated senior citizen in their area. Socialization is extremely important to those who are homebound.

It requires nothing but good listening and talking skills. Sometimes our clients like to play cards or Chess. Sometimes they just need a companion for a while—it brings the outside world to them. This is an amazing experience!

When: It's flexible! We'll work with your schedule.
Where: 247 N McDonaldMesa, AZ 85201
Good match for: Kids Teens 55+ Group
Requirements: Driver's License Needed, Background Check, Orientation or Training
Two Hours A Month
Mesa United Way – Helen’s Hope Chest

- Do you want to volunteer but no one has hours convenient to your schedule?
- Helen's Hope Chest is a free resource for foster children. The clothing allowance is $12 per month.
- I am looking for volunteers that have some involvement with a school, church, club or business.
- I will provide you with flyers you just get them to where you go daily.
- Or you organize drives with collection dates.
- I will provide you with 'How to start a donation drive'

If every person you meet could provide us with 1 or 2 of the following products we can provide for many of the 12,000 foster children in Maricopa County.

- Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, New Underwear, Diapers, Backpacks

When: It's flexible! We'll work with your schedule.
Where: 415 N Pasadena, Mesa, AZ 85201
Good match for: Kids, Teens, 55+

Newborns in Need

Newborns in Need coordinates the creation of homemade items for newborn babies. Current needs are gowns or sleepers, preemie and burial booties (1-1 1/2" in pastel or white), newborn-size booties (3-3 1/2") in pink, blue, or white, and burp cloths (pattern available). Coming up for the summer, start making onesies! Memory items, such as crocheted butterflies, are also welcome. Quilts, clothes, toys, and more are also welcome. For more information, contact Mesa Chapter President Marilyn Freeman at 602-316-4033 or mbfgrandma@cox.net.

2013 Mesa Mayor's Youth Summer of Service

Teens ages 14 -17 are invited to participate in the 2013 Mayor's Youth Summer of Service. Sign up now for group projects at various organizations between June 4th to June 27th. Projects are filling up. (See on-line info below.)
Teens are required to attend a mandatory orientation on Thursday, May 31st from 5:30-6:30pm at the Council Chambers at 57 E. First St. Still, sign up NOW!
Projects include the United Food Bank, Sirrine Adult Day Care, Paz de Cristo, Helen's Hope Chest, Save the Family, Sunshine Acres, and the Child Crisis Center. First come, first serve for the 15 participants for each project.

Complete the online registration form at www.mesaaz.gov/volunteer. Contact Michelle Alvis at 480-644-3705. Her email is Michelle.Alvis@mesaaz.gov.
Teen Leadership Training: Mesa Parks and Rec

The City of Mesa Teen Leadership Training program (TLT) trains teens with hands-on training for future employment by having them help out at the city's various summer camps. Youth volunteers will be doing crafts, sports, swimming, board games, music, and more with elementary aged children.

TLT volunteers may be entering 8th grade through 12th grade. This is a great way to get your service hours for the Silver Service award or the Honor for Excellence in Service Learning. Be sure to do the MPS paperwork!

Sites this summer are: Bush, Boulder Creek (Gilbert), Emerson, Franklins South and Northeast, Jefferson Rec Center, Johnson, Macarthur, Rhodes, Webster Rec Center, and Zaharis. The dates run from May 31 through July 22.

Students must register for the TLT program, pay a $35 fee, and complete the TLT application in order to participate.

Information and the Interest Application are available at www.mesaaz.gov/forms/tlt.aspx. You may also call 480-644-4345 for more information.

Teen and Seniors Computer Club

Wi-fi is now available at the The Red Mountain Multi-generational Center! Young people and senior citizens have built a club called CPU: Computers and People United. The members get together for internet teaching, volunteer opportunities, and gaming amusement.

It is held every Thursday afternoon from 3:30 - 630 p.m. at the Red Mountain Multigenerational Center at 7550 E. Adobe St. (1/2 mile east of Power Road.)

City of Mesa Arizona Celebration of Freedom

Volunteer with the Annual Arizona Celebration of Freedom in downtown Mesa! Over 200 volunteers are needed for this event on June 29, 2013. Volunteers must be 16 years of age or accompanied by an adult, and will receive a commemorative t-shirt at check-in and snacks before and after their shift. Volunteers will help with event set up and tear down, display traffic flow, the car show, the family fun zone, the community forum, info booths and more. Shift times vary.

If you are interested in volunteering, or for more information, please visit www.azcelebrationoffreedom.org and complete a volunteer application.