

GBTA | WI Week of Service

Volunteering Ideas

7 Powerful Ways to Give Back to Your Community

1. **Serve Seniors**

Seniors are the pillars of our communities. You can make a real difference by:

- Volunteering at nursing homes
 - Delivering meals with programs like *Meals on Wheels*
 - Offering help with shopping or errands
- Even small gestures—like a friendly conversation—can brighten someone’s day and show respect for those who once gave so much themselves.

2. **Support the Homeless**

Homelessness affects millions. You can help by:

- Volunteering at shelters or soup kitchens
 - Donating clothing or hygiene kits
 - Offering your professional skills—everything from organizing donations to community outreach can be valuable
- Every effort contributes to giving dignity and stability back to those in need.

3. **Clean Up Your Community**

A cleaner environment boosts morale and pride. Take action by:

- Joining local beautification projects
 - Organizing cleanups with friends or neighbors
 - Removing litter or graffiti when you see it
- Clean spaces foster safer and more connected neighborhoods.

4. Share Your Talents

You don't need to build houses or serve food to make an impact. Ask yourself:

- Are you skilled in writing, graphic design, teaching, accounting, or sewing?
 - Can you mentor or tutor someone in a subject you know?
- Use LinkedIn's **"Volunteer" job search filter** to find over 8,000 opportunities suited to your skills.

5. Care for the Sick

Help bring comfort to those facing illness by:

- Volunteering at hospitals, hospice centers, or clinics
 - Running errands or driving patients to appointments
 - Joining organizations like the *Red Cross* to provide support during emergencies
- Compassionate care—medical or not—has lasting impacts on people's lives.

6. Donate Blood or Plasma

7. Help Build Homes

Affordable housing changes lives. You can:

- Volunteer with *Habitat for Humanity*® or similar nonprofits
- Contribute your time to home-building, repair, or restoration
- Learn hands-on skills while building stability and hope for others

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world: indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead, Anthropologist & Humanitarian