

## PLACES TO VOLUNTEER

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There are many different volunteer opportunities in the Vancouver area. Some opportunities include..

Clark County Health Department  
ESL Library at Town Plaza Center

Fort Vancouver Library

Free Clinic of Vancouver

Humane Society

Kids on the Block Puppetry

Public Schools

SW WA Medical Center

Washington School of the Deaf

Vancouver Parks & Recreation

YWCA of Clark County

When choosing a place to volunteer, you need to think about...

How much time you have

Who you want to work with

Why you want to volunteer

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VOLUNTEERING:  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
IN *YOUR* LIFE!



Clark College ESL

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# Why Volunteer?

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Practice your English.

Meet Americans.

Get experience for future jobs.

Learn about American Culture.

Get involved in your community.

Have fun!

## ESL STUDENT STORIES

### MEDICAL EXPERIENCE:

Patricia volunteered at the Free Clinic in Vancouver. Although it was a challenge for her, she liked the medical setting because she wants to be a phlebotomist in the future. She also likes helping people.

**CLARK COLLEGE ESL:** Anatoliy represented his ESL class at civics meetings a few years ago. He presented at a national conference with his teacher and classmates about the project. He also helped make a display for International Week at the college. These experiences helped Anatoliy get a job at the Evergreen School District.

**PARKS & TRAILS:** Ling Yu, Gracee and Joyce, along with their ESL teachers and families, helped the city of Vancouver on *Make a Difference Day*. They pulled ivy to restore the Blandford Canyon Trail (near Town Plaza). Gracee and Joyce say that they wanted to help because they wanted to make friends and have the experience of volunteering. They plan to volunteer again in the future.

### WATER RESOURCES EDUCATION

**CENTER:** Natalya and Anna helped with the family activities at Second Saturday at the Water Resources Education Center. The center is very interesting to Natalya because it fits her engineering background. Anna volunteered because she loves to work with children.

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:** Ling Yu was a regular volunteer in her son's kindergarten class. She prepared projects, corrected homework, arranged artwork and even introduced her native country, Taiwan, to the students. She says that it was a great experience because she learned a lot. She learned how the teachers work in class and understood more details about the school's process. She was able to work with other kids and other teachers, too. She even went on a field trip to the Oregon Zoo.

**CONVERSATION PARTNER:** Mizuki wanted to practice speaking English. She went to a conversational Japanese class at Clark College and offered to help a student. She was able to help someone learn Japanese, practice her English and, best of all, she was able to make a new friend.

### SCHOOL OF THE BLIND:

When Peggy went to interview for a job at WaferTech, she was asked why she was qualified. Peggy said she had worked in an office in her country for 10 years and that she had volunteered at the School for the Blind in Vancouver for six months. Her volunteer experience helped Peggy get a front office job.

### DISASTER PREPAREDNESS:

Marta volunteered at her church. With other church members, she put together emergency kits and showed community members what is needed if a disaster occurs. She says that she felt good volunteering because many people came and they were enthusiastic to do what they learned.