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# Service Shout Out November 2018



youth community service

**Hello YCS Community!**

**Happy November! Check out the several opportunities to plug in as a volunteer to our local community!**

**As always, please let us know if you have any questions or comments by emailing us at [volunteers@youthcommunityservice.org](mailto:volunteers@youthcommunityservice.org)**

**- YCS Team**

## Featured Opportunity

### **Annual YCS Intergenerational Playdate**

**Date:** December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

**Address:** Palo Alto Art Center, 1313 Newell Rd. Palo Alto, CA 94303

**Description:** Join YCS, Avenidas, and the Palo Alto Art Center for a free Intergenerational Playdate! Youth volunteers will get a chance to work alongside older adults in the community, making connections and telling stories--all while playing games and taking a tour of the Art Center!

**Ages:** All are welcome. Students under 11 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Contact:** [Ashley@youthcommunityservice.org](mailto:Ashley@youthcommunityservice.org)

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## **Animals**

### **Peninsula Humane Society & SPCA: Animal Service Club**

**Date & Time:** Ongoing, last Monday of the month, 6:30-8:00 pm

**Address:** 1450 Rollins Rd. Burlingame, CA 94010

**Description:** A service club for high school students hosted at PHS/SPCA. This is a student-led club based on empowering youth to be animal advocates and creatively discover new ways to confront animal-welfare issues. RSVP to Klynn if interested in attending.

**Waiver:** Yes

**Ages:** 9-12 graders

**Contact:** Klynn Pelkey, [Kpelkey@phs-spca.org](mailto:Kpelkey@phs-spca.org)

## **Arts & Culture**

### **Palo Alto Art Center: Art Center Teen Leadership**

**Date & Time:** 2018-19 Academic School year, meeting twice a month from 4:30 to 5:30 pm

**Address:** 1313 Newell Rd. Palo Alto, CA 94303

**Description:** Teen Artists – Art Center Teen Leadership Needs You! Looking for an art-focused leadership opportunity this school year? We are looking for high school-aged teens to join Art Center Teem (ACT) Leadership. ACT Leadership assists in producing programming that connects teenagers to art and artists. Help us plan our next teen-only event, make and exhibit art with professional artists, learn about art careers, gain leadership skills, make friends from different schools, and earn service hours along the way. ACT Leadership is a yearlong commitment that meets twice a month.

**Waiver:** Yes

**Ages:** High School

**Contact:** Grace Pegan Abusharkh, Director of Volunteer Engagement, for more information call (650) 617-3520 or apply at [grace.abusharkh@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:grace.abusharkh@cityofpaloalto.org)

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## Community

### **Friends of the Palo Alto Library (FOPAL): Volunteer!**

**Date & Time:** Book Sorting: Mon. – Sat. 2:00 to 4:00 pm,  
Book Sale: 2<sup>nd</sup> Weekend of each month

**Address:** 4000 Middlefield Rd. Palo Alto, CA 94303

FOPAL Portable by tennis courts

**Description:** Weekly: sorting books, greeting & thanking donors.  
Book Sale: Cashier, tabulator, floor person, line monitor, set-up & breakdown help.

Ongoing: Section manager, sorting, pricing and culling a specific book section. Book researcher/ lister for online sales/e-commerce.

**Waiver:** Yes

**Ages:** 15+

**Contact:** To volunteer go to <https://www.fopal.org/volunteer>, click "interested" OR email: [volunteer@fopal.org](mailto:volunteer@fopal.org)

### **Palo Alto Family YMCA: Kids Club Volunteers**

**Date & Time:** Ongoing

**Address:** 3412 Ross Rd, Palo Alto, CA 94303

**Description:** Volunteers support Kids Club Program Assistants in supervising and engaging with youth signed into the Kids Club. Types of activities volunteers will engage in are: arts and crafts, reading, legos, playground activities, and the support of monthly family events.

**Waiver:** Yes

**Ages:** 14+

**Contact:** [ebony.beshears@ymcasv.org](mailto:ebony.beshears@ymcasv.org)

### **Palo Alto Family YMCA: Parents Night Out Volunteers**

**Date & Time:** Ongoing, 2 Fridays a month

**Address:** 3412 Ross Rd, Palo Alto, CA 94303

**Description:** Volunteers support Kids Club Program Assistants in supervising and engaging with youth registered for Parent's Night Out. Types of activities volunteers will engage in are: arts and crafts, sports, jenga, physical activities, and movies.

**Waiver:** Yes

**Ages:** 14+

**Contact:** [ebony.beshears@ymcasv.org](mailto:ebony.beshears@ymcasv.org)

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## Education

### **Boys and Girls Club: After-School Tutoring**

**Date & Time:** Ongoing, Available between 3:30 to 6:00 pm,  
Monday - Thursday

**Address:** 2086 Clarke Avenue, East Palo Alto 94303  
(additional locations in Menlo Park and Redwood City)

**Description:** BGCP is seeking after-school tutors to support our K-12<sup>th</sup> grade programs for at least 1 hour a week for a minimum commitment of 10 weeks to start. Locations available are in East Palo Alto, Redwood City, and Menlo Park. Roles include subject tutoring or supporting with homework as an Academic Block Tutor. Volunteers support BGCP instructors in classrooms after school. Attend a one-time orientation to learn more about our opportunities for involvement, and submit your location/schedule preferences.

**Waiver:** No

**Ages:** 14+

**Contact:** Jenny Saba, [jsaba@bgcp.org](mailto:jsaba@bgcp.org)

### **Buddies4Math: Tutor Recruitment**

**Date & Time:** Ongoing, Fridays 4:00-6:00pm

**Address:** Mountain View-Whisman District Elementary Schools

**Description:** Buddies4math is an award winning program staffed by students, come join us to teach elementary students Math through games and play. Volunteer hours count towards community service.

**Waiver:** Yes

**Ages:** 11-18

**Contact:** Noah Tesfaye, [volunteers4buddies4math@gmail.com](mailto:volunteers4buddies4math@gmail.com)

### **Stanford Hass Center:**

#### **Buena Vista Homework Club Tutoring**

**Date & Time:** Ongoing, Mondays & Wednesdays 4:00-5:30 pm

**Address:** Buena Vista Mobile Home Community in Barron Park

**Description:** The Homework Club is a place of support, care, happiness, and academic and personal growth for children PreK to 6th grade. Access the volunteer registration form online at <https://goo.gl/forms/SgXrMPTHQk8qttd52>.

**Waiver:** Yes

**Ages:** 14 and older

**Contact:** Deborah Farrington, [Deborah.bv.hmwk.club@gmail.com](mailto:Deborah.bv.hmwk.club@gmail.com)

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**DreamCatchers: High School Tutor Volunteers**

**Date & Time:** Ongoing, Wednesdays 4-6 pm, Wednesday 6-8 pm, or Thursday 6-8pm (Starting the week of September 24<sup>th</sup>)

**Address:** Paly Science Building

**Description:** Volunteers will work one-on-one with a middle school student in need to help complete homework and improve study/organization skills.

**Ages:** High School Students

**Contact:** If you are interested in volunteering please contact our Program Manager Micaela Flores at [micaela@dreamcatcheryouth.org](mailto:micaela@dreamcatcheryouth.org). For more information visit our website: [dreamcatcheryouth.org](http://dreamcatcheryouth.org)

**Project READ Redwood City: Volunteer Tutor**

**Date & Time:** Ongoing, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 3:30 to 7:30 pm (at least one hour per week)

**Address:** 1044 Middlefield Rd. Redwood City, CA 94063

**Description:** Each Project READ volunteer will be matched with a young child in grades 1-5 working on reading, writing, and homework. Before you can start tutoring, you will need to attend our teen tutor training scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm at Project READ at the Redwood City Public Library.

**Waiver:** Yes

**Ages:** 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students

**Contact:** Cassandra Levy [clevy@redwoodcity.org](mailto:clevy@redwoodcity.org)

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## **Reading Partners Silicon Valley: 1-1 Literacy Tutor**

**Date & Time:** Ongoing, Between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm

**Address:** Silicon Valley Schools: Mountain View, Sunnyvale, San Jose, Milpitas, and Redwood City

**Description:** We need you to be a mentor and help close the literacy achievement gap! Reading Partners is in need of volunteer tutors who can commit at least 1 hour a week to help a student in need. Their program runs in 14 schools throughout Silicon Valley. As a volunteer tutor, you'll work 1:1 with an elementary school student who needs additional support reading. Visit our website to sign-up, or reach out to [volunteersv@readingpartners.org](mailto:volunteersv@readingpartners.org) to learn how you can help children in your community become lifelong readers. 1-1 tutoring with a student who is reading below grade level. We ask for a one-hour commitment for at least one school semester.

**Waiver:** Yes

**Ages:** 14+

**Contact:** Sign up here: <https://siliconvalley19.my-trs.com/> for more information to be sent. Email: [volunteersv@readingpartners.org](mailto:volunteersv@readingpartners.org)

## **Environment**

### **Midpen Regional Open Space District: Outdoor Service Projects**

**Date & Time:** Ongoing

**Description:** Work on habitat restoration in removing invasive plant species and planting native plants. Click on the following link to view and register for projects online: <https://www.openspace.org/outdoor-service-projects>.

**Waiver:** Yes.

**Ages:** 14+

**Contact:** [egartside@openspace.org](mailto:egartside@openspace.org)

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**Grassroots Ecology: Byrne Brigade Habitat Restoration**

**Date & Time:** Ongoing, Mondays 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

**Address:** 27210 Altamont Rd. Los Altos Hills, CA 94022

**Description:** Support ongoing efforts to increase wildlife habitat at Byrne Preserve by planting native plants, removing invasive plants, creating habitat structures, and more.

**Waiver:** Yes

**Ages:** All

**Contact:** [valerie@grassrootsecology.org](mailto:valerie@grassrootsecology.org)

**Grassroots Ecology: HS Youth Stewards at Arastradero Preserve**

**Date & Time:** Ongoing, every other Tuesday, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm  
Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>

**Address:** 1530 Arastradero Rd. Palo Alto, CA 94304

**Description:** Explore environmental topics, collect field data, and work towards ecological restoration while connecting with new friends!  
[Required to sign-up on website.]

**Waiver:** Yes

**Ages:** 13-18

**Contact:** [rachel@grassrootsecology.org](mailto:rachel@grassrootsecology.org)

**Grassroots Ecology: HS Earth Stewards at McClellan Ranch**

**Date & Time:** Ongoing, Fridays, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm  
Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>

**Address:** 22221 McClellan Rd, Cupertino, CA 95014

**Description:** Explore environmental topics, collect field data, and work towards ecological restoration while connecting with new friends!  
[Required to sign-up on website.]

**Waiver:** Yes

**Ages:** 13-18

**Contact:** [jeremy@grassrootsecology.org](mailto:jeremy@grassrootsecology.org)

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**Grassroots Ecology: Volunteer at Arastradero Preserve**

**Date & Time:** Ongoing, Saturdays, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>

**Address:** 1530 Arastradero Rd. Palo Alto, 94304

**Description:** Support ongoing efforts to increase wildlife habitat at Arastradero Preserve by planting native plants, removing invasive plants, creating habitat structures, and more. Prior online registration is required. We will meet at the buildings next to the parking lot. Please be aware that if the event is full, we will NOT be accepting any email request to join.

**Waiver:** Yes

**Ages:** All

**Contact:** Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/GrE-AP> to sign up and reserve your spot!

**Grassroots Ecology: Volunteer at Foothills Park**

**Date & Time:** Ongoing, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday every month,  
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Address:** Route to Foothills Park Interpretive Center, but once in the park, follow the signs with the Grassroots Ecology logos to find where we are working that day.

**Description:** Join us for a morning outdoors. Enjoy hands-on activities such as weeding, planting, and creating habitat structures that will enrich our environment and leave you with a smile! Prior online registration is necessary; please visit <https://tinyurl.com/GrE-FHP> to sign-up.

**Waiver:** Yes. Waiver must be approved during online registration by parent/guardian for all volunteers under the age of 18.

**Ages:** All

**Contact:** Prior online registration is necessary; please visit <https://tinyurl.com/GrE-FHP> to sign-up.



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## **Human Services**

### **Loaves & Fishes Family Kitchen: Meal Serving**

**Date & Time:** Ongoing

**Address:** Multiple Locations

**Description:** As a volunteer, you will be asked to prep fruits and vegetables, serve hot meals, pour beverages, wash dishes, and tidy-up the facilities. To sign up for a job, please visit <http://loavesfishes.org/volunteer>.

**Waiver:** Yes

**Ages:** All; Under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Contact:** Hyru Gau, [hyru@lovesfishes.org](mailto:hyru@lovesfishes.org)

### **Ecumenical Hunger Program: Volunteers Needed**

**Date & Time:** Ongoing

**Address:** 2411 Pulgas Ave. East Palo Alto, 94303

**Description:** Volunteer help is needed in EHP food pantry to sort, stack, prepare and distribute emergency food boxes to families in need. Help is also needed in the Community Closet to sort, organize and maintain gently used clothing and household goods. Other help: data entry, special projects, etc.

**Waiver:** Yes

**Ages:** 12+

**Contact:** Charlotte Brown, [outreach@ehpcares.org](mailto:outreach@ehpcares.org)

### **Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health: Champions for Children**

**Date & Time:** Ongoing

**Description:** Champions for Children are community members who host fundraising events, assemble patient kits, and organize toy drives to raise funds and awareness for Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford and the child health programs at Stanford University School of Medicine.

**Waiver:** No

**Ages:** All

**Contact:** Caitlin Burns, [champions@lpfch.org](mailto:champions@lpfch.org) 650-498-7633

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**Project Linus-South Bay: Make a Blanket Day**

**Date & Time:** November 3, 9:00 am- 3:00pm

**Address:** St. Jude's Episcopal Church  
20920 McClellan Rd., Cupertino, CA, 95014

**Description:** Join Project Linus to make no-sew fleece comfort blankets for local children in crisis. Bring 1/1-2 yard pieces of patterned fleece for each blanket you'd like to make - we'll show you how! (Optional potluck lunch - bring something to share). Please RSVP to Sharon Lee.

**Waiver:** Yes

**Ages:** 13+

**Contact:** Sharon Lee, [sjlinus@comcast.net](mailto:sjlinus@comcast.net)

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**Waiver:** Yes

**Ages:** 12+

**Contact:** [ebony.beshears@ymcasv.org](mailto:ebony.beshears@ymcasv.org)

**For more information**

If you want to see your service opportunities featured go to

<http://youthcommunityservice.org/request-volunteers-form/>

Have questions? Please email [volunteers@youthcommunityservice.org](mailto:volunteers@youthcommunityservice.org)

