

If You Need...

# Volunteers

## Try Looking Here:

- ✧ Churches
- ✧ Volunteer Maine ●
- ✧ Civic organizations
  - Kiwanis
  - Lions Club
  - Rotary Club
  - Elks Club
  - Jaycees
  - Optimists
  - Junior League
- ✧ Colleges, universities and technical colleges ●
- ✧ Local corporations and small business associations
- ✧ Local United Way
- ✧ Volunteers of America
- ✧ Blaine House Conference on Volunteerism
- ✧ Neighborhood associations
- ✧ Public radio and television stations
- ✧ Schools
- ✧ Senior Centers
- ✧ Retirement communities
- ✧ Institute for Civic Leadership
- ✧ State and local Chamber of Commerce
- ✧ Local newspapers

## What Others Have Done

- Volunteer Maine is a partnership led by the Maine Commission for Community Service, the Maine Philanthropy Center, and the Maine Association of Nonprofits. Its goal is to link citizens with volunteer opportunities. The first product of the partnership is [www.volunteermaine.org](http://www.volunteermaine.org) where citizens can find volunteer opportunities.
- Kennebec Valley Technical College student volunteers put together “KidPacks” for children going into foster care, using additional student volunteers from the campus community. The packs were then distributed to children in need through the Department of Human Services.

**Building Reciprocity:** Volunteers collaborated to build a permanent handicap accessible washing facility at Wolfe’s Neck Farm. AmeriCorps members and area youth worked together under the supervision of a professional builder who donated his time to supervise the teams.

## Research Hint

Most United Way affiliates can help with volunteer recruitment. Their offices may send out press releases advertising your project’s need for volunteers. Civic organizations offer luncheon and breakfast opportunities to speak about volunteer needs. Local papers may feature a regular volunteer opportunities section. Large corporations often have employee volunteer coordinators that funnel contacts. You may also be able to advertise your volunteer opportunity in a company or organization’s employee newsletter.