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Fall Opportunities for Teens to Volunteer in Austin

**If we are missing anything, we'd love to add it! Please let us know at hello@barbsteinberg.com. Thanks!*

Austin Pets Alive!

Individuals aged 13-17 may volunteer with APA! under the supervision of a parent/guardian. Those aged 16-17 may volunteer without a parent/guardian present if a waiver is signed. In either case, the parent or guardian must also be a registered APA! volunteer and must attend volunteer orientation. Please visit the [volunteer section of the website](#) for more information and to submit applications for both the teen and the parent/guardian.

You are welcome to help your mother in the neonatal ward; however, you must be at least 16 to bottle feed under the supervision of a trained adult. The bottle babies are actually so small and young that they don't need play, just feeding and such. Under-16 helpers in the neonatal ward generally clean up while their parents feed the kittens. You would be welcome to play with kittens and cats in the catteries (still under adult supervision).

APA! also offers the Teen Foster Program, where teens 13 and up can receive community service hours/volunteer hours for fostering. A parent has to sign on as the primary foster, and teens can receive 15-40 hours per foster term as long as they play an active role in the fostering and the parent vouches for their involvement. Please [visit this link](#) for more information on this program.

Both individuals and youth groups may work on independent projects to support Austin Pets Alive! Some suggested projects include:

- Running a supply drive to gather items from [APA!'s wish list](#)
- Having a bake sale and donating the proceeds to APA!
- Making [braided fleece toys](#) for the puppies or [rice sock heating pads](#) for the kittens
- Decorating "Adopt Me" bandannas or vests for dogs
- Creating thank you cards for APA! to send to donors

Art2love

Art2love's mission is to empower, encourage and elevate children in crisis through art – their own art. Through dedicated drawing workshops children express their inner feelings in drawings that are then made into tangible replicas they can hug and interact with. The custom, plush reproductions of the children's art are called artlings. Volunteers can attend monthly "sew-togethers" to assemble bags for superYou capes and create replicas of kids' art for fundraisers. [Contact the organization](#) to find out about the next volunteer opportunity.

Capital Area Food Bank

Youth are welcome to volunteer at the Food Bank! They accept volunteers as young as 8. Any individual youth volunteer between 8 and 17 must be accompanied by an adult 21 or older. Youth groups must provide one adult chaperone for every 5 youth under 18.

All volunteers must be scheduled before volunteering. [Please visit the online registration site](#) to get scheduled.

The Contemporary Austin

The [Teen Volunteers program](#) is available for young people ages 13–18 at the Art School and runs throughout the year with special emphasis placed on the summer semester. This is an excellent opportunity for teens to see firsthand how an art classroom works, to interact with students, and to learn leadership skills from our excellent faculty. During the class, volunteers aid the instructor by facilitating instruction, help with any children that need extra assistance, and provide help during snacks and supervision on restroom breaks and walks on the grounds.

Teen Volunteers participate exclusively at the Art School at Laguna Gloria year-round, with extended offerings in the summer.

Please [visit the link](#) for more information on applying.

All inquiries:

asintern@thecontemporaryaustin.org

GENaustin

The clubGEN volunteers are high school girls who serve as peer role models and mentors during biweekly middle-school group meetings. The high school volunteer will work with the adult leaders to make a lasting impact on the lives of girls and each other. The clubGEN volunteer is assigned to one middle school clubGEN group. The clubGEN volunteer will visit with the group members at least twice a month. At their visits, they will participate in activities to empower and support the younger girls. Visit the [Get Real About Girlhood](#) page to see FAQs and download an application. GENaustin also needs volunteers to help out with the organization's annual We Are Girls Conference in November. [Fill out the Volunteer Form](#) and someone from the organization will be in touch.

Foundation Communities

Foundation Communities provides affordable, attractive homes and free on-site support services for thousands of families, veterans, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. Teens aged 16 and up, can volunteer in the learning center program. For more information, visit foundcom.org.

Austin Children's Guidance Center

Volunteers (18 years and older) play with children up to age 17 in the waiting area while they wait for their appointment or when their parents are in consultation with staff and

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create a pleasant, structured environment for children. If you are interested in volunteering, you can email volunteer@austinchildguidance.org.

Latinitas

Our Youth Editorial Advisory Board is an integral part of our Editorial familia. The Latinitas Youth Editorial Advisory Board (YEAB) is a group of young writers ages 13-23 who assist with writing articles for our magazine. As a member, you can focus on expanding an area of the magazine with their expertise by writing about issues YOU are passionate about, no boring assignments from us. You are also asked to participate in our online social networking community (www.MyLatinitas.com) by blogging and using several of the interactive features on the site. YOUR voice will contribute to the voice of LATISM in the blogosphere. To apply, complete our online application at: <http://laslatinatas.com/yeab-application>

Mobile Loaves & Fishes/ Community Works

Volunteers commit to a once per month service (1st Monday, 3rd Thursday, etc.) on the same team. They prepare the sandwiches and load the trucks with clothing, food and toiletries. It takes an average of 1.5 hours, depending on the number of volunteers, to complete it. Teams can have around 8 people total. They require all minors to be accompanied by parent/chaperon/guardian as well as have a waiver signed by their parent as well if they are serving at our Community First! Village. If teens are interested in coming to serve by themselves at our Commissary, they can get in touch with Trudy Six (trudy@mlf.org), the Commissary Manager. Visit mlf.org to see the full list of volunteer opportunities.

Ronald McDonald House

Volunteer teams prepare meals in our kitchen to enhance our "home-away-from-home." Our kitchen has all the cookware and utensils needed to prepare a meal. This is a wonderful volunteer activity that is ideal for up to 15 people (including children). All types of community groups have prepared meals for our families including church groups, corporate teams and college organizations. If you would like to provide a meal but are unable to prepare it in the Ronald McDonald House kitchen, you may choose to have food delivered from a restaurant or catering service. To learn more, [click here](#).