

Discover meaningful ways to give back to the Vancouver community through a variety of volunteer opportunities. Whether you're passionate about environmental stewardship, helping local youth, or supporting the arts, there's a cause for everyone to get involved. From restoring natural habitats and mentoring future leaders to assisting at cultural events, your time and talents can make a real difference. Explore the list below to find an opportunity that aligns with your passions and values.

BIPOC Focused Opportunities

- **NAACP Vancouver Chapter**

- Support initiatives that promote racial equity, education, and social justice in the local community. Volunteer at events, participate in advocacy efforts, or join community outreach programs.
- Website: naacpvancouverwa.org

- **Latino Community Resource Group**

- Assist with programs that support the Latino community, including mentorship, language translation, and community events.
- Contact: latinos@councilforthehomeless.org

- **YWCA Clark County**

- Dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.
- Contact: hjobe@ywcaclarkcounty.org

LGBTQ+ Focused Opportunities

- **Queer Youth Resource Center (Vancouver)**

- Volunteer to support LGBTQ+ youth through mentoring, event planning, or advocacy initiatives.
- Contact: qyrc@pflagvancouverwa.org

- **Janus Youth Programs**

- Support at-risk youth by assisting with outreach programs or providing move-in baskets for youth transitioning out of homelessness.
- Contact: pvalenti@janusyouth.org

- **Triple Point Program at Children's Home Society of Washington**

- Help support LGBTQ+ youth through mentorship and activities in this safe, affirming program.
- Website: www.childrenshomesociety.org/volunteer

- **Vancouver USA Pride**

- Assist with planning pride events, managing outreach efforts, or engaging with the local LGBTQ+ community year-round.
- Contact: vanusapride@gmail.com

- **Clark County Pride**

- Volunteer at events or offer administrative support to help foster a vibrant LGBTQ+ community in the area.
- Contact: Email info@clarkcountypride.org

Food Security

- **Share Vancouver**
 - Focus: Hot meal programs, backpack food distribution, and housing resources.
 - Contact: Molly Evjen, mevjen@sharevancouver.org | (360) 952-8228
 - Website: sharevancouver.org.
- **Clark County Food Bank**
 - Focus: Sorting, packing, and distributing food to families in need.
 - Contact: volunteer@clarkcountyfoodbank.org | (360) 693-0939
 - Website: clarkcountyfoodbank.org.

Environmental Stewardship

- **Watershed Alliance of Southwest Washington**
 - Focus: Tree planting, habitat restoration, and education about water quality.
 - Contact: info@thewatershedalliance.org | (360) 852-9189
 - Website: thewatershedalliance.org
- **Columbia Springs**
 - Focus: Educational programs and events to promote environmental stewardship.
 - Contact: volunteer@columbiasprings.org | (360) 882-0936
 - Website: columbiasprings.org
- **Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge**
 - Focus: Habitat restoration, cultural events, and visitor services.
 - Contact: refuge@ridgefieldfriends.org | (360) 887-4106
 - Website: ridgefieldfriends.org

Youth and Education

- **Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Washington**
 - Focus: Mentoring, tutoring, and supporting youth programs.
 - Contact: info@mybgc.org | (360) 448-7089
 - Website: mybgc.org
- **Friends of the Library**
 - Focus: Supporting literacy programs and community outreach.
 - Contact: info@fvrl.org | (360) 906-5000
 - Website: fvrl.org

Anima Welfare

- **Humane Society for Southwest Washington**
 - Focus: Caring for animals, fostering, and event support.
 - Contact: info@southwesthumane.org | (360) 693-4746
 - Website: southwesthumane.org

Arts and Culture

- **Clark County Historical Museum**
 - Focus: Assisting with events, exhibit installations, and guided tours.
 - Contact: outreach@cchmuseum.org | (360) 993-5679
 - Website: cchmuseum.org
- **Fourth Plain Forward**
 - Serves as a driving force that bring together established systems, grassroots initiatives, residents, and businesses. Their shared goal is to break down the barriers that have hindered the community's progress. Hosts a few arts and cultural festivals throughout the year.
 - Contact: 4thplainforward@gmail.com
- **4 Days of Aloha**
 - An immersive festival celebrating Hawaiian arts and culture, featuring live performances, workshops, and traditional Hawaiian cuisine.
 - Dates: Late July
 - Location: Clark College and Esther Short Park, Vancouver, WA
 - Website: 4daysofaloha.com
- **Vancouver Arts & Music Festival**
 - A free, family-friendly event showcasing award-winning musicians, visual artists, and local performers. The festival includes live music, art demonstrations, and family activities.
 - Dates: August 2–4, 2024
 - Location: Esther Short Park, Vancouver, WA
 - Website: vancouverartsandmusicfestival.com
- **Vancouver Wine & Jazz Festival**
 - The largest jazz festival in the Pacific Northwest, featuring internationally acclaimed jazz, blues, gospel, and pop musicians, along with northwest wines, fine art, and food.
 - Dates: Late August (specific dates vary annually)
 - Location: Esther Short Park, Vancouver, WA
 - Website: vancouverwinejazz.com

Additional Ideas

- **Friends of Trees**
 - Seasonal tree planting events in the Vancouver-Portland area.
 - Website: friendsoftrees.org
- **Ilani Casino & Resort Volunteering**
 - Check with event coordinators for upcoming volunteer opportunities during major community events.
 - Website: ilaniresort.com