

# Voluntary Service from Home!

Finding meaningful Voluntary Service activities can be a challenge. If you are unable to find or commit to volunteer opportunities in person, you should consider the many ways of giving back from the comfort of your own home!

Please note that you should always talk to your Award Leader before signing up or choosing an activity. If you are struggling to find an Assessor who's not a family member, you can always ask your Award Leader!

## **1: Write letters to the elderly and hospitalized**

Being stuck in hospital or at home can be quite lonely especially when visitors are scares. Try calling your local hospital or assisted living home and ask if there is someone you could write letters to.

## **2: Sew blankets, beanies, and more for local hospitals and charities**

Make a difference in a little baby's life by making them a little blanket or beanie. Contact your local hospital and other organizations to find out if you can help.

## **3: Transcribe old documents**

You can help museums and nonprofits by transcribing old documents into digital formats. [Click here to learn about one such opportunity.](#)

#### **4: Create Maps**

Missing Maps is an organization that asks volunteers to review satellite imagery to create maps of place that have never before been mapped. They have 2 key objectives:

- To map the most vulnerable places in the developing world, in order that international and local NGOs and individuals can use the maps and data to better respond to crises affecting the areas.
- To support [OpenStreetMap](#) , specifically the [Humanitarian OpenStreetMap Team \(HOT\)](#), in developing technologies, skills, workflows, and communities. [Click here for more information.](#)

#### **5: Tutoring/ Mentoring younger students**

If there is a subject you love or are really good at you may want to help a younger student who is struggling. You can do this via video chat.

#### **6: Planting native trees or revegetation projects**

Many cities are having large-scale re-greening projects and programs set up to help preserve the natural environment. Look for free seed libraries to help get you started on doing your part for mother nature.

#### **7: Do graphic design for a nonprofit**

If you have an eye for graphic design, why not volunteer your skills to help an organization who's mission you believe in! It also makes for great work experience.

### **8: Create social media content for a charity**

If you love editing and making digital content, why not help out a charity and get some experience along the way. Hop on an online job board or email your favorite nonprofit and see if you can assist with their social media presence.

### **9: Volunteer to Translate with Translators Without Borders**

If you are already fluent in another language you can join Translators Without Borders and help to translate information from nonprofit organizations. [Click here for more information.](#)

### **10: Help the blind with: Be my Eyes**

Be My Eyes is a free app that connects blind and low-vision people with sighted volunteers and company representatives for visual assistance through a live video call. [Click here for more information.](#)