

Sites to use for Finding Volunteers

1. VolunteerMatch.org - Using [VolunteerMatch.org](https://www.volunteermatch.org) to search for volunteer activities is really straightforward and very simple. You type in your zip code and a keyword about the type of activity you want and you get a list immediately. I typed in 63132 and “technology” and found a nonprofit that teaches 4th – 8th graders how to use the computer. I was then able to send a message directly from the website to their volunteer coordinator expressing interest in the program.

2. Idealist.org - [Idealist.org](https://www.idealist.org) is another great place to search for volunteer opportunities online. My favorite feature of Idealist.org is the ability to drill down to the exact types of volunteer opportunities you’re looking for. After typing in my city in the search box I was then able to use the sidebar to look for only events. Once I was looking at events I could choose to see only walks, conferences, or fundraisers. If you’re looking to make a career in nonprofit work they also allow you to pull up available jobs or internships in your area.

3. Hands On Network - The [HandsOn Network](https://www.hands-on-network.org) is the volunteer arm of the Points of Light Institute, a large nonprofit organization inspired by President George H.W. Bush’s Daily Point of Light Award for individuals who have made a difference. Just like VolunteerMatch.org and Idealist.org you can search for opportunities by type and by location. While they don’t have as many opportunities listed as the others (only two came up for my zip code) they do have local “Action Centers” you can contact to help you find opportunities in your area. Also, you can contact someone within their organization who will help your company set up a customized employee volunteer program.

4. Just Serve - [Just/serve.org](https://www.justserve.org) is a website where the volunteer needs of an organization may be posted and volunteers may search for places to serve in their communities. This website is a ministry of The Church of Jesus of the Latter Day Saints and states they do not discriminate based on race, gender, ethnicity or sexual orientation to screen projects for posting or volunteers who sign up to serve. You can use your zip code to narrow your search.

5. AARP of Phoenix

6. RSVP Senior Corps