

2026 SUMMER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Here are a few opportunities but don't feel limited. Email, call, and personally introduce yourself to any type of non-profit in the area and get involved! Please feel free to email gate@portergaud.edu for more information!

1. **Children's Museum of the Lowcountry**. Sign up online to learn more about their summer camp needs: <https://explorecmf.org/volunteer/>. Super fun and very flexible!
2. **City of Charleston Youth Volunteer Corps (YVC) of Charleston** is now accepting signups for its Summer of Service program. <https://chsyouthorg.com/yvc/volunteering-programs/>.
3. **One80Place** Community Kitchen Volunteers Needed. Go online to sign up to serve breakfast, lunch, or dinner – grab some friends! <https://www.one80place.org/volunteer>.
4. Join local **Beach Sweeps**. Sign up online with Charleston Surfrider to be alerted of local beach sweeps, or follow them on social media. <https://charleston.surfrider.org/volunteer>.
5. **Engaging Creative Minds**, a local nonprofit in Charleston, is looking for high school students to serve as Junior Counselors for our upcoming Summer STEAM Institute. This is a six-week, national award-winning camp for K-8th graders in downtown Charleston. <https://engagingcreativeminds.org/volunteer/>
6. **Ronald McDonald House** meals. You can sign up with a group of up to 6 friends to make dinner, lunch, or breakfast. You can also bake items for the family members. And lastly, they love when volunteers create On-the-Go Meal Kits for families that spend all day in the hospital. Go <https://www.rmhcharleston.org/get-involved/meals-that-heal/> for more information and also feel free to email the volunteer coordinator: Volunteer@RMHCharleston.org
7. **Respite Care Charleston** needs student volunteers to help make their programs fun for their community and spread smiles throughout the area. <https://respitecarecharleston.org/volunteer/> to get involved.
8. **East Cooper Community Outreach** in Mount Pleasant needs volunteers to help in their Food Warehouse and Clothing Store. Sign up online: <https://eccocharleston.org/volunteer/>.
9. **Lowcountry Orphan Relief Distribution Center** needs volunteers (ages 12 and up) to help organize and sort donations to support local foster children. Sign up online: <http://lowcountryorphanrelief.org/programs/volunteer/>.
10. **Lowcountry Blessing Boxes** needs help keeping their boxes filled with essential toiletries and food items. Find the most convenient location for you to fill today! <https://www.chsblessingbox.org/>
11. **Our Lady of Mercy Outreach Center** on Johns Island needs help in their clothing and food pantries. Shifts are available Monday-Thursday from 10am-2pm. <https://olmoutreach.org/make-an-impact/volunteer/#volunteer-opportunities>.