

New England District of Circle K International Virtual Volunteering Resource Guide 2021-2022



Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly

Link: email Nikki Shults at nshults.bos@littlebrothers.org What it is: "Little Brothers-Friends of the Elderly is a national network of non-profit volunteer-based organizations committed to relieving isolation and loneliness among the elderly." As a volunteer, you can call elderly residents of Boston 2x a week to check in and keep them company NEDCKI: Every call is worth 30 min. of service.

United Nations Volunteers

Link: https://app.unv.org

What it is: The UNV's online platform connects volunteers with project assignments in order to contribute to the achievement of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. To apply for volunteer opportunities, you need to create an account.

NEDCKI: This can be done as a group and you can find volunteer opportunities through this portal.

Smithsonian Transcriber

Link: https://transcription.si.edu/

What it is: "Join 18,006 'volunpeers' to add more to the total 534,922 pages of field notes, diaries, ledgers, logbooks, currency proof sheets, photo albums, manuscripts, biodiversity specimens labels that have been collaboratively transcribed and reviewed since June 2013" **NEDCKI:** This can be hosted as a service event with multiple people working on projects together over a zoom call. Your VP of Service can help set up a time and date for signing up.

Link: https://www.crisistextline.org/become-a-volunteer/

What it is: Become a crisis counselor with the Crisis Text Line. (There is a minimum commitment of 200 hours.) "Crisis Counselors answer texts from people in crisis, bringing them from a hot moment to a cool calm through active listening, collaborative problem solving, and safety planning." **NEDCKI:** Have members email the club with their hours.

eBird Tracker

Link: https://ebird.org/home

What it is: Help track birds in your area to "contribute to hundreds of conservation decisions and peer-reviewed papers, thousands of student projects, and help inform bird research worldwide."

NEDCKI: Have members email the club with their hours.

Be My Eyes

Link: https://www.bemyeyes.com/

What it is: "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."

NEDCKI: Have members email the club with their hours.

Between the Bars

Link: https://betweenthebars.org/about/

What it is: Between the Bars is a weblog platform for people in prison which allows for them to scan in letters to tell their stories. They need volunteers to read these letters and transcribe them to a typed online format.

NEDCKI: 1. Have members screenshot each letter they transcribe. A certain amount of letters could then be set equal to a certain number of service hours. 2. Have an online service event where members work on transcribing letters while chatting with other club members.

Freerice

Link: https://freerice.com

What it is: "Freerice is an educational trivia game that helps you get smarter while making a difference for people around the world. Every question you answer correctly in the game triggers a financial payment to the World Food Programme (WFP) to support its work saving and changing lives around the world."

NEDCKI: 1. Create a private group on the website to track the number of "grains of rice" each member earns. A certain number of grains could equate to a certain number of service hours. 2. Hold an online service event where members answer trivia questions while chatting with other club members.

Free the Ocean

Link: https://www.freetheocean.com

What it is: Free the Ocean uses ad revenues so that for every trivia question answered on the site, 1 piece of plastic is removed from oceans. **NEDCKI:** Have members create accounts on the website to track the number of questions each member answers. A certain number of answers could equate to a certain number of service hours.

Distributed Proofreaders

Link: https://www.pgdp.net/c/default.php

What it is: "Distributed Proofreaders provides a web-based method to ease the conversion of Public Domain books into e-books. By dividing the workload into individual pages, many volunteers can work on a book at the same time, which significantly speeds up the creation process." (You must register to volunteer.)

NEDCKI: 1. Have members screenshot each page they proofread. A certain number of pages could then be set equal to a certain number of service hours. 2. Hold an online service event where members proofread while chatting with other club members.

Freekibble

Link: https://www.freekibble.com



What it is: For each trivia question you answer on the Freekibble website, Freekibble donates dog food, cat food, or cat litter to animal shelters. **NEDCKI:** Have members screenshot each question they answer or (if they create an account) screenshot the progress shown on their dashboards. A certain number of answers could then be set equal to a certain number of service hours.

Love Letters for Literacy

Link: https://lovelettersliteracy.org

What it is: "Volunteers create literacy kits for preschoolers in need. These handmade packets comprise 26 flashcards (A through Z), a short note from the volunteer, and a list of educational games to play at home."

NEDCKI: 1. Have members email a photo of each literacy kit they make. Each literacy kit can be worth 1 service hour. 2. Hold an online service event where members work on literacy kits while chatting with other club members.

Nationwide Children's Hospital

Link: https://www.nationwidechildrens.org/greeting-card

What it is: Design and write greeting cards online for patients at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

NEDCKI: 1. Have members screenshot each card that they make. A certain number of cards could then be set equal to a certain number of service hours. 2. Hold an online service event where members create cards while chatting with other club members.