



Madison House is the volunteer center for University of Virginia students. We organize service programs to address the needs of the community as well as the educational and personal growth objectives of students.

ADOPT-A-GRANDPARENT

volunteers provide one-on-one or group companionship to senior citizens living in nursing homes, adult communities, and private residences.

ANIMALS & ENVIRONMENT

volunteers seek to be stewards of place through tending to outdoor public spaces and improving the welfare of local animals. Activities include caring for rescued pets at the local SPCA shelter to repairing trail and much more.

ARTS MENTORS

pairs UVA undergraduates with under-resourced students from local schools to develop mentoring relationships and provide both groups of students with exposure to the arts.

ATHLETICS

volunteers engage youth in the community through organized sports opportunities. Volunteers serve as coaches for a variety of sports including soccer, basketball, swimming, football, baseball, and lacrosse.

THE BIG EVENT AT UVA

is a day of student-run service projects across the local community in April. During The BIG Event, UVA students come together to say "thank you" to the residents of the Charlottesville/Albemarle community.

BIG SIBLINGS

matches UVA students with at-risk youth for a year-long mentoring relationship. This program is in partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Central Blue Ridge.

BRIDGING THE GAP

volunteers mentor, tutor and play with children from refugee families who have been resettled in Charlottesville by the International Rescue Committee.

CAVS IN THE CLASSROOM

volunteers serve as teacher's aides in local elementary school classrooms. Transportation will be provided via carpool.

CHILD CARE

volunteers assist teachers with instructional and recreational activities for children ages 3 months to 5 years in day care centers around the area.

CREATING ASSETS, SAVINGS, & HOPE (CASH)

volunteers provide free tax preparation for low-and moderate-income community members through UVA Human Resources and United Way- Thomas Jefferson Area.

CREATIVE LEARNING AFTER SCHOOL AND SUMMER (CLASS)

volunteers teach elementary students a curriculum designed for enrichment and physical activity utilising the CATCH Program (Coordinated Approach to Child Health).

EDUCATIONAL EQUITY PROGRAM

is a virtual tutoring program in partnership with the Equity Center and Albemarle County Public Schools.

ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)

volunteers provide tutoring to community members one-on-one or in groups to improve their English proficiency.

HELP LINE (434-295-TALK)

is an anonymous, confidential hotline for UVA students. Volunteers provide callers with empathetic and non-judgemental listening. New volunteers complete a weekly training shift for an entire semester.

HOLIDAY SHARING

partners with the Salvation Army to brighten the holiday season for 100+ families in need by collecting, assembling, and distributing 'gift packages' in early December.

For more information, visit:

HOOS ASSISTING WITH LIFE OBSTACLES (HALO) volunteers work to address the issues of hunger, homelessness, and unemployment facing local residents at a variety of locations including homeless shelters, a workforce site, a legal aid center, and a food bank.

HOOS HELPING (VIRTUAL VOLUNTEERING) was created during the spring semester of 2020 to help connect the Charlottesville community to virtual volunteers from Madison House.

HOUSING IMPROVEMENT volunteers work to improve the housing conditions of Charlottesville-Albemarle residents in need. Projects and sites are diverse, ranging from full house construction to building wheelchair accessible ramps or delivering furniture for formerly homeless adults.

LATINX AND MIGRANT AID (LAMA) volunteers tutor migrant workers and others in the local Latino community in partnership with Albermarle Regional Migrant Education.

MEDICAL SERVICES volunteers provide assistance to staff, patients, and families at medical facilities in the community, including the UVA Health System, Martha Jefferson Hospital, the Charlottesville Free Clinic, and other partners.

RECREATIONAL THERAPY volunteers provide rehabilitation and companionship services through a variety of community partner agencies, including Special Olympics, Charlottesville Area Riding Therapy, Adaptive Ski, and more.

SUMMER & SPECIAL PROGRAMS serve Charlottesville-Albemarle Community in partnership with several organizations over the summer term.

TUTORING volunteers assist students in local elementary, middle, or high schools who need supplementary instruction in basic academic skills.

YOUTH MENTORING works with youth in structured academic oriented activities. Mentoring relationships develop through activities such as playing chess, participating in book clubs, learning computer literacy, or taking music lessons.

For more information, visit:

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