

These organizations aim to enhance the Greater Denver region and beyond by offering a variety of volunteer opportunities for school-aged children and their families.

Animal Welfare

Humane Colorado (Leslie A. Malone Center)- Denver, CO: Working to end pet homelessness and animal suffering. The Tales for Tails program allows students in **third grade through high school** to practice their reading skills in a judgment-free zone while also helping the cats and dogs in the shelter get the enrichment and socialization they need. *Contact: 303-751-5772*

Humane Colorado (Harmony Equine Center)- Franktown, CO: Working to end pet homelessness and animal suffering. The Tales for Tails program allows students in **third grade through high school** to practice their reading skills in a judgment-free zone while also helping the horses at the Harmony Equine Center get the enrichment and socialization they need. *Contact: 303-751-5772*

Hearts & Horses Therapeutic Riding Center - Loveland, CO: Enhancing physical, cognitive and emotional wellbeing through equine partnerships. Youth ages **8 to 15** can join the Barn Team and work to keep the horses happy, healthy and safe. Youth **16** years and older can participate in horse leading, side walking and handling. *Contact: Volunteer@heartsandhorses.org | 970-663-4200*

Luvin Arms Animal Sanctuary - Erie, CO: Providing exceptional lifelong social, emotional, and cognitive care to rescued farm animals, and advocating for those who have not yet been rescued by sharing residents' stories to inspire, educate, and empower others to embrace a more compassionate and sustainable lifestyle. On dedicated Family Volunteer Days, **all ages** are welcome to provide services for the animals who call Luvin Arms home. *Contact: kelly@luvinarms.org | 720-515-8577*

MaxFund - Denver, CO: Providing medical care for injured pets with no known owners, and seeking out new homes for these animals once they have recovered. Volunteer opportunities include helping in the dog shelter for children **14** years and older and helping in the cat shelter for children **9** years and older. *Contact: Volunteer@maxfund.org*

Rocky Mountain House Rabbit Rescue - Erie, CO: Rescuing abandoned house rabbits and finding permanent homes for them. Children **8** and older can volunteer as Pen Cleaners to provide clean and healthy habitats for sheltered rabbits. *Contact: recruit@rmhrr.org*

Basic Needs & Human Services

A Little Help - Denver, CO: Providing older adults with non-medical services and social supports. Volunteers of all ages can help with yard work and snow removal, assist with errands such as grocery shopping, pharmacy pickups, and mailing packages, or have a friendly conversation over the telephone. *Contact: office@alittlehelp.org | 720-242-9032*

A Precious Child - Broomfield, CO: Providing children in need with opportunities and resources to empower them to achieve their full potential. Volunteers **5** years and older can volunteer in the Donation Center where they will help sort through incoming donations, categorize items by type, place clothing items onto hangers, and bundle items. *Contact: volunteer@apreciouschild.org | 303-466-4272 ext. 129*

Benefits in Action - Denver and Multiple locations: Supporting those in need of assistance by helping individuals understand, access, and utilize food and health related benefits. Families of **all ages** can pack boxes of fresh and non-perishable foods at Food Box Assembly Days. Families with children **10 or older** may deliver food boxes together with prior approval from Benefits in Action.

Contact: volunteers@benefitsinaction.org.

Jewish Family Service of Colorado - Boulder: Improving the lives of individuals and families in need throughout Colorado by taking an integrated approach to delivering comprehensive support services. The following programs and opportunities are open to those 10 years and older when volunteering with a parent: Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) delivery, Holiday Package and Meal Delivery, and One-Time Volunteer Opportunities. Contact: nhosack@jewishfamilyservice.org | 720-248-4686

Jewish Family Service of Colorado - Denver: Improving the lives of individuals and families in need throughout Colorado by taking an integrated approach to delivering comprehensive support services. The following program is open to those **10** years and older when volunteering with a parent: Food Box Delivery. The following programs and opportunities are open to those **12** years and older when volunteering with a parent: Community Table Lunch Companion, Food Pantry Crew Member, Mobile Food Pantry Crew Member, and Weinberg Food Pantry Monthly Evening Volunteer.

Contact: volunteer@jewishfamilyservice.org | 720-724-9332

WeeCycle - Aurora, CO: Recycling essential baby gear and matching it to Colorado families in need. Dedicated Family-Friendly Volunteer Days are available and geared towards children ages 4 and up. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact: info@weecycle.org | 720-319-7792

Environment

Friends of Red Rocks - Morrison, CO: Involving citizens in preserving the magic of Red Rocks. Monthly trail clean-ups and special projects on the last Saturday of each month are available for volunteers of **all ages**.

Contact: Friendsofredrocksinfo@gmail.com

High Line Canal Conservancy - Multiple locations: Preserving, protecting and enhancing the 71-mile-long Canal in partnership with the public. The Conservancy Stewardship Program includes opportunities such as tree planting, brush removal, and trash cleanup. Children under the age of **14** must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Contact: volunteer@highlinecanal.org or hello@highlinecanal.org | 720-767-2452

Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado - Multiple locations: Motivating and enabling people to become active stewards of Colorado's natural resources. Select volunteer projects are open to youth as young as **6** and their families. Contact: emily@voc.org | 303-715-1010 ext. 113

Food, Agriculture & Nutrition

Food Bank of the Rockies - Denver, CO: Igniting the power of community to nourish people facing hunger. Volunteers **10** years and older can inspect, clean, sort, and repack perishable and non-perishable food items for distribution. Volunteers **14** years and older can distribute food to members of the community on the Mobile Pantry. Volunteers under **16** years must be accompanied by an adult.

Contact: Volunteer@foodbankrockies.org | 303-371-9250

The Farmette at Denver Jewish Day School - Denver, CO: Providing enriching outdoor classes for K-12 students combining food production, environmental stewardship, farm animal care, and nature appreciation. Community members of **all ages** can sign-up to feed goats, cats & chickens, fill waters where needed, collect eggs farm, etc. Contact: Akivlin@denverjds.org.

Housing

Extreme Community Makeover - Denver, CO: Coordinating volunteer teams to partner with Denver residents to improve their own homes and neighborhoods. Volunteers **6** years and older accompanied by an adult can complete exterior home and neighborhood improvement projects. Projects include alley clean-ups, graffiti removal, landscaping, painting, trimming bushes, yard work, and other exterior projects. Contact: volunteer@extremecommunitymakeover.org | 720-235-8847

Remote Volunteer Opportunities

Lasagna Love: Helping address the rise in food insecurity among families while also providing a simple act of love and kindness during a time full of uncertainty, stress, and loneliness. Volunteers spread kindness by making and delivering homemade lasagnas to neighbors in need. Contact: info@lasagnalove.org.

Project Angel Heart - Denver: Delivering comfort and support through high-quality nutrition services, including medically tailored meals and advocating for the principles of "Food is Medicine". Volunteers can bring cheer to Project Angel Heart clients by decorating paper meal bags through the Meal Decorating Bag Program. Draw cheerful designs, pictures, scenery, animals, or whatever comes to mind. Contact: volunteer@projectangelheart.org | 303-830-0202

Volunteer Search Websites

JustServe: A website where the volunteer needs of organizations are posted, and volunteers search for opportunities to enhance the quality of life in the community.

Project Helping (formerly Spark the Change Colorado): Connects volunteers looking to give their time and talents to programs and organizations that fit their interests and needs.

VolunteerMatch: Matches inspired people with inspiring causes. It's how volunteers and nonprofits connect to achieve remarkable outcomes.

Please contact organizations directly to confirm their current and most up to date volunteer opportunities, minimum age requirements, required accompanied parent/guardian policies, etc.