

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Erie, Niagara, and the Southern Tier

- Big Brothers Big Sisters offers local children evidenced-based, best practices mentoring through different program models, each designed to best meet the needs of the child.
 - **Site Based Mentoring (SBM)** is one-to-one mentoring that takes place in a structured setting at **Enterprise Charter School on Tuesday afternoons from 4:00-5:30pm**. Putting the focus on friendship and guidance, Big & Little match activities might include creating craft projects, an interactive presentation with a community speaker, participating in a group activity, or simply playing a board game or coloring while talking about their day.
 - A Big Brothers Big Sisters Coordinator is present at each visit to help these relationships grow through various planned recreational, educational and cultural activities.
 - <https://bbbsenst.org/our-programs/>

African American Cultural Center

- The mission of the AACC is to promote cultural preservation, quality leadership, and academic excellence through a unique approach to cultural advocacy, academic support, and community outreach.
- Located at 350 Masten Ave., Buffalo NY 14208
- Volunteer opportunities include:
 - Assisting in the Educational Directives Afterschool program M-F 3pm-6pm
 - African dance and theater
 - Possibility of revamping a mentoring program
- Tammy Curry, gainestl@gmail.com , [716\) 884-2013](tel:7168842013) (CONTACT Shana Richardson 1st)

Buffalo City Mission

- Mission: With the support of our community, we create lasting change for the thousands of men, women and children in Western New York experiencing poverty, hunger and homelessness.
- Location: 100 E Tupper St, Buffalo, NY 14203
 - Alfiero Family Center of Hope and Promise (see above address)
 - Julia Dressler; jdressler@buffalocitymission.org; 716.854.8181 X408, Senior Coordinator
- Volunteer Opportunities Include:
 - Individual (Kitchen assistance, welcome receptionists and more)
 - Group (collection drives, holiday and special events help and more)
 - <https://www.buffalocitymission.org/take-action/volunteer/>
 - Volunteers submit an application; they receive contact from the coordinator about best fit. A Volunteer agreement form is completed and a schedule provided.

Buffalo Public Schools Farmers Market

- Community Engagement, and Cornell Co-Operative Extension are working together to bring **FARM FRESH FOOD TO OUR COMMUNITIES!**
- **FARMER'S MARKETS FOOD DISTRIBUTION WILL TAKE PLACE AT MULTIPLE BUFFALO SCHOOLS' LOCATIONS.**
- DATES BEGIN JANUARY 6, 2024, AND END JUNE 8, 2024.
- PERFECT FOR HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE STUDENTS LOOKING TO **COMPLETE SERVICE HOURS!**
- MANY TIMES, DATES, AND LOCATIONS AVAILABLE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER AS A VOLUNTEER, GO TO:
<https://forms.office.com/r/niCNRmx5Ph>

Compass House

- **About:** Compass House was founded in 1972 as a homeless shelter. Today along with the Emergency Shelter, Compass House operates a Resource Center, and a Rapid Re-Housing Program, with a mission to provide runaway, homeless and street youth with safe shelter and services, through a voluntary and mutually agreed-upon process, in an environment that supports dignity, respect and self-reliance. Compass House serves approximately 300 youth at our shelter annually and an additional 300 youth at our Resource Center.
- **Volunteer Opportunities (Group & Individual):**
 - Yard work and various weekly tasks around the center
 - Skill building workshops for volunteers with special skills or things to share with clients
 - Fundraisers
 - June golf tournament
 - February Coldest night (walk in Delaware Park on a Saturday at 3pm)
 - Donations for the # of miles walked
 - Also need volunteers to run event
 - April night with the Bisons
 - December dinner
 - Internships also available
 - <https://www.compasshouse.org/volunteer>
- Contact Adam Noonan at (716) 886-1351 ext.114
[or anoonan@compasshouse.org](mailto:anoonan@compasshouse.org) for more information.

Delavan Grider Community Center

- Located at 877 E. Delavan Ave, Buffalo NY 14215
- Volunteer Opportunities/Programs Include (Individual and Group):
 - Afterschool Program (2:30pm-6; tutoring from 5-7pm)
 - Activities for Seniors
 - Summer Camp
- Fantah Whitt, Youth Director

- 716-896-7021; fwhitt@whittcare.com
- <https://www.delavangridercommunitycenter.com/programs>

ENERGY Program via Westminster Economic Development Initiative (Education, Nurture, Encouragement, Readiness, Growth for..., Youth)

- 724 Delaware Ave. Buffalo, NY 14209
- Donna Glasgow 716-449-6193
- ENERGY Tutoring: T, W, and Th 3pm-6pm
 - Volunteers work with students to help them with their literacy folders.
 - On Mondays and Fridays, students engage in additional enrichment activities, such as science, sewing, cooking, gym, art, and community service.

Feedmore of WNY

Feedmore was born from the healthy merger of two of the area's most well-known, well-respected organizations - the Food Bank of WNY and Meals on Wheels for Western New York. For many years, the two groups worked in tandem with a singular vision of ending hunger in our community.

Today, FeedMore WNY continues the longstanding mission of offering dignity, hope and a brighter future by providing nutritious food, friendship and skills training to its Western New York neighbors in need. Through their food bank distribution center and partner hunger-relief agencies, as well as our home-delivered meal program and other targeted feeding programs, FeedMore WNY alleviates hunger and assists community members of all ages throughout Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie and Niagara counties.

Volunteer Opportunities include:

- **Warehouse/Food Sorting** (Training will be provided and all shifts take place at our Holt Street location.)
 - **V**olunteer shifts for our warehouse are as follows:
 - Tuesdays-Fridays: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. (No Wednesday afternoon shifts)
 - Saturdays: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- **Home-delivered meals (Meals on Wheels) & Adopt-A-Route**
 - Volunteers assisting spend about an hour or two of their day delivering meals on a specific route. We have meal delivery routes throughout Erie and Niagara counties with a typical route taking about an hour to complete. These volunteers are helping to deliver much-needed nutrition for up to 12 clients during the lunch hour Mondays through Fridays (11am to 1pm).
 - Adopt-A-Route (AAR) partners volunteer in a similar manner to regular home delivered meal volunteers. They commit to taking on the same route out of a particular site on a set schedule (e.g. once a week, once a month, etc.), this is an

excellent option for businesses, schools, organizations, etc. looking to volunteer as a group.

- **Front Desk**

- Front desk volunteers assist at both of our office buildings (Holt Street and James. E Casey Drive), Monday through Friday between the hours of 8am and 4pm. Shifts run 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., or volunteers are welcome to volunteer for full days from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (with a lunch break). Volunteers assisting with this opportunity are responsible for answering phone calls, greeting guests and having them sign in, and other administrative tasks.

- **Companion Calls**

- Volunteers assist with calling our home delivered meal clients, checking in on them and providing them with some friendly socialization. These calls are meant to help combat the isolation that a lot of our clients face, as the majority of them are homebound, and very often the only person they see in a day is the volunteer who is delivering their meals. All shifts take place at our Holt Street location, and volunteers must be 18 years or older to participate.
- Volunteer shifts for our companion calls program are as follows:
 - Tuesdays-Fridays: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

- **Meal Packaging (max of 3 to 4 volunteers per shift)**

- On Tuesdays and Thursdays volunteers help with packaging frozen meals for our meal delivery clients. To ensure that all clients are still receiving the meals they need, during the weekend, our volunteers help to package frozen meals for them that then get distributed on a weekly basis. These shifts take place at FeedMore WNY's James E. Casey location. Volunteers assisting with this project must be at least 14 years of age (with a chaperone) to participate, and all volunteers should wear closed-toe shoes.
 - Volunteer shifts for our meal packaging program are as follows:
 - Tuesdays & Thursdays: 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

*All volunteers are **required to pre-register** for shifts. To sign up as an individual or reserve a slot for your group please use the following link: <https://www.feedmorewny.org/get-involved/volunteer/volunteer-signup-form/> .

Contact: Betsy Campbell, Volunteer and Event Coordinator at bcampbell@feedmorewny.org .

First Fruits Food Pantry

- Lincoln Memorial Church, 641 Masten Ave, Buffalo NY 14209
- Rita Hubbard Robinson (rhr.neuh2o@hotmail.com) and Alicia Mitchell (armitchell@alumni.iu.edu); 716-884-7664
 - Place food in bags for distribution, distribute food to community members.

Frank Merriweather Library

- Joshua Mitch, Branch Manager
- Various opportunities available

Hamlin Park School # 74 (Canisius Hamlin Park Mentoring Club)

- 126 Donaldson Rd, Buffalo, NY 14208
- Van Daniel- ([Say Yes navigator](#))
- Students can mentor a 4th or 5th grader, one on one, one time a week
 - Program takes place Tuesdays and Wednesdays 4:30-5:30 pm.
 - Contact Shana Richardson, Director of New Buffalo Institute, if interested

Jewish Family Services

- 70 Barker Street, Buffalo, New York 14209
 - Dasha Valuyskaya ; DValuyskaya@jfswny.org
 - Many opportunities, virtual and in person

Junior Achievement

- Junior Achievement (JA) is a global non-profit organization that prepares and inspires students to succeed in a global economy by offering in-school and after-school programs in financial literacy, workforce readiness, and entrepreneurship. Locally, Junior Achievement of Western New York has been serving students since 1958.

Location: JA of WNY serves schools throughout the eight counties of WNY.

Time Commitment: Varies.

40 minute sessions, 1-7 times

Schedule determined between volunteer and teacher.

Grade Level/Pathway:

- Kindergarten - 12th grade learning experiences available
- <https://westernnewyork.ja.org/programs/index>

Leveling the Playing Field

- Leveling the Playing Field works within the community to collect used/excess sporting equipment to ensure that every kid living in and around Western New York can enjoy the benefits of athletic involvement. Free donations benefit Title I schools and youth/after-school programs looking to engage their students in the physical & mental benefits of youth sports participation
- Volunteer Opportunities:
 - With the guidance of LPF staff, volunteers will work as a team to inventory, build & and sort incoming sporting equipment donations within the LPF warehouse.
 - **TIME** - Volunteer sessions are typically 2 hours and can be scheduled during the day, evening hours, or on weekends
 - **GROUP SIZE** - Groups can range from (5) to (25) people
 - Location: **79 Benbro Drive, Buffalo, NY 14225**
 - **Taylor Cicoria at taylor@levelingtheplayingfield.org**

Little Portion Friary

- Little Portion Friary is a homeless shelter located in Buffalo, NY. It is a safe and secure place for men and women who are seeking shelter and care.
- Location and contact: [1305 Main Street Buffalo, NY 14209](#); 716-882-5705
- Volunteer Opportunities (Individual and Group):
 - Manage and sort donations
 - Help with supervision during day, afternoon and evening shifts
 - Prepare meals
 - Clean and do laundry
 - Administration, bookkeeping and IT help
 - Marketing and communication support
 - Host donation drives
 - Needs include: Clothing, pantry items, cleaning products, personal hygiene products, outerwear

Mt. Olive Baptist Church

- 701 E. Delavan, Buffalo NY 14215
- Marcella Griffin
- Mrs.mwgriffin2012@gmail.com (**CONTACT SHANA RICHARDSON FIRST**)
 - Tutoring Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:30pm-6 pm
 - **Specific need for Math tutors and literacy support**

Most Valuable Parents (MVP)

- Most Valuable Parents (MVP) is an organized body of concerned Citizens (parent's) and organizations who stand in unity to make our City a better and safer place to live. We are Concerned Citizens who stand in solidarity to address issues that effect our City and communities. Our Target Area is wherever our services is needed the most, starting with Buffalo's East Side where [crime and violence](#) is most pervasive and where Programs, Intervention, Representation and Awareness is required.

None Like You/We Care

- 1001 E. Delavan Ave.
- Tutoring, Tuesdays 4-6pm, kids ages 6-12 yrs old
 - Special need for Math and ELA tutors
- Also has a community garden on Sycamore and Southampton
- Elizabeth Triggs, 716-533-9753
- etriggs0@aim.com

Resource Council of WNY

- 347 E. Ferry St. Buffalo, NY 14208
- Racheal Tarapacki rtarapacki@resourcecouncilwny.org (**Please contact Shana**)

Richardson first)

- The Resource Council of WNY operates a community center and strives to bring stability, hope and inspiration to the families they serve. Consistency and communication is stressed at the Resource Council because they work primarily with children and families.
- Monday-Friday: 3:00-6:00 pm*
- This opportunity is available starting October 3rd and follows the Buffalo Public School Schedule aligning with the days off, etc.
 - Tutors for after school
 - Volunteers for open gym time (during after school time)
 - Volunteers to teach chess weekly (Chess Club)
 - Volunteers specifically for reading with children to help them get to grade level reading skills (Book Club)

Teacher's Desk

- Christine Witten, Volunteer Coordinator
- 22 Northampton St. |Buffalo, NY 14209 |
- 716-348-3412 | volunteer@theteachersdesk.org
 - Volunteers complete an application and do orientation on their first day

The Tool Library

A tool library is a non-profit program set up to lend tools out to community members to help them maintain and fix-up their homes and gardens. Tools can range anywhere from hammers, screwdrivers, and shovels to power drills, circular saws, and sanders. Individuals and businesses can donate tools to the program which will then be circulated throughout the neighborhood for a small annual membership fee. This revenue stream helps cover much of the overhead associated with the service.

Where?

The University Heights, running from Capen Blvd. to LaSalle Ave. is a dynamic and vibrant neighborhood that has seen incredible changes over its lifetime. Situated in North Buffalo and bordering UB's South Campus, the highly walkable, diverse, and affordable neighborhood has begun to experience the neglect and disinvestment common to older urban neighborhoods. However, through low cost high impact programs like the Tool Library, residents of the University Heights and similar neighborhoods in Buffalo can be empowered to make positive changes.

Why?

The Tool Library will be open to all residents of Buffalo and its surrounding suburbs, whether homeowner, or renter. Thus, people looking for an alternative to buying expensive tools that get little use now have this resource at their disposal. Also, a tool library, in its most basic form,

exudes the ideals of sustainability and community by lowering reinvestment costs while also fostering greater cooperation and collaboration among neighbors.

Volunteer opportunities include various service days throughout the year, as well as Wednesday-Friday, 2pm-7pm and Saturday 10am-4pm as a Tool Librarian. Volunteers are primarily responsible for loaning tools in and out, signing people up for memberships, cataloging and inventorying new tools, and general day-to-day maintenance of the shop.

<https://thetoolibrary.org/volunteer/>