

VOLUNTEER AS A FAMILY

Volunteering as a family is positive, leads to a sense of teamwork, shows responsible actions, and lets your children know that their community needs them. Your children also will learn to accept others, gain useful skills, and develop habits that will help them use idle time when they are older.

- Get your whole family into a situation that is positive.
- Encourage a sense of teamwork.
- Model responsible behavior.
- Help children learn to accept others, gain useful skills, and develop lifelong, active habits.

There are many ways to find places to volunteer—through your place of worship, on the Internet, or through your local volunteer clearinghouse. Let organizations know about your skills and interests, your intentions to volunteer as a family, your time and transportation limits, and any special needs you may have.

Finally, interview the volunteer organization carefully. Will your time be spent in activities that are meaningful to you and your family? Will all the members of your family, despite their ages, be involved together? Once you begin working, make sure you and your family talk after each volunteer experience to be sure that everyone is enjoying it and achieving their goals.