

# Volunteer Opportunities for Teens

*Focus on South Dade*

## **Year-Round Drop-In Opportunities**

### **Planning with the Country Walk Branch Library**

15433 SW 137th Ave, Miami, FL 33177 | (786) 293-4577 | [imbimbog@mdpls.org](mailto:imbimbog@mdpls.org)

**Volunteer role:** Bringing in rolled balls of plastic bags to be turned into mats that are distributed to people experiencing homelessness

**Schedule:** Year round. Work is done on volunteer's own time, off-site

#### **Requirements/Things to know:**

- Must be 16 years of age or older
- Parent/Guardian signature for those under 18 years of age
- Can come in and be taught how to braid plastic bags or watch videos online
- The finished product needs to be turned in at the Country Walk branch library
- <https://static.libnet.info/images/pdfs/mdpls/library-volunteer-application.pdf> for form to volunteer

### **Homestead Soup Kitchen**

[homesteadsoupkitchen.com/help.php](http://homesteadsoupkitchen.com/help.php)

105 SW 3rd Ave, Homestead, FL 33030 | (305) 245-7448

#### **Volunteer Roles:**

- Volunteers help cook, prepare and serve the food

#### **Schedule:**

- Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 12:00 - 1:00
- *Must call ahead and speak with volunteer coordinator to schedule an appointment*

#### **Requirements/Things to know:**

- Must be at least 17 years old
- COVID vaccination required

### **Everglades Outpost**

[evergladesoutpost.org/volunteering/](http://evergladesoutpost.org/volunteering/)

35601 SW 192nd Ave, Homestead, FL 33034 | (305) 247-8000

#### **Schedule:**

- Volunteer needs to work at least one day a week

#### **Volunteer Roles:**

- Welcoming visitors and collecting fees
- Helping with general maintenance and clean-up
- Giving guided tours to visitors
- Assisting with or co-presenting wildlife shows
- Feeding and caring for the animals

**Requirements/Things to Know:**

- Must be 16+ years old

**YMCA**

[ymcasouthflorida.volunteermatters.org/project-catalog](http://ymcasouthflorida.volunteermatters.org/project-catalog)

9355 SW 134th St, Miami, FL 33176 | (305) 254-0310

**Volunteer Roles:**

- Mentorship - Provide encouragement and guidance to kids and teens
- Coach Youth Sports- Assist coaches and help kids with sports
- Afterschool Enrichment - Help kids have new experiences
- Members Service - Help provide a great experience to all members, guests and program participants
- Healthcare Professionals - Help us promote healthy living activities to members, program participants and staff
- Translation Services – Help everyone feel welcome
- Special Events - Join us for special one-time events throughout the year

**Requirements/Things to Know:**

- 16 and older to volunteer
  - fill out an application.
  - present a legal form of photo identification
  - undergo a background check

**Cybrarium**

[timecounts.app/cybrarium/applications/71bff320-1ad6-4cd8-8fe0-b55d23cb4223](http://timecounts.app/cybrarium/applications/71bff320-1ad6-4cd8-8fe0-b55d23cb4223)

80 W Mowry Dr, Homestead, FL 33030 | (305) 224-4410

**Schedule:**

- You can gain hours by working the whole day or you can choose how long you want to stay

**Volunteer Roles:**

- Help with various programs

**Requirements/Things to Know:**

- 14 years old and up

**Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA)**

[spca-sofla.org/get-involved/volunteer/](http://spca-sofla.org/get-involved/volunteer/)

24650 SW 167th Avenue, Homestead, FL 33031

(305) 825-8826 | [info@helpthehorses.org](mailto:info@helpthehorses.org)

**Volunteer Roles:**

- Host Fundraiser
- Help at Events
- Hug our Babies
- Research Grants

- Printing
- Sewing
- Property Maintenance
- Heavy Equipment

**Requirements/Things to Know:**

- You must have a current annual membership with the SFSPCA (\$30 fee)
- The minimum age for volunteers is 12 years old
- Volunteers under 17 years of age must be accompanied by an adult
- Attending an Orientation and Horse Safety Class is required of all volunteers
- You will be eligible to volunteer for Ranch Hand duties and other volunteer activities.
- You will also receive one volunteer t-shirt after you have volunteered four times at the Rescue Ranch. Additional t-shirts are available (for volunteers only) at \$10 each.

**Miami Children's Museum**

[miamichildrensmuseum.org/ways-to-support-us/volunteer](http://miamichildrensmuseum.org/ways-to-support-us/volunteer)

980 MacArthur Causeway, Miami, FL 33132 | (305) 373-5437 | [volunteer@miamichildrensmuseum.org](mailto:volunteer@miamichildrensmuseum.org)

**Schedule:**

- Can join during weekdays and weekends throughout the year

**Volunteer Roles:**

- Interact, teach and inspire Museum visitors

**Requirements/Things to Know:**

- Must be 16+ years old
- Orientations held every second Sunday of the month 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
  - virtually upon request
  - Criminal & drug screening (for some positions)

## **Year-Round Volunteer Programs**

### **Police Explorers Program**

[miamidade.gov/police/library/explorer-brochure.pdf](http://miamidade.gov/police/library/explorer-brochure.pdf)

10800 SW 211 St , Cutler Bay, FL 33189 | (305) 378-4300

#### **Schedule:**

- Weekly meetings (day depends on the location)

#### **Volunteer Roles:**

- You can partake in activities such as Explorer competitions, Explore academy, Participate in Ride-Alongs, & Community Events

#### **Requirements/Things to Know:**

- Must be 14 to 17 years old, you can stay in the program until the age of 21.
- To obtain community service hours, you have to attend weekly meetings/events consistently
- Curious Volunteers have to observe explorers for 3 weeks in order to obtain a form to join

### **South Dade Teen Court**

[miamidade.gov/global/service.page?Mduid\\_service=ser1542662620036905](http://miamidade.gov/global/service.page?Mduid_service=ser1542662620036905)

10710 SW 211 St, Cutler Bay, FL 33189 | [\(305\) 232-3831](tel:3052323831) | [teencourtinfo@miamidade.gov](mailto:teencourtinfo@miamidade.gov)

**Schedule:** for South Dade - Tuesdays at 5:15pm

#### **Requirements/Things to know:**

- [https://miamidadecounty.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_cNNGFAM4gThG0IZ](https://miamidadecounty.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cNNGFAM4gThG0IZ) for the form to volunteer
- Must be in Middle or High School
- Volunteer for a minimum of 4 months
- Any volunteer under the age of 17 needs parental permission

## **Seasonal Volunteer Programs**

### **Zoo Miami**

zoomiami.org/volunteer

12400 SW 152nd St, Miami, FL 33177 | (305) 251-0400 | [ZMVolunteers@miamidade.gov](mailto:ZMVolunteers@miamidade.gov)

**Volunteer role:** Teen Academic Volunteer program/Conservation Teen Scientist

**Schedule:**

- 15 days of volunteering over the summer.
- 2 days per month during the school year.
- Applications open in January, due by the end of April

**Requirements/Things to know:**

- 14-18 years old

### **Fire Rescue Junior Cadet Program**

miamidade.gov/global/service.page?Mduid\_service=ser1648580434870340

15890 SW 288th St, Homestead, FL 33033 | (786) 331-5000 | [mdfrcadets@miamidade.gov](mailto:mdfrcadets@miamidade.gov)

**Schedule:**

- Weekly Meetings

**Volunteer Roles:**

- Hands-on participation in the fire, medical and technical rescue aspects of the fire service
- Cadets provide first aid at organizational functions, provide manpower at community events, and further their training in the fire rescue service.
- Cadets participate in extensive training combined with a ride-along system where Cadets team up with Miami-Dade firefighters on medical rescue units as part of the crew.

**Requirements/Things to Know:**

- Must be 14-18 years old
- To join the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Cadet Program you must go through the Cadet Recruit Class which is a 4-6-week training program conducted over the summer and open to students entering high school.
- Cadets will receive community service hours for all first aid and community service events attended. A cadet may earn an average of 125 to 200 community service hours per year, depending on how active they choose to be in service activities.
- The application period for the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Cadet Program opens from January 1-31 for the summer recruit class.

### **Baptist Health Homestead Hospital**

baptisthealth.net/about-baptist-health/become-a-volunteer

975 Baptist Way, Homestead, FL 33033 | (786) 243-8162 | [hhvolunteerservices@baptisthealth.net](mailto:hhvolunteerservices@baptisthealth.net)

#### **Volunteer Roles:**

- Gift shop
- Mail Room
- Reception Desk
- Outpatient Departments

#### **Requirements/Things to know:**

- Parent permission for under 18 years old
- <https://baptisthealth.net/about-baptist-health/become-a-volunteer> for the form to volunteer

### **Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden**

fairchildgarden.org/volunteering/

10901 Old Cutler Road, Miami, Florida 33156 | (305) 667-1651 | [volunteer@fairchildgarden.org](mailto:volunteer@fairchildgarden.org)

#### **Volunteer Role:**

- In the volunteering program they practice horticulture. (trimming)

#### **Requirements/Things to know:**

- Open to community groups and individuals, limit 20 people.
- The age minimum is 12-14 with parents/guardians.
- Volunteer Information Events are held to educate the public and Fairchild members about opportunities and requirements.
- Volunteers first must submit an application and go through an interview and are then selected for certain programs based on experience, skill, and availability. In certain program areas, a second placement interview is required.
- For short term opportunities, they offer Special Events positions, and these do not require the same weekly/monthly commitment. These are open to students. Their minimum age is 14.