**Volunteering in the Time of COVID 19**

Many people feel like they want to give back right now. Here is a list of a few things you can do from home while you practice “social distancing”:

[Here is a list of ideas for virtual volunteering.](https://liftingbridges.weebly.com/virtual-volunteering.html) And here is [another article on the best way to get involved in virtual volunteering.](https://www.idealist.org/en/careers/how-to-virtual-volunteering)

Spotlight on:

* The[**"By the People!" program**](https://crowd.loc.gov/) lets you choose what papers to transcribe and [you don't need any experience to do it.](https://www.timeout.com/newyork/news/use-your-new-indoor-free-time-transcribing-rare-documents-for-the-library-of-congress-031920)
* Leave [poetry feedback on the **Free Minds Book Club**](https://freemindsbookclub.org/poetry-blog) blog for youth incarcerated as adults who are participating in book and writing clubs.
  + [Watch this video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LdWV9sHGw7U&t=17s.%20%20https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fw_-DpcX8Y0) to learn more about how to comment (this one is about hosting your own event, but it gives you an idea of what kinds of feedback to provide and how to be a virtual volunteer)
* Craft projects: There are some craft projects like the [red scarf project](https://www.fc2success.org/programsmentoring-and-support/red-scarf-project/) (for knitters and crocheters) and [knitting hats for newborns](https://www.archildrens.org/volunteer-services/donating-toys-and-gifts/knitting-for-noggins/knitting-for-noggins)  that you can do from your home.

A few other places to check out:

·         [VolunteerMatch](http://secure-web.cisco.com/1hFWni8AUXHuVxAudVEIc07yuKTQcJ5I-hfKHVjmdsCTMUWvD1JPSwX_pFFrRk_lOyuhVOcf1rZXPgVaUC42uAY7wDHRzauewFFKn17B9kMUzLfKEzH3VX2j7guO48uSqn-67wLwouMs4mQrk2FQvfaI_axO2RzqZzLMgXxTQSODpta8QGHtfxT2xPylHW9lNoSyNx9ciymAPG6tBFC9nqMf_LDxMBuOlcjsm_Nf1QfKXmSy_C3JqnndRoFWtkA-cc11kD4anPvp_uQe6H6NEUrXsUoJ_z3lIrOvQ1xiGNWjTzoUEe36DRbl-sEqlrS4xCYnXwhY9U5mBfQGeupRZUg/http%3A%2F%2Fwww.volunteermatch.org%2F) (this one allows you to screen for virtual volunteering).

·         [AllForGood](http://secure-web.cisco.com/1tsbpuU7azbl3Ccs55FeqSigSCViKHU0NZxIArRV71TyMZWx3Nvrq5nBZS87wGis8tt5qbygi1ygy8in5NnY5GdaF1D1mfWq-3ET6kdBmEz-OiI_zlEuS7QCbVm0a8pnSJThgatSrtsiRUEjX8X2y9Sb4-J9LGLZylnercv2Vk_73WU3JpGONbFcL4901SWYSRsIPSFCXEuFPZ8hn5GY3uw6z0eUqgt_9RRSsyXZtR_AxUTB6fdJZZrQtSmFXPOUwCm-e1BUg8oEXovlKkmoA8I99U3kmGnG4Nd1ocUfAepmJi1Iynk8juAmTzRcCqmc1tEQj5D18f9mVPlLGAc2wlg/http%3A%2F%2Fwww.allforgood.org%2F)