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## Community Service Opportunities

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### Opportunities:

- **The Crisis Assistance Missionary at 500-A Spratt Street in Charlotte needs volunteers to sort and hang donated merchandise.** Students ages 6 and up, with parental supervision, can sort clothing and help out in the production area of the agency's store. Help is needed on the first 3 Saturdays of each month from 9:00am-1:00pm. Please contact Crisis Assistance at 704-371-3000 extension 114 or [crisisassistance.org](http://crisisassistance.org).
- **The Society of St. Andrews "gleans" farms with volunteers that pick extra produce that is still good to eat.** The food that is collected is distributed to soup kitchens and food pantries. Most gleanings take place on Saturdays and children are welcome. Please sign up at [www.endhunger.org/north\\_carolina.htm](http://www.endhunger.org/north_carolina.htm).
- **Birthday Blessings** is a nonprofit organization serving homeless youth in the Charlotte, North Carolina area. Birthday Blessings provides birthday celebrations and gifts for homeless children living at emergency shelters or temporary housing facilities. There are opportunities to plan and volunteer at a party, contribute to and assemble goody bags. Families can volunteer together. **Website: [birthdayblessings.org](http://birthdayblessings.org)**
- **Conduct a peanut butter drive** in your neighborhood and donate to a food pantry. See [www.secondharvestmetrolina.org](http://www.secondharvestmetrolina.org) or [www.loavesandfishes.org](http://www.loavesandfishes.org) for ideas on organizing a food drive
- **Offer to give someone close by a "helping" hand...seniors and families with several young children can often use help**
- **Assist an older neighbor** by taking care of their pet, working in their yard.
- **Help provide childcare** at a community event (for example, offer to entertain small children while parents are volunteering at church or for a neighborhood event)
- **Rural Hill** Volunteering at Rural Hill is a great opportunity to learn about American history <http://www.ruralhill.net/volunteer.htm>
- **Pick up trash in a community area such as a park, hiking trail, lake front or the beach.** Remember to wear gloves and take a bag for trash collection.