

## Organization & Activity Ideas

ISACA Community Day is a day of celebrating the positive impact we can make globally when we give back locally.

Browse organizations and activity ideas for inspiration to get involved in your local community.

**Reminder:** all participants **must** log their time spent participating in [Helper Helper](#), our Community Day tool, to be included in ISACA's global impact!

*ISACA has no formal relationship with any organization listed below and does not support any particular mission; these are examples to inspire you to get involved in activities and causes of interest to you.*

*Have an idea to add? Email [volunteer@isaca.org](mailto:volunteer@isaca.org).*

### Volunteer Search Engines

Use these tools to find opportunities across a wide range of causes.

- AARP Create the Good - <https://createthegood.aarp.org/>
  - National portal (US based) of volunteer opportunities with flexible and one day service options.
- Catchafire - <https://www.catchafire.org/volunteer>
  - Skills-based remote volunteering; donate professional expertise
- Idealist - <https://www.idealists.org/volunteer>
  - International listings for volunteering and social impact work
- Points of Light Engage - <https://engage.pointsoflight.org/>
  - Global directory of volunteer projects and events.
- United Nations Volunteers - <https://www.unv.org/>
  - Global hub connecting volunteers with UN agencies and NGOs for service projects, including virtual.
- United Way Worldwide - <https://www.unitedway.org/get-involved/volunteer>
  - Find local United Way chapters in 40+ countries to get involved.

#### Activity Ideas:

- Browse and join a volunteer opportunity through one of the above portals.
- Use filters (virtual, family-friendly, skills-based) to pick what suits you best.
- Chapters can browse the lists above for organizations and NGOs to organize a chapter service project.



## Arts, Crafts & Maker-Giving

- Beads of Courage - <https://beadsofcourage.org/>
  - Support children coping with serious illness through beadwork & more.
- Color a Smile - <https://colorasmile.org/volunteer/>
  - Print coloring templates and send cheerful art to anyone in need of a smile.
- Days for Girls International - <https://daysforgirls.org/volunteer/>
  - Sew women's health kits distributed worldwide.
- Knitted Prosthetics - <https://www.knittedknockers.org/>
  - Knit/crochet prosthetics for breast cancer survivors; widely adopted patterns.
- Loose Ends Project - <https://www.looseendsproject.org/>
  - Finish knitting, sewing, or craft projects left unfinished.
- Phil's Friends (US only) - <https://philsfriends.org/volunteer/>
  - Create cards, care packages, and more for people with cancer.
- Project Linus (US only) - <https://www.projectlinus.org/>
  - Make blankets for children in need (check local chapter acceptance).



### Activity Ideas:

- Organize a craft night to make blankets, cards, or small gifts for local hospitals or shelters.
- Run a children's art drive to brighten community spaces.
- Collect unused craft supplies and donate them to local schools or community centers.
- Host a sewing, knitting, or crochet circle to create items for those in need.
- Coordinate with local hospitals/senior centers to create décor or activity kits.
- Partner with local reuse centers for a donation drive.
- Volunteer at a local shelter to walk dogs or clean kennels.
- Collect blankets, towels, food, or supplies for an animal rescue.
- Make toys or beds for shelter animals from upcycled materials.
- Organize a group walk, hike, bike ride, or yoga with donations pledged per mile.

## Animal Welfare

- Best Friends Animal Society (US only) - <https://bestfriends.org/how-you-can-help>
  - Connect with local shelters in your community.
- SPCA International - <https://www.spcai.org/>
  - Global shelter support & education.
- WoofTrax (US only) - <https://www.wooftrax.com/>
  - Log your walks to support shelters (bring a furry friend too!)
- World Animal Protection - <https://www.worldanimalprotection.org/>
  - International animal welfare campaigns.

## Fitness & Awareness

- Charity Miles (Primarily US-based charities) - <https://charitymiles.org/>
  - Walk, run, or bike to raise money for charities via the Charity Miles mobile app.
- Community 5ks/Awareness Walks - Various Organizations
  - Join or organize cause-based walks/runs (e.g. infant health, cancer, Alzheimer's, suicide prevention)



## Micro-Volunteering & Knowledge Sharing

- Amara - <https://amara.org/volunteer/>
  - Join collaborative subtitling projects for accessibility.
- Missing Maps - <https://www.missingmaps.org/>
  - Map vulnerable communities for disaster response.
- Paper Airplanes - <https://www.paper-airplanes.org/>
  - Provide free online tutoring to conflict-affected learners.
- Project Gutenberg – Distributed Proofreaders - <https://www.pgdp.net/>
  - Help digitize public-domain books.
- Smithsonian Digital Volunteers - <https://transcription.si.edu/>
  - Transcribe historical documents and scientific data online.
- Tarjimly - <https://tarjimly.org/>
  - Serve as a community translator to eliminate language barriers for people accessing critical services.
- TED Translators - <https://www.ted.com/participate/translate>
  - Subtitle TED Talks in multiple languages.
- Translators without Borders (CLEAR Global)- <https://translatorswithoutborders.org/>
  - Language support for humanitarian & development orgs.
- Zooniverse - <https://www.zooniverse.org/>
  - Contribute to scientific research from anywhere.



## Human Connections & Wellbeing

- 7 Cups - <https://www.7cups.com/listener/become-a-volunteer-listener.php>
  - Volunteer as an online listener (training provided).
- Adopt a Grandparent (UK based) - <https://chdliving.co.uk/adopt-grandparent>
  - Virtual befriending for seniors; accepts international volunteers.
- Be My Eyes - <https://support.bemyeyes.com/hc/en-us/articles/360005536558-Getting-Started-with-Be-My-Eyes>
  - Assist blind/low-vision people via live video.
- Cards for Hospitalized Kids - <https://www.cardsforhospitalizedkids.com/>
  - Create and mail uplifting cards for hospitalized children.
- Elder Helpers (US only) - <https://www.elderhelpers.org/>
  - Companionship for seniors.
- Letters Against Depression - <http://www.lettersagainst.org/>
  - Handwritten encouragement for those facing depression.
- Red Cross / Red Crescent Directory - <https://www.ifrc.org/national-societies-directory>
  - Donate blood or volunteer with your country's National Society.
- The Letter Project - <https://www.toloveourselves.com/>
  - Write letters to empower women and girls worldwide.

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- Offer digital literacy training for community members.
- Host a resume or job readiness workshop.
- Join a Wikipedia editing drive to improve local language content.
- Organize a letter/card writing session for seniors, children, refugees, etc.
- Support a global research project by classifying images or documents online.
- Organize book/laptop donation drives.
- Translate or interpret to expand access to other communities.
- Promote inclusive practices and disability access.
- Befriend/uplift/assist a member of a vulnerable community.

## Environment & Nature

- Arbor Day Foundation - <https://www.arborday.org/planting-partner>
  - Order trees or join partner planting projects.
- EarthDay.org – Great Global Cleanup - <https://www.earthday.org/campaign/cleanup/>
  - Organize or join a cleanup anywhere.
- iNaturalist - <https://www.inaturalist.org/>
  - Document biodiversity worldwide with a mobile app.



## Hunger & Poverty Alleviation

- Freerice (World Food Programme) - <https://freerice.com/>
  - Answer trivia; each correct answer donates rice.
- Global FoodBanking Network - <https://www.foodbanking.org/ways-to-partner/>
  - Connect with food banks in 50+ countries.
- Heifer International - <https://www.heifer.org/take-action/partners>
  - Support sustainable farming projects worldwide.
- Rise Against Hunger - <https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/>
  - Host or join a meal-packing event (20+ countries).

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- Organize a community litter cleanup.
- Host a recycling or e-waste drive.
- Plant a pollinator-friendly garden at a school or park.
- Organize a beach or park cleanup; organize a team and bring the supplies.
- Collect and donate non-perishable food for a local pantry.
- Host a meal-packing or sandwich-making event to alleviate community hunger.
- Organize a clothing, book, or laptop drive.
- Create “blessing bags” with hygiene supplies or non-perishable food items to distribute locally.

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