



## Leadership through Service

**HOBY Hugs**- Join Members from across the nation in making HOBY Hugs for our National Philanthropy. Our goal is to make and collect 1,000 HOBY Hugs. You can also design virtual HOBY Hugs on Canva using [this template](#).

**Make dog toys out of old t-shirts**- Have old t-shirts around your house you don't wear anymore, think about making dog toys out of them for a local humane society.

**Make cards for a local Children's Hospital**- Use your creative side to make cards and spread joy for a local Children's Hospital. You can also send virtual cards to [St. Jude](#).

**Cards for a local Hospice House**- Check out some information on [what to write](#) and [where to send them](#).

**Send a letter to an active duty soldier or veteran**. You can use [A Million Thanks](#) for the information on what to write, how to send and where to send it.

**Color a Smile**- Color drawings to brighten the days of senior citizens, our troops overseas, and anyone in need of a smile

**Decorate Lunch Bags for Meals on Wheels**- In addition to receiving the hot portion of the meal in a tray, Meals on Wheels recipients get the cold portion in a lunch bag. Add life to their meals by decorating lunch bags! Simply buy paper lunch bags and use your creativity, crayons, markers, stickers, or any art materials you have on hand. See instructions and examples [here](#).

**Make No-Sew Fleece Blankets**- These fuzzy fleece blankets are fun to create and they provide comfort to a child in need.

**Transcribe docs with the Smithsonian Institute**- Join 14,633 "volunpeers" to add more to the total 514,253 pages of field notes, diaries, ledgers, logbooks, currency proof sheets, photo albums, manuscripts, biodiversity specimens labels that have been collaboratively transcribed and reviewed since June 2013.

**Citizen science opportunities**- Get involved in several ways with National Geographic.

**Freerice**- Get this trivia app and feed others. Make it a competition between Members. "As you play Freerice and answer the questions right, advertisements appear on your screen. When you see one of these advertisements, you trigger a financial payment to the World Food Programme (WFP) to support its work saving and changing lives around the world."

**Compete in a Virtual 5K for a Charity**- Pick a race to complete together as a Chapter where donations go to a charity.

**Do online research**- Assist the Zooniverse with online research. You'll be able to study authentic objects of interest gathered by researchers, like images of faraway galaxies, historical records and diaries, or videos of animals in their natural habitats. By answering simple questions about them, you'll help contribute to our understanding of our world, our history, our Universe, and more.

**Transcribe Library of Congress Documents**- Improve access to history by transcribing, reviewing, and tagging Library of Congress documents.

**Translators without Borders**- If you are fluent in at least one language other than your native language, you can become a translator volunteer.

**7 Cups**- Become a listener after going through a training for those looking for emotional support.

**Be My Eyes**- Lend your eyes to solve tasks for people who are blind or who have low vision.

**eBird**- Track bird populations.

**LibriVox**- Read and record chapters of books in the public domain and make them available on the internet.

**VocaliD**- Lend your voice to be used to diversify voices we hear in speaking devices and apps.

**Learning Ally** - Become part of a team that empowers dyslexic, blind and visually impaired students to succeed in school and in life.

**Charity Miles** - This free app rewards a charity of your choice just by you moving. Every mile you move (by running, walking, or even dancing) will help you earn money for your charity. You can do it as a group and make even more of a difference.

**Forest** - Now more than ever, we need screen breaks. Give back while putting down your phone. Forest will plant real trees as a reward for taking a break from your devices.

**Free the Ocean**- What is the activity: Answering daily questions on Free the Ocean to help clean up the ocean. Each question answered removes a "piece of plastic from the ocean" and is about ocean trivia and knowledge. You can create an account that tracks your daily progress. However, you can only answer one question a day.

**Free Kibble**- You can answer daily questions on Freekibble each question answered gives 10 pieces of kibble. It does not matter if the question is right or wrong on this site. There are a couple of categories you can answer a daily question in such as feed dogs or feed cats. There is a cap on the number of questions you can answer daily without an account though. It is not possible to create an individual account on this site for free and membership is \$5 a month.

**Catchafire**- What is the activity: On Catchafire, nonprofits can advertise opportunities that they require assistance with. Individuals can then apply to help them with these activities. Some applications also require an interview. Activities that the nonprofits often advertise include things such as proofreading fliers or even helping them to create an online brand. Therefore, if you are a public relations or design major these opportunities may be something you have experience with. These activities often require a set time commitment of several hours a week for multiple weeks.

**ForGood**- This database is out of South Africa and they focus on projects based there, but they have a good online volunteering tool to utilize.

**Project Gutenberg**- Project Gutenberg is an online database with over 60,000 ebooks. Started in 1971, they are committed to creating the largest online library. The free books provide educational materials to those unable to access a regular library. Projects include: proofreading ebooks, procuring eligible paper books, and burning CD's and DVD's for those without internet access.

**Distributed Proofreaders** - As a volunteer on distributed proofreaders, you can work on tasks such as proofreading, "smooth reading" pre-released ebooks to check for errors, managing projects, providing content, or even helping develop improvements to the site. This means that there is a wide variety of online tasks that require various skills that this organization needs help with.

**Love Letters for Literacy**- Love Letters for Literacy provides handmade packets of 26 alphabet letters to pre-readers to promote early childhood literacy in at-risk neighborhoods. How can you get involved at home? Create themed alphabet cards - all you need are index cards, art supplies, and a good attitude! It is the perfect way to pass some time at home.

**World Hunger Quizzes** - Learn more about hunger by reading essential information on important aspects of hunger in the world and the United States, and answering several questions. When you answer one or more of these quizzes, Hunger Notes will make a donation to assist hungry people for each quiz taken. The donation ranges from \$.02 to \$.10 depending on how much money the organization has available for the hunger quizzes.

**Amnesty Decoders**- From the Amnesty International website: "Amnesty Decoders is an innovative platform for volunteers around the world to use their computers or phones to help our researchers sift through pictures, information and documents." This program conducts research essential to securing human rights for individuals around the world.

**Zooniverse** - Spend as much or as little time as you'd like to identify endangered animals, classifying galaxy systems, or transcribing Shakespearean manuscripts. There are a lot of interesting topics to be researched on Zooniverse.

**Code for America Brigade** - Brigade members work on projects to improve their local communities. In particular, the Network's Priority Action Areas are the best opportunities to engage.

**DIY History** - DIY History is a crowdsourced volunteer project from the University of Iowa's Digital Library. Projects include war diaries and letters, social justice publications, early manuscripts and fanzines.

**Bookshare** - Clean up scanned RTF files from other volunteers and format them, or use your scanner and OCR software to scan books in RTF that they don't have in the collection. This can be done remotely.

**Grand Canyon Historical Society** - Conduct oral interviews in order to preserve the personal stories and history of those who witnessed, or know about any aspect of, Grand Canyon's history.