



## What is Volunteer Connections?

The Helpline Center's Volunteer Connections program serves as the volunteer center for the community by providing the critical link between those who want to volunteer and the agencies that need them.

### Volunteer Promotion

**Online Volunteer Database** – Using the Volunteer Connections online database at [volunteer.helplinecenter.org](http://volunteer.helplinecenter.org), volunteers can search through hundreds of opportunities to find the perfect volunteer experience with a local nonprofit agency.

**Weekly Volunteer Emails** - Each week, four featured volunteer opportunities are emailed to individuals, groups, companies, churches and schools promoting upcoming service opportunities.

**Weekly Volunteer Texts** - Each week, a featured volunteer opportunity is sent as a text message to individuals, groups, companies, churches and schools promoting an upcoming volunteer need.

**Press Announcements** – Promote both specific opportunities and the overall merits of volunteering through local media.

### Volunteer Appreciation

**Volunteer of the Month** - 12 times a year, the Helpline Center and a program sponsor present the Volunteer of the Month Award to an exceptional volunteer in the community.

**Spirit of Volunteerism Awards** – In Sioux Falls & Rapid City, the Helpline Center holds an awards event in the spring honoring nominated volunteers from the community for their exemplary volunteer service.

**Youth Leadership Scholarships** - The scholarship program recognizes young people for their outstanding community service. Students must complete a minimum of 100 hours of volunteering to be considered.

### Volunteer Support

**Volunteer NOW** - The Helpline Center leads community-wide volunteer events, called Volunteer NOW, three times a year to encouraging individuals, families, churches, civic groups and companies to get involved in volunteering.

**Volunteer Fairs** - The Helpline Center partners with local businesses to plan volunteer fairs throughout the year with the goal of promoting your volunteer opportunities to workplace volunteers.

**Volunteer Projects** - Consultation on developing an employee volunteer program, personalized assistance in designing a day of service event or help in searching for a variety of volunteer projects.



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