# **Virtual Volunteer Opportunities**

### Zooniverse

 Engage in virtual research from disciplines ranging from biology to literature to medicine. Anyone can become a researcher through Zooniverse—no prior experience is needed, all you need to do is sign up.

# Smithsonian Digital Volunteers

 Help transcribe Smithsonian collections through its Transcription Center or work to add content about the collections to Wikipedia pages through the Smithsonian Wikipedia Volunteer Program in order for these collections to become more accessible for all individuals.

# Project Gutenberg

Join a network of virtual volunteers by becoming a Distributed Proofreader.
 Volunteers proofread individual pages of e-books to ensure the text is correct before being published electronically.

### Translators without Borders

 If you speak more than one language fluently, apply to help translate content for Translators without Borders (TWB). If you aren't fluent in another language, that's fine too! TWB needs volunteers to fill roles with website design, project management, and more.

#### Operation Gratitude

Help bring a little bit of home to military folks deployed by crafting <u>handmade</u> <u>items</u> and <u>writing letters</u>. Send thoughtful and thankful letters to the Troops,
First Responders, and Emergency Medical Personnel who are out responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### The Red Cross Digital Volunteers

 Digital Volunteers for the Red Cross help its Social Engagement team when disasters occur by engaging in a variety of social media strategies to assist those who have been impacted.

## Be My Eyes

 This app, available for download on Android and iOS, connects visually impaired individuals with sighted volunteers via video calls for instant assistance with visual tasks.

### 7 Cups

 7 Cups is an electronic platform that connects individuals with listener volunteers for free emotional support. The volunteer program has a training course that all interested volunteers must complete before beginning.

### LibriVox

 Volunteer to help create audiobooks from books in the public domain. No prior experience is necessary to start recording chapters. LibriVox records books in multiple languages, too, so no matter what language you speak, check it out.

# National Parks Service Web Volunteers

 Web volunteers can help the National Parks Service with testing and evaluating their web products. Check back to the site often, as projects are not always available!

### Right Here at Home

 Help eliminate poverty by signing up as a volunteer for Right Here at Home. The organization focuses on providing financial education and training in technology to those who live in poverty.

### Missing Maps

 Missing Maps is an organization that uses online volunteers to help map areas via satellite imagery and OpenStreetMap so humanitarian organizations can gather this information and better help vulnerable areas.

# • Free Rice

 Free Rice is a website partnered with the World Food Programme that donates grains of rice for correctly answered vocabulary questions. Take 15 minutes out of your day to help donate thousands of grains of rice to people in need. Check out other games on <u>Games for Change</u> to learn more about social issues.

## Virtual Student Federal Service

 Looking to volunteer for a federal government agency like the Forest Service, National Parks Service, or CIA? Join the Virtual Student Federal Service coordinated by the U.S. Department of State. Volunteer positions open up in July and run for a full year.

### Bookshare

Volunteer to proofread scanned books and properly format them—or scan them
yourself—to help make books more accessible for those with print disabilities.
This is a great experience for anyone who wants to casually volunteer when they
are able.

## USGS The National Map Corps

 Sign up to help crowdsource structures on maps for the US Geological Survey by joining The National Map Corps. Anyone interested can sign up and learn how to get started mapping—no prior experience is needed.

### National Archives Citizen Archivist

 Join the National Archives' Citizen Archivist program to transcribe, tag, and add comments to its records in order to make them more accessible/searchable for everybody.

# • <u>TED Translators</u>

 Translate various TED Talks into different languages via subtitling them by applying to be a TED Translator. If you speak more than one language and enjoy TED Talks, sign up today.

### Mozilla Firefox

 If you have experience with coding, or just want to help test prototypes of webpages and other new experiences on a web browser, sign up to be a virtual volunteer with Mozilla Firefox. This experience is great if you have an hour or two to help contribute.

#### VocaliD

 Contribute your voice to the Human Voicebank on VocaliD in order to help individuals with speech impairments have a voice that is "uniquely theirs," while also helping to advance voice technology. Recording your voice is simple on VocaliD and can be done at any time and at your own pace.

## FLOSS Manuals

 Love Free Software and have a passion for making tech accessible around the world? Volunteer with FLOSS Manuals, an organization that produces documentation about Free Software in multiple languages. Volunteers can write edit, and promote the manuals.

#### TechSoup

 Share your knowledge about technology with nonprofits and libraries by writing for TechSoup. Check out TechSoup's page on writing a good technology blog post to get started.

### All for Good

 Points of Light's online resource to find volunteering projects is a great tool to find thousands of virtual volunteering opportunities. Click on the link above to be directed straight to the list of virtual opportunities, or tailor your search to say "virtual" when looking for a specific project.

### VolunteerMatch

 VolunteerMatch is another platform when individuals can find thousands of volunteering options. Click the link above to be directed to their virtual opportunities. Additionally, if you are looking for virtual service tied to COVID-19, check out the "Help with COVID-19" tab on the left-hand search bar.

# • Help Librarians around the World!

 The Newberry, University College London, the New York Public Library and other places need help with transcribing vast quantities of historical records, diaries, photographs, and more. From menus to writings by astronaut Sally Ride, volunteer today by finding a project that aligns with what interests you.

# ResQWalk

 Find yourself walking your dog a lot right now? Download the ResQWalk app, which donates money to animal welfare organizations depending on how far you walk your dog. Don't have a dog? Offer to walk a neighbor's pet!

#### SciStarter

 SciStarter.org is a citizen science platform that relies on citizen volunteers to help with scientific research. Projects include taking pictures of threatened trees, mapping warbler songs, and many more! Filter projects by clicking "At home" or "On a walk" for the location.

#### STEAM Games

 Play games to help with scientific research. From Alzheimer's research to protein folding puzzles, take some time to play a game and advance science. Check out this list from MSU's Science Festival that had multiple games that you can start playing today!

#### iNaturalist

 Download the iNaturalist app on your phone or tablet and start getting to work by photographing nature. Your photos and videos will contribute to biodiversity science and help with research. You can also [participate in discussions about your findings with others.

# GLOBE Observer

If you've always dreamed of doing research with NASA, look no further. GLOBE
 Observer is an app you can download that syncs up with NASA satellite images to
 help report on environmental observations. Take pictures of clouds, trees, or
 look at land cover to be part of a citizen science project that spans 120+
 countries.