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## Youth Volunteer Program Agencies List

The following list of Agencies with Youth Opportunities with the minimum age indicated in bold. The information is accurate and up-to-date to the best of our knowledge. If you have questions about the agency please Maureen Cecil, 573-3399 x125 or [mcecil@volunteernow.org](mailto:mcecil@volunteernow.org)  
Please contact the Volunteer Center to set up an individual volunteer interview, 573-3399 x102 or email [jshay@volunteernow.org](mailto:jshay@volunteernow.org)

### **Animals**

#### **Assistance Dog Institute**

1215 Sebastopol Road  
Santa Rosa, CA 95407

*To evolve and enhance the assistance dog field through research, development and educational efforts. Places service dogs with individuals with physical disabilities and social therapy dogs in individual and group care homes. High school assistance dog program uses at-risk teens to train dogs. College program grants Associate of Science degrees, Bachelor of Science, and Masters degrees in Assistance Dog Education and Human-Canine Life Sciences.*

Contact: Jorjan Powers 545-3647

**Min. age, 16 Maintenance Worker**

#### **Bird Rescue Center**

Po Box 475

Santa Rosa, CA 95402

*Rescue, rehabilitation and release of all native birds. Educate the public about local bird species. Songbird Rehab a program of Bird Rescue Center.*

Contact: Alida Morzenti 523-2473

**Min. age, 12, Junior Volunteer Program - Training 6 weeks, long term commitment**

#### **Canine Companions for Independence**

*Training service dogs for differently-abled people. Help needed with maintenance around the campus, some possibilities to work with the dogs.*

Krista Hardcastle-Utarid  
577-1838

[Khardcastle-utarid@cci.org](mailto:Khardcastle-utarid@cci.org)

**Min. age**

#### **Healdsburg Animal Shelter**

Po Box 42

Healdsburg, CA 95448

*Provide for well-being of Healdsburg's homeless, stray, abandoned and unwanted cats, dogs while in our shelter and place all adoptable animals in lifelong responsible homes. Education on pet care, pet overpopulation and spay/neuter clinic. Cultivate awareness/respect for all animals with whom we share our community.*

Contact: 431-3386, or visit  
[www.healdsburgshelter.org](http://www.healdsburgshelter.org)

**Min. Age 16**

**Sonoma County Animal Care  
And Control**

1247 Century Court  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403  
*Provides animal control and shelter services for unincorporated Sonoma County, Santa Rosa, Windsor (Cloverdale and Healdsburg provided with service by contact). Services: Facilitate placement of adoptable animals; to reunite owners with lost pets; to improve the quality of life of shelter animals; to educate the public about responsible pet ownership and pet overpopulation.*

Contact: Greg Mortensen 565-7116, [www.theanimalshelter.org](http://www.theanimalshelter.org)

**Min. age 16 (ages 9-15  
w/parent/guardian)  
– need 4-6 mo. commitment**

**Pets Lifeline, Inc.**

PO Box 341  
Sonoma, CA 95476  
*Provide shelter, food, and loving care for stray/ abandoned animals. Pet adoption / counseling education. Educate the community on responsible pet ownership with emphasis on pet spaying/neutering. Volunteer programs, fundraising.*

Contact: 996-4577 x102

**Min. age, 13**

**Pony Express at Howarth Park,  
Santa Rosa**

*Work with ponies, and young children, must have equal interest in both. Volunteers will also work with the general public. Volunteers are mostly teenage girls.*

Contact: Linda Aldrich, 707-538-9323

Likes to have youth call her directly with dates & times they are available to talk.

**Min. age, 12**

**Petaluma Animal Shelter**

840 Hopper Street  
Petaluma, CA 94952

*Provide a safe environment for all animals in need. Provide public education, shelters, adoptions and lost/found services.*

Contact: Nancee Tavares 778-4396  
Agency Category: Animals

**Min. age, 10**

**Humane Society Of Sonoma  
County / SPCA**

Po Box 1296

Santa Rosa, CA 95402

*To promote a more humane society by: preventing cruelty to animals, advancing their welfare and protection, encouraging the relationship between people and animals, and improving the quality of life for both.*

Contact: Susan Holzer 542-0882

Agency Category: Animals

**Educational Program \$165**

**Saturday Program \$50**

**Min. age 15**

**Rohnert Park Animal Shelter /  
City Of Rohnert Park**

301 J Rogers Lane

Rohnert Park, CA 94928

*Services include sheltering stray and unwanted animals, pet adoption and education on animal care. Friends of the Animals in the Redwood Empire and the Animal Shelter League of is an ancillary volunteer organization that organizes volunteer and fundraising events for the shelter,*

*plus subsidizes the foster care program and spay & neuter program and advertises adoptable animals.*

Contact: Mickey Zeldes 584-1582

**Min. age, 12, with parent/guardian 4-6 month committment**

### **AIDS Services**

#### **Face To Face**

873 Second Street  
Santa Rosa, CA 95404  
*Provides emotional support, advocacy, practical assistance and in-home care to AIDS/HIV+ persons and their families and loved ones. Benefits counseling, housing assistance, case management, information and referral, education. Two locations: 873 Second Street, Santa Rosa; 13056 Third Street, Guerneville, P. O. B. 257, Guerneville, CA 95446*  
Contact: 544-1581

**Min. Age 13**

#### **Food For Thought / Sonoma County Aids Food Bank**

Po Box 1608  
Forestville, CA 95436  
*Food for Thought provides free weekly groceries, nutritional supplements and nutritional counseling to persons with AIDS and symptomatic HIV disease throughout Sonoma County. Eligibility: must have "Symptomatic HIV Disease/AIDS" or be "Disabled by HIV Disease/AIDS" or have "AIDS" as confirmed by a letter of diagnosis signed by the client's physician.*

Contact: 887-1647

**Min. Age 14**

#### **Sacks On The Square / Face To Face**

116 Fourth Street  
Santa Rosa, CA 95401  
*Sacks on the Square is a thrift store benefiting both Memorial Hospice, and Face to Face, the Sonoma County Network.*  
Contact: 541-7227

**Min. Age 13**

### **Arts**

#### **Occidental Arts & Ecology Center**

15290 Coleman Valley Road  
Occidental, CA 95465  
Educational organization committed to serving the community with programs in arts, ecology, and social justice. We also steward historic organic gardens and practice seed saving.  
Contact: Philip Tymon 874-1557

**Min. Age 16, garden helper**

#### **Chamber Music Society Of Sonoma County**

91 Mountain View Avenue  
Santa Rosa, CA 95404  
*To teach and perform music in Sonoma County. Small ensemble concerts are free of cost to nursing homes and retirement communities.*

Contact: William Braun 584-8863

**Min. Age 16**

#### **Mountain Play Association / Vom History Assoc.**

Po Box 2025  
Mill Valley, CA 94942  
*Produces "Mountain Plays" at Mount Tamalpais*  
Contact: Carrie Blanding 415-383-1100

**Min. Age 12, events only**

#### **Healdsburg Arts Council**

P.O. Box 1761  
Healdsburg, CA 95448  
*Dedicated to enriching the communities of Healdsburg and Geyserville by offering opportunities to experience artistic excellence and self-expression. Programs include Art on the Move annual juried art show, Artists in the Schools, annual Artists' Forum on literary, performance and visual arts, Strategic Cultural Plan Project, Art Beat quarterly newsletter, and marketing the Healdsburg area as cultural tourist destination.*  
Contact: Batja Cates 431-0319  
**Min. Age 16, help with Jazz Festival**

**Kid Street Learning Center**  
Po Box 6784  
Santa Rosa, CA 95406  
*Kid Street Learning Center (AKA Kid Street Theater or Charter School) provides a safe place for younger children and a supportive environment for older youth, helping to keep them out of trouble by providing a self-esteem building program as well as a creative outlet for their energies, while learning the necessary tools for dealing with their lives. We have an after-school program until 6pm.*  
Contact: Angel 525-9223  
**Min. Age 12**

**Petaluma Quilt Guild**  
421 Second St.  
Petaluma, CA 94952  
*Preserve and present the art of quilting through an annual quilt show in Petaluma.*  
Contact: Mary Lou Doyle 775-3661  
**Min. Age 12**, annual event in August

**Spreckels Performing Arts Center / City Of Rohnert Park**  
5409 Snyder Lane  
Rohnert Park, CA 94928  
*The Dorothy Rohnert Spreckels Performing Arts Center is a city-owned and operated facility dedicated to providing access to the finest and most comprehensive performing arts programming possible for the residents of Rohnert Park and the surrounding region, while ensuring access to Center facilities for presentations by local arts and civic groups.* Box office # 588-3400  
Contact: Kathy Kelez 588-3434  
**Min. age 16**

**Cultural Arts Council**  
529 5th Street  
Santa Rosa, CA 95401  
*Coordinating agency for cultural arts information, communication and programs. Produces monthly calendar, art exhibitions, ARTrails open studio tour program, arts education program, exhibits and slide registry. Agency supports the creative expression, appreciation of the cultural heritage and economic development in So. Co. through the arts.*  
Artrails@SonomaArts.org  
Contact: Krisha Montmorency 579-2787 x105  
**Min. Age 16**

**So. Co. Repertory Theatre "The Rep" / Sebastopol**  
104 North Main Street  
Sebastopol, CA 95472  
*To provide live theater, including classics to the community. Formerly known as Main Street Theater.*  
Contact: Mary Lou Sefton 823-0177

**Min. Age 16, ushering**

**American Philharmonic - Sonoma County**

Po Box 7438

Cotati, CA 94931

*The mission of the Cotati Philharmonic is to have the beauty of music and the power of community alive and available for everyone.*

We previously had them listed as a program of the City of Cotati  
Contact: Gabriel Sakakeeny 484-5448

**Min. age, 16**

**Children (services for)  
Make-a-wish Foundation**

235 Pine Street, 6th Floor

San Francisco, CA 94104

The Greater Bay Area Make-A-Wish Foundation® grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength, and joy. Our Wish Children range in age between 2 ½ and 18 years and come from the entire Bay Area. Proceeds from the Make-A-Wish fundraising efforts are used to fulfill children's dreams and create special memories for the entire family. Over 85% of each dollar raised is spent on wish granting and related program services. Administration and fundraising

Contact: Jennifer Johnson 415-982-9474

**Min. age.16**

**River To Coast Children's Services**

Po Box 16

Guerneville, CA 95446

*Offers free Resources and referrals for all families needing child care*

*information. Offers free or low cost child care in licensed homes or other settings as appropriate, to eligible low-income families in our Family Child Care program. Many support services available to families and child care providers. Spanish speaking staff available.*  
Contact: Elaina Boyce 869-3613

**Min. Age 16**

**Schulz Museum, Santa Rosa**

*Education Room Assistant and special events help at the Museum, hours vary contact for more information.*

Contact: Kristi Lucas-Hayden  
707-579-4452

[Kristi@SchulzMuseum.org](mailto:Kristi@SchulzMuseum.org)

**Min. age, 14**

**Environment/Outdoors**

**Creek Stewardship Program, Santa Rosa**

Clean up litter and debris from along the creeks within the City of Santa Rosa.

Contact:

Alistair Bleifuss

[ableifuss@srcity.org](mailto:ableifuss@srcity.org)

**Bayer Farm – Land Paths**

*Bayer Neighborhood Park and Garden is a working garden and park-in-the-making open to the public close to downtown Santa Rosa, it is a collaboration between LandPaths and the City of Santa Rosa.*

*Programs include Open Garden on Fridays from 4-8pm (weather permitting) and Garden Story Time and Family Fun on Saturdays from 10am-noon (weather permitting), and Garden Workdays.*

Contact: Magdalena Ridley  
707-544-7284 x11

[Magdalena@landpaths.org](mailto:Magdalena@landpaths.org)

Visit their website:

<http://www.landpaths.org/index.cfm/page/Volunteer-Powered-Properties-Bayer-Farm>

**Min. age 12**

### **Hallberg Butterfly Garden**

While visitors to the gardens may witness the wondrous metamorphosis of the butterfly, even more important may be their own transformation as they experience a new awareness of nature.

Contact: 823-3420

**Min. age, 14 gardening, docent**

### **Homeless/Hungry**

#### **Redwood Empire Food Bank**

*The mission of REFB is to end hunger in Sonoma County.*

*Volunteers help package bulk foods.*

Contact: Jim Roessler

707-523-7900 x23

[jroessler@refb.org](mailto:jroessler@refb.org)

**Min. age, 14, packaging & sorting food**