America’s Second Harvest Food Bank
Tampa Distribution Center, 4702 Transport Drive, Building 6, Tampa, FL 33605

America’s Second Harvest is a food bank, an Affiliate Member of the national America's Second Harvest food bank network, and services 10 counties in west central Florida. Since it began in 1982, the organization has processed and distributed 90 million pounds of safe and nutritious surplus food to those who need it most. Through combined efforts with over 300 partner charities and churches, America’s Second Harvest of Tampa Bay currently distributes enough food in a single week to provide over 50,000 meals.

Service Opportunities: Assist at events, sort incoming food and clothing donations.

Contact: Wilene Hayward at 813-254-1190
Web Site: http://www.a2htampabay.org/

Bakas Equestrian Center
11510 Whisper Lake Trail, Tampa, FL 33625 (Call for directions; do not use MapQuest.)

The Bakas Equestrian Center is a highly successful program offered free to physically and mentally challenged children and adults to enable them to experience the joy, excitement and challenge of horseback riding. Operated by the Hillsborough County Parks & Recreation department, the program provides exercise, socialization and competition for participants. Horseback riding sessions with experienced and certified instructors are offered at the John W. Bakas, Jr. Equestrian Center.

Service Opportunities: Assist with barn maintenance and horse riding classes for disabled children.

Contact: Gina at 813-264-3890
Web Site: http://bakasridingcenter.com/

Big Cat Rescue
12802 Easy Street, Tampa, FL 33625

Big Cat Rescue, a nonprofit educational sanctuary, is devoted to rescuing and providing a permanent home for exotic (i.e. wild, not domestic) cats who have been abused, abandoned, bred to be pets, retired from performing acts, or saved from being slaughtered for fur coats, and to educating the public about these animals and the issues facing them in captivity and in the wild. The sanctuary is home to the most diverse population of exotic cats in the world, with 16 species and subspecies of wild cat represented among more than 100 residents. These include tigers, lions, liger, leopards, cougars, bobcats, lynx, ocelots, servals, caracals and others, many of whom are threatened, endangered, or now extinct in the wild.

Service Opportunities: Call for details.

Contact: 813-920-4130
Web Site: http://www.bigcatrescue.org/
### Bolesta Center, Inc.
7205 North Habana Avenue, Tampa, FL 33614

Founded in 1961, Bolesta Center is a Listening and Spoken Language Center dedicated to teaching deaf and hard of hearing children to learn to listen and speak. At Bolesta, kids are not taught lip-reading or sign language, or placed in special education programs or segregated classrooms. Instead, Bolesta uses an Auditory-Verbal approach for the development of effective listening and spoken language skills to teach children how to listen, hear, and understand sound, using their cochlear implants or hearing aids, so they can communicate using spoken language. This means that our kids can attend mainstream schools, participate in sports, sing, dance, talk on the phone, play musical instruments, and participate in all other activities available to hearing children.

Service Opportunities: Marketing and fund development assistance. Education, curriculum and teach opportunities. Business and office work.

Contact: Kim Hanna at 813-932-1184  
Web Site: [http://www.bolesta.com](http://www.bolesta.com)

### Children’s Home Society
8306 Laurel Fair Cir # 160, Tampa, FL 33610  
Thrift Store - 7322 W. Waters Avenue, Tampa, FL

Established in 1902, Children’s Home Society of Florida (CHS) is one of Florida’s oldest private not-for-profit organizations providing services to children and families. CHS delivers a unique spectrum of social services designed to protect children at risk of abuse, neglect or abandonment; to strengthen and stabilize families; to help young people break the cycle of abuse and neglect; and to find safe, loving homes for children. Every year, CHS helps to improve the lives of about 100,000 children and family members.

Service Opportunities: Spend time with the children. Fundraise. Assist at the thrift store.

Contact: Nicole Nathan at (813) 864-1531  
Web Site: [http://www.chsf.org/](http://www.chsf.org/)

### Emergency Care Help Organization (ECHO)
507 N. Parsons, Brandon, FL 33510

Established in 1987, the Emergency Care Help Organization (E.C.H.O.) of Brandon is a 501(c)(3) non-profit community emergency food and disaster relief organization. Families who are having trouble making ends meet are given food, clothing, and household items assistance. E.C.H.O. provides help to Greater Brandon area single parents, homeless persons, retirees, families in transition, under-employed and unemployed households, grandparents raising grandchildren and others in need.

Service Opportunities: Assist with social enterprising and marketing, especially with Facebook and Twitter.

Contact: Stacey Efaw at 813-685-0935  
Web Site: [http://echofl.org/](http://echofl.org/)
Greyhound Rescue and Adoptions of Tampa (GREAT) Bay
PO Box 16775, Tampa, FL 33687

GREAT, Inc. is a non-profit greyhound rescue and adoption organization located in central Florida. The organization finds homes for greyhounds that can no longer compete in racing. GREAT has placed over a thousand greyhounds since 1990. Their main objectives are to educate people as to what wonderful pets greyhounds can be, to place greyhounds in adoptive homes, and achieve greater public awareness about the over-breeding of racing greyhounds and the mass euthanasia that results due to this practice.

Service Opportunities: Help with dogs at public appearances and events. Fundraise.

Contact: 813-971-4732
Web Site: http://www.great-greyhound.org/

Hope Children’s Home
11415 Hope International Drive, Tampa, FL 33625

Founded in 1968, Hope Children’s Home has rescued nearly 5,000 children between the ages of 2 and 18. Most of these children have been discarded, abused, unwanted, or orphaned. Some of them have faced life situations that left them a little off track. Hope Children's Home’s stated purpose is to share Christ with the children and mold them into Biblically educated members of our future society. Dormitories are provided for the boys and girls that can house a total of 80 children.

Service Opportunities: Help conduct art projects, tutoring, reading with the children. Hold drives for thrift store. Serve at special events in spring. They can accommodate service interests.

Contact: Merrill Stewart at 813-864-1536
Web Site: http://www.hopechildrenshome.org/

Hope Lodge (affiliated with the American Cancer Society)
12810 Magnolia Drive, Tampa, FL 33612

The American Cancer Society's Benjamin Mendick Hope Lodge is a short-term residential facility designed to offer housing, counseling and referral services free of charge to any cancer patient who travels to the Tampa Bay area for treatment.

Service Opportunities: Spend time with residents.

Contact: Serene Rawlings at 813-490-4700
Web Site: http://www.cancer.org/docroot/COM/content/div_FL/COM_11_2x_Tampa_Hope_Lodge.asp

Hudson Manor Assisted Living
115 E. Davis Blvd., Tampa, FL 33606

An assisted living facility that provides personalized care, helps maintain independence and enhances residents’ quality of life in an historic and gracious setting. They are committed to the health and happiness of our residents and their loved ones.

Service Opportunities: Play bingo and spend time with residents.

Contact: Valerie Troyano at 813-254-8399, ext. 2327
Web Site: http://www.hudson-manor.com/
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<td>Keep Hillsborough County Beautiful</td>
<td>10014 North Dale Mabry Highway, Ste. 101, Tampa, FL 33618</td>
<td>Keep Hillsborough County Beautiful Inc. is a non-profit organization that was established in 1992 by a group of concerned residents who saw that litter was becoming a problem in their community through lack of community pride, limited knowledge of disposal options and urban growth. The mission of Keep Hillsborough County Beautiful is to prevent litter, promote recycling and conservation, clean up and beautify our community through action, education, awareness and by fostering stewardship.</td>
<td>Assist with local clean-ups.</td>
<td>813-960-5121</td>
<td><a href="http://www.khecbonline.org/">http://www.khecbonline.org/</a></td>
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<td>Lowery Park Zoo</td>
<td>1101 West Sligh Avenue, Tampa, FL 33604</td>
<td>Re-opened at its current site in 1988, Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo is today ranked the number-one family-friendly zoo in the U.S. (Child magazine) and recognized by the State of Florida as a center for Florida wildlife conservation and biodiversity (HB 457). The region's only dedicated zoological garden, Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo was designed to enhance quality of life in greater Tampa Bay as an affordable leisure destination and center for education and endangered species conservation. Natural outdoor exhibits for more than 2,000 animals from Florida and similar habitats include a Native Florida Wildlife Center and manatee hospital, Asian Gardens, Primate World, Free-Flight Aviaries, Wallaroo Station children's zoo, and Safari Africa. The Zoo also features rides, shows and hands-on interactive exhibits designed to give you a WILD experience. The Florida Environmental Education Center (Zoo School) serves more than 147,000 children annually. Programs offered are summer and holiday camps, daycare, preschool, and kindergarten.</td>
<td>Clean the facility and assist with annual events.</td>
<td>Sarah Woolverton Mohler at 813-935-8552, ext. 296</td>
<td><a href="http://www.lowryparkzoo.com/">http://www.lowryparkzoo.com/</a></td>
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<td>MacDonald Training Center, Inc.</td>
<td>5420 West Cypress Street, Tampa, Florida 33607</td>
<td>The MacDonald Training Center is an organization that is dedicated to continuously improving the quality of the vocational, employment and residential services we have been providing to people with developmental disabilities in the Tampa Bay area. They were one of the first organizations to develop supported employment and supported living services as alternatives to sheltered workshops and traditional group homes. All individuals to whom they currently provide residential services live in their own homes, regardless of their service needs.</td>
<td>Provide enrichment activities through instruction, especially clay art. Music therapy.</td>
<td>Rita Hattab at 813-870-1300, ext. 252</td>
<td><a href="http://www.macdonaldcenter.org/">http://www.macdonaldcenter.org/</a></td>
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<td>Mayor's Beautification Project</td>
<td>400 N. Tampa Drive, Tampa, FL 33602</td>
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<td>Conduct environmental work. Write for grant funding. Fundraise.</td>
<td>Ronny Oliver at 813-221-8733</td>
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Metropolitan Ministries
2002 N. Florida Avenue, Tampa, FL 33602

Metropolitan Ministries’ mission is to care for the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless in our community through services that alleviate suffering, promote dignity and instill self-sufficiency...as an expression of the ongoing ministry of Jesus Christ.

Service Opportunities: Sort donations and assist with basic upkeep of the facility.

Contact: Marlene at 813-209-1002
Web Site: http://www.metromin.org/

Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI)
4801 E Fowler Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33617

The Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI) is a science museum in Tampa.

Service Opportunities: Assist with museum exhibits and events. Give tours.

Contact: Kelly Curington at 813-987-6300
Web Site: http://www.mosi.org/

Prevent Blindness Florida
1112 East Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, FL 33602

Prevent Blindness Florida, an affiliate of Prevent Blindness America, is a non-profit organization offering over 50 years of vision education and services. Our focus is promoting a lifetime of healthy vision care through advocacy, education, screening and research. You can help Prevent Blindness Florida by donation when you renew your vehicle registration and driver license.

Service Opportunities: Conduct marketing projects (e.g., viral marketing, in-kind gift strategies). Write press releases and perform other efforts in communications. Teach “Play It Safe” lessons (eye health and safety) in local preschools. Assist at vision screenings.

Contact: April Adkins at 813-874-2020, ext. 112 or aadkins@preventblindnessfl.org
Web Site: http://www.preventblindnessflorida.org/

Project Return
304 W. Waters Avenue, Tampa, FL 33604

Project Return is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people experiencing mental illnesses through educational, vocational, and supportive housing services so that they may live productive and fulfilling lives in the community. The organization offers a menu of services individuals can choose from including educational classes, social activities, work preparation and employment, housing options, personal enrichment opportunities, and access to other community resources all at one convenient location.

Service Opportunities: Art therapy.

Contact: 813-933-9020
Web Site: http://www.projectreturn.org
Ronald MacDonal House
35 Columbia Drive, Tampa, FL 33606 (Tampa House)

Ronald McDonald House of Tampa Bay is comprised of three Houses, two in St. Petersburg and one in Tampa, offering 66 bedrooms with private baths. They are owned and operated by Ronald McDonald House Charities of Tampa Bay, a non-profit Florida corporation whose board consists of representatives from our community’s parents, leaders, McDonald’s, medical profession and other interested individuals. Together, the Houses became a “home-away-from-home” and serves 2,000 pediatric families annually. The supportive environment at each of the Houses, offered through dedicated volunteers, staff and other residents, provides comfort and care to those who supply the love, understanding, nurturing and emotional support essential for their child’s recovery from illness or injury.

Service Opportunities: Assist with the upkeep of the facility. Spend time with residents.

Contact: Laura Wright at 813-254-2398, ext. 317
Web Site: http://www.rmhctampabay.com/

Seniors in Service
1306 W. Sligh Avenue, Tampa, FL 33604

Seniors in Service mission is to recruit, train and place volunteers to help children succeed and elders remain independent.

Service Opportunities: Spic and Span Program (Roll up your sleeves to help elders remain independent by performing tasks such as dusting, vacuuming, cleaning ceiling fans, scrubbing floors, washing windows and doing other work that is difficult for them. Spend time visiting with the elders, many of whom are lonely and isolated.)

Contact: Lisa Smiler at 813-932-5228
Web Site: http://www.seniorsinservice.org/

Shriners Hospital for Children
12502 Pine Drive, Tampa, FL 33612

Shriners Hospitals for Children is a one-of-a-kind international health care system dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing specialty pediatric care, innovative research and outstanding teaching programs. Children up to the age of 18 with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries and cleft lip and palate are eligible for admission and receive all care in a family-centered environment at no financial obligation to patients or families.

Service Opportunities: Spend time with child residents.

Contact: Child Life Department at 813-972-2250, ext. 7324
Web Site: http://www.shrinershq.org/Hospitals/Main/

Special Olympics of Hillsborough County
7402 N. 56th St. Suite 850, Tampa, FL 33617

The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for persons eight years of age and older with Intellectual Disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

Service Opportunities: Assist at sporting events (8-10 per year). Volunteer in the office.

Contact: Tom Denham at 813-545-4368
Web Site: http://www.specialolympicshc.org/
The Spring of Tampa Bay
209 N. Willow Avenue, Tampa, FL 33606 (Within walking distance of UT)

Since 1977, The Spring has provided sanctuary and services to more than 50,000 abused adults and their children. The Spring is the largest of Florida's 42 certified domestic violence shelters and the first in the United States to have an accredited school on site. Half of our operating budget comes from private sources including: individuals, corporations, and foundations. A United Way agency, we are a state-certified domestic violence service provider and nationally accredited by the Council On Accreditation for Families and Youth (COA) for the myriad of services we provide our clients.

Service Opportunities: Sort donations and assist with basic upkeep of the facility.

Contact: Brenda Rouse at 813-247-5433
Web Site: http://www.thespring.org/

Suncoast Primate Sanctuary
4600 Alt. Highway 19, Palm Harbor, FL 34683

The Suncoast Primate Sanctuary Foundation, Inc. is incorporated as a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation in the state of Florida and is run entirely by volunteers. The Foundation has become a haven for primates to live out their lives in peace and with dignity.

Service Opportunities: Call for events or to offer help painting enclosures. Assist with writing grants. Fundraise.

Contact: Debbie Cobb at 727-647-7136
Web Site: http://www.suncoastprimate.org/

Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary
18323 Sunset Blvd., Redington Shores, FL 33708

The Sanctuary is the largest non-profit wild bird hospital in the United States. It is staffed by experienced professionals assisted by over a hundred dedicated volunteers. Similar to a human hospital, it is equipped with emergency facilities, a surgical center, and indoor and outdoor rehabilitation areas. An average of 23-30 wild birds are admitted every day for a variety of reasons. Unfortunately, approximately 90% of these injuries are directly or indirectly attributable to humans. The Sanctuary is considered to be one of the top avian rehabilitation centers in the world.

Service Opportunities: Assist with outside maintenance care, advanced inside hospital care, inside office/gift shop, advanced rescue volunteers, and the student internship programs.

Contact: 727-392-4291
Web Site: http://www.seabirdsanctuary.com/
Sweetwater Organic Farm
6942 West Comanche Avenue, Tampa, FL 33634

Sweetwater Organic Community Farm was established in 1995 as a nonprofit community-supported urban organic farm and environmental education center in Tampa, Florida. It operates a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Membership program, Sweetwater Sunday Farmers' Market and Music Series open to the public, educational field trip programs for visiting groups, Healthy Living Series workshops, outdoor movies, seasonal events, and volunteer opportunities. Through a hands-on programs, visitors of all ages discover the wonders of nature, explore ecological interconnections, practice appropriate land stewardship and master sustainable agriculture techniques.

Service Opportunities: Water, plant and remove invasive species.

Contact: 813-887-4066
Web Site: http://www.sweetwater-organic.org/