

Community Service Opportunities

Always check [Volunteer Ottawa](#) for many different types of volunteer opportunities

AT SACRED HEART:

Grade 12 students can be a Peer Mentor. Please come to Student Services for an information and application package.

Any student who feels confident in a subject can apply to be a Peer Tutor. Please come to Student Services for an information and application package.

Current:

Christmas Social Event @ St. Philip Elementary School:

We're hosting our Christmas Social on **December 4, 2025 from 6pm to 8pm** at the school, and we'd love to have Sacred Heart High School students involved again!

We're looking for volunteers to assist with things like setup, activity stations (crafts, games, etc.), general support, and cleanup. This is a fantastic way for students to earn their volunteer hours and have a fun, rewarding experience.

Please use this sign-up form

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSczShBz8aMYxyhwrnfOzZG9HiExaUA4FV3MtJI8-T2hVVLuUQ/viewform?usp=header>

While we will take sign ups all the way up to the event, we would appreciate having a solid list by **November 27th** so that we can communicate with all volunteers about a week prior with their official assignments.

CARP SANTA CLAUS PARADE:

Looking for help to create a magical night filled with holiday cheer, twinkling lights and festive fun. December 13th at 6pm.

Please contact carpsantaparade@gmail.com

Stittsville Parade of Lights

Stittsville Village Association, our Parade of Lights is on December 6 at 6:00 p.m. this year. We are looking for volunteers to assist with the barricades the night before and day of and after the parade, as well as volunteers to stand by the barricades during the parade along with other additional and necessary tasks. Every year we have approximately 150 volunteers and the parade would not be possible without. I am wondering if you wouldn't mind forwarding this link to students in your school, and or teachers, anyone who may be interested in assisting, we do sign volunteer forms for school requirements as well.

Link to register: <https://forms.gle/ySf4dRgbG1yxpT5XA>

HELP SANTA TOY PARADE

Ottawa's largest holiday parade and a significant contributor to Toy Mountain. Toy Mountain gives toys to local families that might otherwise not be able to have gifts at Christmas.

They are seeking volunteers to support parade route management and in the past, they have been supported by high school students looking to complete their Community Involvement hours. They are looking for student volunteers on Saturday, November 22, between 8:30am and 1:30pm.

Use this link for more information and to register to volunteer: [Help Santa Toy Parade registration](#)

Girl Guides

We have some volunteer opportunities that we're hoping you'll share with your female-identifying youth aged 16+: We are looking for volunteers to help with Girl Guides Sparks (aged 5-6), Embers (aged 7-8) and Guides (aged 9-11) units in various locations and on various weeknights Monday through Thursday.

Youth would be paired with a single unit and would help at meetings that are 1-2 hours long depending on the unit. They would help younger youth with crafts, games, and other activities. This is a great opportunity to enhance their leadership skills and make a difference in the community.

The time commitment would be for the remainder of the school year until the unit ends around May/June. Please contact Julia Campbell at jon-acl27@girlguides.ca

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Tartan Bazaar & Christmas Café

Once again this year, our church is hosting our Tartan Bazaar & Christmas Café. The Bazaar takes place on Saturday, November 15th, 2023. We would need the students from 9:30am to 2:30pm that day, as well as, Friday, November 14th from 6:00pm for about 2 hours. They must provide their own transportation to and from the Kars R.A. Centre.

standrewschurchkars@gmail.com

613-894-4811

Chicken Sanctuary

We are thrilled to introduce you to a new program specifically designed for high school students who are interested in becoming leaders in the areas of animal care and climate solutions!

[Leaders for Ethics, Animals, and the Planet \(LEAP\)](#) offers community building, leadership training, and [hands-on learning that focuses on animal rescue and care](#), introductory veterinary medicine, ethics, the impacts of the current food system on the environment and human rights, as well as climate solutions and the future of animal welfare.

As part of the LEAP program, participants will be presented with monthly collaborative curriculum modules at [Secondhand Stories Chicken Sanctuary](#) along with opportunities to learn from professionals in fields such as animal law, food science, veterinary medicine, sanctuary management, renewable energy, and more.

Along with an interactive monthly lesson and hands-on workshop at the sanctuary, students will participate in four service hours per month and get training in sanctuary responsibilities, animal care, gardening, rewilding the land, and more. They will also learn basic entrepreneurial skills and will practice public speaking and leadership by learning to effectively educate the community via tours, events, and educational presentations.

[Applications are now open](#)

St. Thomas Church, Stittsville - looking for help during their OPEN TABLE community meals. This is a free dinner for community members and there are no reservations and numbers keep rising. They need MORE volunteers. This dinner takes place every THIRD SATURDAY of the month from Sept. to June. Please contact Carolyn Cheer, the Parish Administrator:
stthomasstittsville@gmail.com or 613-836-5741

Volunteer Connect :

Volunteer Connect helps residents of Ottawa find and sign up for the latest volunteer opportunities at festivals, special events, and fairs. Please look at this website for opportunities that interest you: [Volunteer Ottawa Festivals](#)

ONGOING:

Working with Animals

[Ottawa Humane Society](#)
[Furry Tales](#) - Smiths Falls
[Wild Bird Sanctuary](#)

Local Food Banks

[Richmond Food bank](#)
[Stittsville Food Bank](#)

[Kanata Food Cupboard](#)

North Gower and District Food Bank - 613-489-3633

Summer Camp Volunteer Opportunities

[Zoo Crew - Junior Leader Program](#)

Smiles for Seniors

Students can email/connect with individual retirement homes to see if they want Christmas cards/thinking of you cards for their residents. Ask if they will give volunteer hours for this initiative. Another way to receive hours for this is through Smiles for Seniors Ottawa, an organization run by local teens, who delivers cards to retirement facilities on behalf of students. Please see their website for more details: [Smiles for Seniors Ottawa](#)