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Organizations listed serve Gilbert residents in need

A New Leaf:

Provides individuals and families in crisis or homeless services & shelters

<http://www.turnanewleaf.org/make-difference/how.html>

- Group Opportunities:
 - Prepare and Serve a Meal
 - Dinner and sack lunches are provided for 94 men living in A New Leaf's East Valley Men's Center 365 days a year. The kitchen is a licensed facility by the Arizona Department of Health Services. Dinners are purchased, prepared and served by volunteer groups. Sack lunches are purchased, prepared and can be delivered on site the night before the lunch is needed.
- One-Time Group Project
 - Day of Service projects may include:
 - Outdoor sweeping and raking
 - Window washing
 - Sanitizing kitchens and classrooms
 - Providing an on-site holiday party to include refreshments and activities
- Donation Drives
 - Collection of any NEW item, from kitchenware, appliances, linens, non-perishable food, toiletries, and the list goes on.
 - Official Drives
 - **January, February, & March:** *Paper & Hygiene*
 - **April & May:** *Non-Perishable Food*
 - **June & July:** *Back to School*
 - **August & September:** *Pillows, Linen, & Kitchenware*
 - **October, November, & December:** *Holiday Giving*

Aid to Adoption of Special Kids (AASK)

Focuses on finding relationships for children in the AZ foster care system to ensure every child has someone who cares.

<http://www.aask-az.org/mentoring>

Volunteers with the AASK mentoring program are matched with children and youth from two age groups, based on their personal interests and mentoring skills.

- Younger children (ages 9-15) - Become extended family for the child, joining them in fun activities, helping with homework or just being there when they need to talk.
- Older youth (ages 16-21) - Build a relationship with that youth, helping them develop essential life skills as they transition into adulthood.

About Care

Empowering independent living for Gilbert residents, especially those who are elderly & physically challenged

<http://www.aboutcare.org/volunteers>

- Volunteers provide services free of charge to help our neighbors meet basic needs, reduce isolation and remain independent in their homes. Services include:
 - Transportation – to medical appointments, shopping and errands
 - Friendly visits
 - Reassurance phone calls
 - Minor home repairs
 - Business Help

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- Respite for caregivers
- Case Management
- Senior Community Wellness

AZCEND

Offers services such as food boxes, senior nutrition & activities, rent & utility assistance, homeless services, case management, and family programming

<http://azcend.org/groups/>

- Volunteers assist in a variety of programs including the Family Resource Center, Community Action Program, Food Bank, Senior Centers, and I-HELP. Bilingual abilities are an added bonus.
- Specific activities include:
 - I-HELP (Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program-churches provide one night of shelter, a meal, laundry service and friendship to local persons who are homeless
 - Early Literacy Mentor
 - Supplemental Food Bank Distribution (excellent for groups)
 - Emergency Food Bank Team
 - Produce Sorter
 - Kitchen Assistant for Senior Meal program
 - Activities assistant for Senior activities
 - Home Delivered meals driver

Alzheimer's Association

Provide education and support to all those facing Alzheimer's and other dementias including those living with the disease, caregivers, health care professionals and families.

<https://www.alz.org/dsw>

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Provides mentoring opportunities to youth ages 6-18

[http://www.bbbs.org/site/c.9iILl3NGKhK6F/b.5962345/k.E123/Volunteer to start something.htm](http://www.bbbs.org/site/c.9iILl3NGKhK6F/b.5962345/k.E123/Volunteer%20to%20start%20something.htm)

- For just a few hours, a couple times a month, volunteers can give a Little the invaluable gift of friendship.
- Volunteering is just a few hours a month with each a child
- Activities are simple and can include playing a board game, making fun crafts, or hitting the playground together.
- Donations also accepted to help fund the careful one-to-one matching and ongoing professional mentoring support unique to Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Boost a Foster Family

Meets the needs of low income kinship families applying for foster care licensure.

<http://boostafosterfamily.org/>

- Donate Items: Gift cards or specific items (Amazon, Walmart, CPR & First Aid Training Kit \$50, Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Alarm \$30, Pet Immunizations \$50, Security Safe \$50, Medical Physical Exam \$75, ABC Type Fire Extinguisher \$75, Locking Medical Cabinet \$20, Magnet Cabinet Lock \$25))
- Donate a Starter Kit is the inclusion of those items above for the cost starting at \$200.
- Start a Drive - Do a drive for a certain item such as first aid kit or money. Simply fill out the contract at the link below. <http://boostafosterfamily.org/index/start-a-drive/>
- Donate a Rabies Vaccine -Noe's Ark Animal Hospital in Mesa, Arizona has partnered with Boost A Foster Family and gives out a free examination and Rabies Vaccines to kinship families who have the voucher. This voucher will cover the cost of the vaccine exam and rabies vaccine only. Other items such as dog food or other expenses are NOT covered.

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Boys & Girls Club-Gilbert Branch

Provides education & career programs, character & leadership programs, health and life skills, and arts, sports, fitness and recreation opportunities

<http://m.clubzona.org/site/clubzona1/get-involved?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.clubzona.org%2Fget-involved%2F#2645>

- Volunteer opportunities include
 - Fundraising or Administration
 - Professional or Program assistance (teaching, coaching sports, homework help, etc)
 - Maintenance needs

Central Arizona Shelter Services: (CASS)

Provides shelter and supportive services to homeless men, women & children

<http://www.cassaz.org/how-to-help.html>

- CASS offers many rewarding, creative and exciting group volunteer opportunities. Groups can organize a number of off-site and on-site projects that directly benefit the homeless or help CASS to build its capacity. The opportunities are endless and only limited by your creativity!
 1. Work directly with the Homeless.
 2. Education is power. Teach enrichment and life skills classes such as music, arts, parenting, wellness, budgeting, interviewing, etc.
 3. Help to clean and maintain our facilities.
 4. Sorting and taking inventory of donations in our Vista Colina Emergency Family Shelter Clothing/Food Bank and Downtown Shelter Donation Center.
 5. Prepare and clean apartments for families who are entering our program for the first time.
 6. Clean playground and the child development center at Vista Colina.
 7. Help CASS to build capacity.
 8. Organize a donation drive or fundraiser to help raise items from organization Wish Lists.

Child Crisis Arizona

Provides emergency services and shelter for children

<http://childcrisisaz.org/how-you-can-help/volunteer/>

Groups of volunteers can:

- Organize collection drives
- Plan an activity for kids in the shelters on Thursday mornings or Saturday afternoons
- Service projects (cleaning and shelter improvement tasks)
- Assist with program events throughout the year
- Scrapbook memories for the children

Chrysalis

Provides housing for victims of domestic abuse and support services including counseling, job development, etc.

<https://noabuse.org/get-involved/volunteer>

Individuals can volunteer:

- Client Advocate
- Clerical Reception
- Maintenance volunteer
- Learning series
- Donation pick-up delivery
- Family engagement
- Community Outreach
- Kitchen
- Special Events

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Group projects can include:

- Landscaping
 - Painting and cleaning apartments
 - Craft parties
 - Holiday activities
 - Other projects as needed
- Group size is limited to 10 people or less

Clothes Cabin-One Small Step:

Provides free clothing and household lines to people in need.

<http://clothescabin.org/>

- **Processing Clothes** - Donated clothes must be examined, sorted, steamed, hung, and stored. Restocking the racks and baskets in the shopping area. The commitment is 3 or 4 hours a week.* Monday and Thursday 10am to 2pm, Tuesday and Wednesday 9am to 12pm, 12pm to 3pm, Thursday 6pm-9pm
- **Client Services** - Our clients need help registering and selecting clothes. Volunteers use their computer skills to collect client data and service statistics; another volunteer acts as a store associate to help clients with clothes, bagging their selections, and retrieving linens upon request. Knowing Spanish is a big asset! The commitment is 3 or 4 hours a week. *Tuesday and Wednesday 9am to 12pm, 12pm to 3pm, Thursday 6pm to 8pm
- **Boutique Sales** - Friends Resale Boutique uses volunteers to price, prepare, and display items for sale. In the boutique, volunteers help customers and ring the sales. All proceeds benefit Clothes Cabin. The commitment is 3 to 4 hours a week.* Monday-Saturday 10 am -2 pm
- **Cleaning** - Volunteers handle light cleaning, and sometimes fix something or move fixtures. The commitment is 2-4 hours a week.*Monday and Thursday 10am-2pm, Tuesday and Wednesday 9am-3pm.
- **Marketing** - We need one volunteer who has experience in marketing to promote Friends Resale Boutique and activities of Clothes Cabin. On your own schedule.

*We understand that volunteers need time off for vacations, appointments, and other commitments. We appreciate advance notice for planned absences so we can rearrange staffing to accommodate your needs, and ask that you notify us as soon as possible when you have last-minute conflicts.

East Valley Adult Resources

Provides Older Adult Support Services to Gilbert residents to help them maintain their independence

<http://www.evadultresources.org/get-involved/volunteer.html>

- Whether you have multiple hours a week or only a couple of hours a month, your time, talents and expertise can make a positive impact. Volunteer opportunities are available in the following areas:
 - In Home Volunteer Services (request for Gilbert)

Eve's Place

Supporting any victim of domestic, sexual and teen dating abuse by increasing access to services through mobile advocacy.

<https://www.evesplace.org/>

There is always a need for volunteers to participate in this organization either physically or virtually.

- Support group facilitators
- Assisting at fundraiser events
- Child Care
- Assistance with picking up Starbucks donations

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- Donations
 - Food: Mac&Cheese, Ready Bake meals, Fresh or Frozen Fruit and Vegetables, Pastas, Rice, Cereal, Cheese, Beans (pinto, great northern, etc), Chef Boyardee, Milk.
 - House hold items: Paper towels, toilet paper, laundry soap, cleaning supplies.
 - Gift Cards: Gas Cards, movie theater (field trips), Fast Food (any denomination), Walmart (any denomination)
- Volunteers
 - Sewing club to make cloth totes
 - Cookers Clubs to make casseroles/ pre-made frozen meals.

Training, is provided for all volunteers. Please note that all volunteers must undergo a background check and in order to do so, must be fingerprinted. In addition, they must sign a confidentiality agreement in regards to victim information and must not disclose program locations. <https://www.evesplace.org/get-involved#VolunteeratEves>

To Sign Up to volunteer, contact

- Via Email: info@evesplace.org
- Via Phone: 623-537-5380

Gilbert Cares

Refurbishing homes for low income, disabled or seniors in the community.

<http://www.gilbertcares.org/volunteer.html>

Hope for Addiction

Walk alongside, equip and care for those who struggle with addiction.

<https://www.myhopeforaddiction.com/>

- **Pray:** receive prayer updates, pray for partner churches, leaders and those coming for help.
- **Register your Fry's VIP Card:** and invite a friend to do the same. Click on link below to register your rewards card and choose Hope for Addiction #GI700 under Community Rewards. <https://www.frysfood.com/>
- **Take advantage of the AZ Tax Credit:** and invite a friend to do the same.
- **Invite a friend to the annual event:** <https://www.myhopeforaddiction.com/event/>
- **Attend a meeting:** <https://www.myhopeforaddiction.com/main/meeting.html>
- Have coffee with someone from the group
- **Share a skill or hobby with the group:** plan a night or weekend.
- **Invite members of the group:** lunch, dinner, sports, games, build friendships.
- **Come to a Hope for Addiction training**
- **Host a small event:** a dinner or dessert in your home with your friends to share your heart to support HFA.
- **Facebook Campaign:** Celebrate your Birthday with a campaign or just create a fundraiser telling others about your love of Hope for Addiction.
- **Join us on social media:** like, share, retweet our posts to spread the word.
- **Be encouraged by God's work:** and tell someone about HFA (ones who need help or ones who can help).

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House of Refuge

Provides transitional housing and supportive services to homeless families

<http://houseofrefuge.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

- Volunteer opportunities at House of Refuge are many and varied. Because every individual, group and organization has their own talents and personalities, the House of Refuge staff work hard at matching individual volunteer opportunities to specific needs.

Junior Achievement

Empowering youth people to own their own economic success

<https://www.jaaz.org/volunteer/>

- Program is taught by volunteer mentors from local businesses and the community. It takes more than 9,500 volunteer mentors to teach our 80,000+ Arizona students each year.
- Training, lessons and materials needed are provided to volunteers.
- You show up, teach the lessons and share your personal experience with students.

Matthew's Crossing Food Bank

Provides food assistance including backpacks for youth and food closets at public schools

<http://www.matthewscrossing.org/volunteer>

- Orientations are the second Tuesday of each month at 12:15 pm.
- Drivers...food pickups at stores and to help with our backpack program. Must be able to lift up to 50 lbs.
- Wednesday volunteers to help with the backpack program from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm (backpacks go to Gilbert schools)
- Volunteer shifts are available on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, with evening shifts available on Wednesdays from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM.

Mercy Housing

Provide affordable housing and supportive services for low income families, seniors and people with special need. (Manage Page Commons in Gilbert)

<https://www.mercyhousing.org/volunteer>

- **Property projects** - Get your hands dirty while keeping our properties vibrant! Projects can include landscaping, cleaning, community gardening, building playgrounds and other beautification projects.
- **Resident services support**– The Resident Services staff works hard to ensure that residents become financially stable, maintain stable housing, perform better in school, value their health and actively participate in the community. Volunteers can help by teaching a class, tutoring, serving as technical support in computer labs or helping in other ways.
- **Events**– Help our residents celebrate! Volunteers can host community meals, holiday parties, birthday parties or other festive events. Our residents have also benefitted greatly from volunteer-led fundraisers and drives for food, school supplies and holiday gifts. When a new property opens, volunteers are often involved in welcoming new residents through housewarming and move-in events.
- **Administrative and Event support** – Many of our offices can use general office support to keep up with the operation of the organization during especially busy times and for special events.

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Midwest Food Bank

Gathers and distributes food donations to non-profits and disaster sites without cost to recipients

<https://arizona.midwestfoodbank.org/make-a-difference/volunteer>

- Volunteers are invaluable to the mission of Midwest Food Bank. Examples of volunteer opportunities include and are not limited to: preparing disaster relief boxes, repackaging bulk foods into manageable quantities for distribution and supporting local distribution to pantries. We also have opportunities for drivers with a CDL license.

Mission of Mercy

Free primary healthcare services, prescription medications and lab testing to uninsured and underinsured individuals and families.

<https://www.amissionofmercy.org/arizona/volunteer/>

- **Medical RV Driver**-Driver for our Medical RV. Duties include picking up the RV from the Franciscan Renewal Center and driving the RV to our Mesa Clinic. At the end of the day, the RV is to be returned to the place of pickup. Valid driver license and MVD record check required.
- **Office Assistants**-Administrative duties may include: data entry of volunteer registration information, making phone calls, mailing out information, filing, compiling organizational packets/resources, etc.
- **Photographer**-Volunteer Photographers are needed to take photos at MOM events and at the clinic sites.
- **Community Outreach Events**-Volunteers are needed who can attend community Health Fairs to represent Mission of Mercy by creating community awareness of our services and clinic sites. Verbal engagement with the public is required and training is provided. Being bilingual is preferred.

My Sister's Place:

Provides emergency shelter to victims of domestic violence

<https://www.catholiccharitiesaz.org/volunteer>

- My Sister's Place-Catholic Charities offers a variety of ways to volunteer such as office support and children's programming.

Open Arms Care Center

Provides supplemental food and clothing to those in need

<http://www.openarmscc.com/volunteer-in-gilbert/>

- **Food or Clothing Drives**-volunteer to organize a food or clothing drive.
- **On-Site**-volunteer your time to assist in sorting donations

Save the Family

Offers programs to educate families with the goal of conquering homelessness and achieving lifelong independence through programs for adults, youth and children

<http://savethefamily.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

Group Opportunities:

- **Service Saturdays**- (usually the last Saturday of the month) to handle projects to benefit our client families. An example is putting together first aid kits, snack packs, family fun kits, etc. These items will help us be able to provide those "extras" for our families in need.

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- **Welcome Home Paint and Clean Projects**-With over 190 housing units across the East Valley volunteers assist in cleaning and painting homes to help prepare units quickly. Save the Family will provide all supplies, including bottled water. Projects can be completed within 3 to 4 hours when a group of 8 to 15 volunteers participate. We schedule group projects Monday through Friday during agency business hours. Paint and clean group projects can be scheduled up to a year in advance.
- **Sack Meals**-provide sack meal or snack for weekly client-based programs that occur during meal times. Volunteers prepare meals at their home or workplace then drop off for distribution.
- **Clean and Sanitize Classrooms**-Small groups of 5 to 10 volunteers are perfect to help Save the Family keep our classrooms and playrooms clean. Volunteer duties consist of cleaning and organizing three small rooms at our main office in Mesa. Save the Family will provide all supplies. Projects are scheduled Monday through Friday during agency business hours.
- **Organize a Donation Drive or Baby Shower**-volunteers organize donation drives to support "Dynamic Way," a provision service for clients in need of everyday items such as diapers and baby wipes, personal hygiene items, and household cleaning products. Baby showers are held for parents who don't have loved ones able to host a shower for them. Groups of 10 to 12 volunteers organize each shower, providing refreshments, decorations, and gifts. Showers are held the first Wednesday of every month.
- **Holiday Sponsorship**-assist in providing holiday meals and gifts for families who would otherwise be unable to celebrate the season.

Shoebox Ministry

Help working poor and homeless men, women & families by providing personal hygiene kits

<http://www.shoeboxministry.org/shoebox-recipe/>

- Shoebox Ministry is always in need of toiletries. We gladly accept full-size, travel or hotel-sized items. Our most needed items are shampoo, deodorant, shaving cream, toothpaste, toothbrushes and disposable razors.
- Other Drives to Support
 - Undie Sunday
 - Sock Drive
 - Easter Box-ets
 - Mother's Day
 - Summer Toiletry Drive

United Food Bank

Provides supplemental food and clothing to those in need

<http://give.unitedfoodbank.org/charities/4668-united-food-bank/volunteer>

Opportunities can be one-time or on-going:

- **Help Yourself Co-Op Fridays**- Check food for quality and help ensure that there's plenty for everyone.
- **Food Donation Sorting**- Work with a team of volunteers screening food for quality, sorting into multiple categories and packaging for shipment. Ages 12 and up.
- **Thursday Help Yourself Prep**- Work with a team of volunteers to help prep kids backpack buddy program and Friday Help Yourself Food Co-op by prepping food bags and additional items for the following day
- **Group Opportunities**- 3-4 hour shifts available*, mornings and afternoons, Monday – Thursday*

Winged Hope

Focus on preventing and healing family violence with direct victims' services, by renovating and starting new Family Advocacy Centers, and by providing training around the state.

<http://www.wingedhope.org/>

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OTHER VOLUNTEER RESOURCES:

Gilbert's Community Resource Guide

- Brief listing of organizations and providers that are available to residents. This guide is intended to connect residents in need of services with resources near Gilbert. This guide can also be used to research organizations that may be in need of volunteers
<https://www.gilbertaz.gov/home/showdocument?id=19841>

Town Volunteer

- The Town of Gilbert has a number of opportunities for volunteer work. Listed are current opportunities where you can help out and make things happen. Our volunteer motto is GIVE ("Gilbert Invites Volunteerism Everywhere"). <https://www.gilbertaz.gov/residents/volunteer>

Other Community Volunteer Opportunities

- Just Serve: www.justserve.org
- Chamber for Good: www.chamberforgood.com
- Gilbert Cares: www.gilbertcares.org
- Volunteer Match: www.volunteermatch.org
- All For Good: www.allforgood.org
- Do Something: www.dosomething.org