



New York Cares: Corporate Group Engagement

2026 Cares Calendar

New York Cares is dedicated to addressing the most pressing needs of our community by channeling the passions of compassionate individuals and institutions. We offer a variety of easy-to-join, themed volunteer opportunities that empower you and your company to support New Yorkers facing challenges across our city.

Project Activation

Corporate Group Engagement

Reserve volunteer slots that engage your team and align with your company's service pillars.

These volunteer opportunities are designed as a plug and play, collective effort—creating larger impact. Your team may work alongside other corporate groups, as well as individuals from our network of volunteers.



Plan in advance: Which projects speak to your team? Secure your slots by working with the New York Cares team.



Last call to reserve your team's slots before registration closes for the project.



New York Cares provides your event's run-of-show and schedules a project overview call.



We'll provide photos, impact stats and heartfelt thanks for your support!

New York Cares Cares Calendar 2026



Education



Environmental Stewardship



Immediate Needs

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July through December
projects coming soon!

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January 2026 Projects



MLK Day School Revitalization Education

Transform a school into a vibrant haven by lending a hand with tasks like painting, clean-ups, sorting, and organizing. Your efforts will breathe new life into the learning environment, making a positive impact on the students and community. Volunteers may be asked to engage in some heavy lifting.

- Date: January 21, 2026
- Number of volunteers: 50
- Location(s): Harlem
- Time commitment: 3 hours



Coat Sorting Immediate Needs

Volunteers will play an indispensable role in the New York Cares annual Coat Drive by sorting warm winter coats in our warehouse. As sorting depends on our influx of coat donations, volunteers may also call collection sites to check on progress, write messages of warmth to be included with coats, visit local businesses to spread the word, and/or organize the warehouse space. Volunteers may be asked to engage in some heavy lifting.

- Date: Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Number of volunteers: up to 20 per shift
- Location(s): Midtown Manhattan
- Time commitment: 2 hours

February 2026 Projects



Mental Health Flower Arranging with Panel Discussion Wellness

Brighten the day of the city's older adults by creating beautiful floral arrangements to be delivered to them. Each bouquet is a gesture of care and connection, reminding seniors that they are not alone and that their community values them.

- Date: February 6, 2026
- Time: 12-2p
- Number of volunteers: 50
- Location(s): Financial District
- Time commitment: 2 hours



Black History Month Tea Party Wellness

Celebrate Black History Month with a warm, community tea party that fosters connection through art and food. Volunteers and older adults will share teas from Black-owned brands, enjoy snacks, and create personal keepsake art pieces.

- Date: February 11, 2026
- Time: 2:30p-4:30p
- Number of volunteers: 20
- Location(s): East Harlem
- Time commitment: 2 hours



Valentine's Day Dance Wellness

Bring out your inner cupid and celebrate Valentine's Day with a group of energetic older adults. Enjoy socializing, dancing, crafting, and snacks with community members.

- Date: February 18, 2026
- Time: 2:30-4:30p
- Number of volunteers: 25
- Location(s): Cobble Hill
- Time commitment: 2 hours

February 2026 Projects

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- Number of volunteers: up to 20 per shift
- Location(s): Midtown Manhattan
- Time commitment: 2 hours

March 2026 Projects



National Read Across America Day Children's Book Fair Education

Volunteers will elevate the traditional book fair experience and celebrate National Read Across America Day by creating free & intentional book shopping and bookmark-making activities for students.

- Date: March 2, 2026
- Number of volunteers: 36
- Location(s): West Harlem
- Time commitment: 1 hour

March 2026 Projects

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Pack Toiletry Kits with Women In Need **Immediate Needs**

Volunteers will engage in packing toiletry kits for the families of Women In Need. Volunteers will also learn more about the organization and our collective impact through a brief, engaging workshop with New York Cares and WIN.

- Date: March 6, 2026
- Time: 11a-1p
- Number of volunteers: 50
- Location(s): Financial District
- Time commitment: 2 hours



Career Readiness Workshop with Teens & Tour of Brooklyn STEAM Education

Empower high school students with career and educational opportunities! Engage in activities such as mock interviews, career mapping, and crafting elevator pitches. Your support will help these students build crucial skills for future success.

- Date: March 25, 2026
- Time: 11:45a-2:30p
- Number of volunteers: 20
- Location(s): Brooklyn Navy Yard
- Time commitment: 2.75 hours



March Madness Math and Movement and Field Day **Education**

Volunteers will support young students with learning key math skills through physical activities, while another group facilitates a field day, encouraging physical fitness.

- Date: March 26, 2026
- Time: 11a-2p
- Number of volunteers: 40
- Location(s): East Harlem
- Time commitment: 3 hours

April 2026 Projects

Happy National Volunteer Week!

Join us for our favorite week of the year as we promote environmental stewardship and enjoy the best Spring has to offer!



Earth Day

Environmental Stewardship

Get your hands dirty and help clean up NYC! Promote environmental sustainability and keep outdoor spaces clean, safe, healthy, and beautiful for residents to enjoy year-round. Project activities may include planting, mulching, painting park features, weeding, and removing invasive species and litter.

- Date: April 22, 2026
- Time: 10a-1p
- Number of volunteers: 200
- Location(s): East Harlem
- Time commitment: 3 hours

Promote Environmental Sustainability

Environmental Stewardship

- Date: April 23 and 24, 2026
- Time: 10a-1p
- Number of volunteers: 200 per day
- Location(s): Fort Greene; Inwood
- Time commitment: 3 hours

May 2026 Projects



Baby Kits with Community Partner Presentation Immediate Needs

Volunteers will engage in packing kits with newborn essentials for clients from Hour Children. Volunteers will also learn about the impact through a brief engaging workshop with New York Cares and Hour Children.

- Date: May 13, 2026
- Time: 11a-1p
- Number of volunteers: 50
- Location(s): Financial District
- Time commitment: 2 hours



Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Book Fair Education

Volunteers will elevate the traditional book fair experience by creating free & intentional book shopping and bookmark-making activities for students. Books distributed will feature themes in celebration of AAPI Heritage Month.

- Date: May 20, 2026
- Number of volunteers: 100
- Location(s): Lower East Side
- Time commitment: 1 hour

June 2026 Projects



Juneteenth Book Fair Education

Volunteers will elevate the traditional book fair experience by creating free & intentional book shopping and bookmark-making activities for students. Books distributed will feature themes in celebration of Juneteenth.

- Date: June 18, 2026
- Number of volunteers: 100
- Location(s): Central Harlem
- Time commitment: 1 hour



Golden Prom Wellness

Volunteers will help set up, event manage, and clean up a prom for New York City's treasured older adults!

- Date: June 26, 2026
- Time: 4:30-7:30p
- Number of volunteers: 50
- Location(s): Central Harlem
- Time commitment: 3 hours

Cares Calendar Policies

Cancellation Policy

New York Cares must receive notice of a project cancellation no later than 10 business days prior to the confirmed project start date. Volunteer slots and project bank slots will be forfeited for any project that is cancelled less than 10 business days prior to the confirmed project date.

Inclement Weather Policy

New York Cares works with our partners to ensure a safe and impactful volunteer project. Projects may be rescheduled due to severe weather one time and within four weeks of the original project date. Rescheduling dates are dependent upon the partner agency's availability.

Severe weather is defined by the following:

- Heavy rain fall and flooding
- Damaging winds
- Hail
- Thunderstorms
- Lightning

Environmental Stewardship projects will move forward in the event of light rain. Project cancellations at the request of the corporate partner due to light rain cannot be rescheduled and are subject to our cancellation policy.

If there is a threat of inclement weather, please speak with your New York Cares representative. Projects are not considered eligible to be rained-out until 1-2 business hours prior to the project date.

Low Recruitment Policy

New York Cares understands cancellations may come as a disappointment to our partners and community who are looking forward to contributing their time and skills to our initiatives. When our corporate partners are unable to secure the necessary number of volunteers to ensure the successful execution of the project, it becomes New York Cares' responsibility to make difficult decisions. We have carefully assessed the situation and weighed available options. Without enough volunteers, we will not be able to deliver the high-quality experience and impact that we envisioned for the project. New York Cares will strategize suggestions for improving recruitment numbers. If recruitment numbers do not meet the minimum requirement within 10 business days of project start, New York Cares will begin implementing plans cancellation procedures and corporate partner will forfeit their volunteer slots.

Harassment Policy

New York Cares expects all volunteers to be respectful of staff members, clients, and each other while participating on a project. We ask volunteers to refrain from the following:

- Discriminatory or racist statements or behaviors.
- Sexual harassment, for example, jokes, innuendos, insults, sexist remarks, the display of derogatory or pornographic pictures, leering, touching, or kissing.
- The use of any alcohol or illegal drugs.
- Any unlawful or inappropriate activity.

Coat Sorting Policy

New York Cares greatly values the dedication of our volunteers and the impact you make on our community. At times, we may need to cancel or reschedule volunteer projects due to factors outside of our control. For example, coat sorting projects rely on having an abundance of coats in our possession. In the event we run into a coat shortage or face other unforeseen circumstances, this policy outlines the procedures and expectations for Coat Sorting Project cancellations and rescheduling procedures.

1. Cancellation and Rescheduling Procedures

- A. Notification: New York Cares will make every effort to notify volunteers of project cancellations and rescheduling opportunities as early as possible. We understand that your time is valuable and strive to minimize disruptions to your commitment. We will communicate a week prior to the shift date if the need arises for cancellation due to a shortage in coat collecting.

2. Rescheduling Projects

- A. Rescheduling: When possible, New York Cares will attempt to reschedule projects to an alternative date and time that is convenient for registered volunteers and the New York Cares staff. We appreciate your flexibility in accommodating these changes.

Thank you for your commitment to New York Cares and for your understanding of our volunteer project cancellation and rescheduling policy. You are helping us build a more equitable NYC, and we look forward to your continued support.

Donations

We offer a mutually beneficial partnership with year-round engagement opportunities. We believe our corporate partners are critical stakeholders in equity and social change. When you invest in our work, your donation will have a citywide impact.

We provide plug and play volunteer engagements for companies as a benefit of a charitable donation. Donated funds support our year-round programming that support New Yorkers facing the impact of poverty.

- \$20,000 Donation; 100 volunteer slots per year
- \$15,000 Donation; 75 volunteer slots per year
- \$10,000 Donation; 50 volunteer slots per year
- \$5,000 Donation; 25 volunteer slots per year
- \$2,000 Donation; 10 volunteer slots per year

Contact your New York Cares Corporate Relations Officer for more information!

