

# KATHE LEE

Educational Specialist

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTHS IN DALLAS COUNTY

Obtain more information via The Volunteer Center of North Texas website at  
<http://www.volunteernorthtexas.org/>

2-1-1 Disaster Relief	Buckner Children and Family Services
ABC Behavioral Health, LLC	Builders of Hope CDC
African American Museum	CAM International
AIDS Arms, Inc.	Camp Fire USA - First Texas Council
AIDS Interfaith Network	Camp Fire USA - Lone Star Council
AIDS Interfaith Network - Tarrant	Camp John Marc
AIDS Services - Dallas	Camp Summit, Inc.
AIDS Services - North Texas	Cancer Care Services
Aisha's Learning Center	Captain Hope's Kids
Alameda Heights Outreach Foundation	Carter BloodCare - North Texas
All Church Home for Children	CASA of Collin County, Inc.
All Star Equestrian Foundation	CASA of Tarrant County, Inc.
Alley's House	Catholic Charities - Dallas
Always & Ever Hospice, Inc.	CC Young Memorial Home
Alzheimer's Association - Dallas	Celestial Haven Community Development, Inc.
America Scores - Dallas Scores	Center for Nonprofit Management
American Foundation for the Blind, Inc.	Center of Survivors of Torture
American Lung Association	Central Dallas Ministries
American Red Cross - Chisolm Trail	Charity Link
American Red Cross - Dallas	Child and Family Guidance Center
Angel Flight, Inc.	Child Study Center
Antelope Valley Child, Youth, and Family Services	ChildCare Group
ARC - Dallas	Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas
Artreach - Dallas	Children's Crisis Prevention Network, Inc.
ARTSNET	Christian Community Action
Association for Improving Medical Services, Inc	City of Dallas, Sanitation Services
ATLC Corp	City of Fort Worth Office of Emergency Mgmt.
Autistic Treatment Center	City of Plano, V.I.P. Program
AVANCE - Dallas	CMBC Learning Center
Avenues Counseling Center	Collin County Committee on Aging/Meals On Wheels
Azelway, Inc.	Communities Helping Communities
Back to School Roundup	Community Council of Greater Dallas
Bair Foundation of Texas - Dallas	Community Hospice of Texas - Dallas
Battered Women's Foundation	Community Hospice of Texas - Fort Worth
Behavioral HealthCare Services, Inc.	Conference of the Southwest Foundations
Big Thought: A Learning Partnership	Contact Crisis Line
Boys and Girls Club - Dallas	Cook Children's Medical Center
Bridge Breast Center	Covenant Care Hospice
Brighter Tomorrows	Covenant Kids
Bryan's House/Open Arms, Inc.	Creative Arts Center of Dallas, Inc.

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Creative Visions and Social Services & Consultants  
Crow Collection of Asian Art  
Dallas Arboretum & Botanical Society  
Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity, Inc.  
Dallas Bethlehem Center  
Dallas Black Dance Theatre  
Dallas CASA  
Dallas Challenge, Inc.  
Dallas Children's Advocacy Center  
Dallas Children's Theater  
Dallas Christian Women's Job Corp  
Dallas CityArts, Inc.  
Dallas Commuinty Lighthouse  
Dallas Concilio of Hispanic Service Organizations  
Dallas Film Society  
Dallas Furniture Bank  
Dallas Heritage Village at Old City Park  
Dallas Holocaust Museum/Ctr for Edu. & Tolerance  
Dallas Jewish Coalition for the Homeless, Inc.  
Dallas Legal Hospice  
Dallas Life Foundation  
Dallas Theological Seminary  
Dallas Visual Art Center/The Contemporary  
Dallas Women's Foundation  
Dallas Youth Resources & Advisory Council  
Dallas Zoological Society, Inc.  
Dallas/Ft. Worth Labrador Retriever Rescue Club  
Dance Council  
Deaf Action Center  
Denton Christian Preschool, Inc.  
Denton Humane Society  
Dickinson Place Charitable Corporation  
DISD - John Ireland Elementary School  
DISD - W.H. Gaston Middle School  
Dispute Mediation Service, Inc.  
Drug Prevention Resources  
East Dallas Community Organization  
Education is Freedom Foundation  
English Language Ministry, Inc.  
English Learning Project  
Envisioning New Boundries/Comin' Out Ya Speakers  
Equest Therapeutic Horsemanship  
Ever Rising, Inc.  
Faith Always Inspires True Healing Works!, Inc.  
FaithFormula Human Service  
Family Care Connection  
Family Gateway, Inc.  
Feral Friends One by One Animal Resuce  
Ferguson Road Initiative  
Fine Arts Chamber Players  
First Presbyterian Church/Stewpot  
Fort Worth Hope Center  
Fort Worth ISD Student Engagement  
Fort Worth Junior Golf Foundation, Inc.  
Fort Worth Museum of Science & History  
Fort Worth Public Library  
Fortress Youth Development Center, Inc.  
Foster and Adoptive Parents of Collin County, Inc.  
Funding Information Center  
Galaxy Counseling Center  
Geriatric Wellness Center of Collin County  
Gilda's Club North Texas  
Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains, Inc.  
Girl Scouts - North East Texas  
Girls, Inc. - Metropolitan Dallas  
Girls, Inc. - Tarrant County  
Girls In Motion  
Globe Aware  
Goodwill Industries of Dallas  
Grace Hospice  
Grace Unlimited  
Grapevine Relief And Community Exchange (GRACE)  
Guardianship Services, Inc.  
H.O.P.E. Farm, Inc.  
H.O.P.E. Tutoring Center  
Head Start - Greater Dallas  
Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary  
Heart House Dallas  
Helping Hand Outreach Ministries  
Heritage Farmstead Museum  
Hearts and Hands of Highland Hills UMC

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Homeward Bound, Inc.  
Housing Crisis Center  
Housing Services, Inc.  
Humanitarian Relief and Educational Foundation  
Inclusive Communities Project (ICP)  
INROADS  
Integra Care Hospice  
Interfaith Housing Coalition  
International Rescue Committee (IRC)  
Irving Cares, Inc.  
Irving ISD - Partnerships in Education  
Islamic Association of Desoto Texas  
Jewish Family Services - Dallas  
Journey of Hope Grief Support Center  
JPS Health Network  
Jubilee Park and Community Center Corporation  
Juliette Fowler Homes, Inc.  
Junior Players  
Kaufman County Senior Citizens Services  
Keep Irving Beautiful, Inc.  
Kim's Stepping Stone Learning Center  
Kitchen Dog Theater  
Lakewood Firehouse Afterschool Program  
Lancaster Outreach Center  
Life Community Church  
LifeNet Community Behavioral Healthcare  
LIFT (Literacy Instruction for Texas)  
Love For Kids  
Magdalen House  
McKinney Performing Arts Center  
Meadows Museum - Southern Methodist  
University  
Meals on Wheels - Tarrant County  
Media Projects, Inc.  
Medical Reserve Corps of Tarrant County  
MediSend International  
MEED Center  
Men of Essence  
Mental Health Association of Tarrant County  
Mercy Street  
Metroplex Animal Coalition  
Methodism's Breadbasket  
Methodist Dallas Medical Center  
Metro Dallas Homeless Alliance  
MetroCare Services  
Metrocrest Social Services  
Metroplex Animal Coalition  
Metroport Meals on Wheels  
Mid-Cities Care Corps  
Miracles of Organ Transplants, Inc.  
Mission East Dallas  
Mosaic  
Mosaic Family Services  
Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)  
Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church of Dallas  
Mt. Tabor Baptist Church  
Museum of Nature and Science  
My Possibilities  
National Kidney Foundation of North Texas  
Neighborhood Service Council, Inc.  
New Beginnings Center  
New Friends New Life  
New Life Christian Academy  
Nexus Recovery Center  
No Walls Outreach Ministry  
North Dallas Shared Ministries  
North Texas Council for International Visitors  
Old Red Courthouse, Inc.  
Operation Relief Center  
Orphan Outreach  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church  
Parenting Center  
Parents Against Crime and Drugs  
Passage of Youth Volunteers  
Paul Quinn College  
Pediplace  
Phoenix House of Texas  
Plano Children's Theater  
Pleasant Grove Mission Possible  
Pre-GED School  
Project Transformation  
Proverbs 31, NFP  
Rape Crisis Center of Collin County  
Rapturea BWC Ministry  
Reading and Radio Resource  
Reconciliation Outreach  
Recovery Resource Council  
Refugee Services of Texas  
Retina Foundation of the Southwest  
River Legacy Foundation

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RockyTop Therapy Center  
Ronald McDonald House - Dallas  
Ronald McDonald House - Fort Worth  
Safe Havens of Kornerstone  
SafeHaven of Tarrant County, Inc.  
Salesmanship Club Youth and Family Centers  
Salvation Army - Greater Dallas Metroplex Area  
Seasons Hospice & Pallative Care of Texas, Inc.  
Senior Adult Services  
Seniors Citizens of Greater Dallas/Senior Source  
Senior Citizens Services of Greater Tarrant Co.  
Seniors' Net/Network of Community Ministries  
Services of Hope Entities, Inc.  
Shakespere Dallas  
Sharing Life Community Outreach  
Small Pearls of Hope  
SoupMobile, Inc.  
South Fair Community Development Corporation  
SPCA of Texas  
Specialized Alternatives for Familes & Youth  
SPIDA, Inc.  
Spida Bifida Association of North Texas  
St. Andrews Christian Church  
SUCCESS Foundation  
Suicide and Crisis Center  
Sundown Community Corporation  
Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church  
Tarrant Area Food Bank  
Tarrant County Homeless Coalition  
Tarrant County Youth Collaboration  
Texas CARES Cat Adoptions  
Texas Center for the Physically Impaired  
Texas Discovery Gardens  
Texas Foundation for Educational Advancement  
Texas HIPPY Center - University of North Texas  
Texas Response Unit Search & Rescue  
Texas Trees Foundation  
Theater Three, Inc.  
Therapeutic Riding of Texas (TROT)  
Traveler's Aid DFW  
Trinity Chapter of the Links, Incorporated  
Tirinity Foundation, Inc.  
Trinity River MIssion  
Troubled Waters Foundation  
Truevine Missionary Baptist Church, Inc.  
Turning P.O.I.N.T  
Union Community Development Corporation  
United Community Centers, Inc.  
United Negro College Fund  
Universal Health Resources Hospice  
Urban League of Greater Dallas & North Central TX  
Vickery Meadows Improvement District  
Vickery Meadows Learning Center  
Victims Outreach  
Visiting Nurse Association/Meals On Wheels  
Visual Aid Volunteers, Inc.  
Voice of Hope Ministries, Inc.  
W&B Helping Hands, Inc.  
WARM Place (What About Remembering Me)  
Warren Center, Inc.  
Warriors Basketball Nation  
Water From The Rock Enterprise, Inc.  
WaterTower Theater  
Way Back House, Inc.  
Welcome House, Inc.  
West Dallas Community Center  
WestAid  
Westminster Presbyterian Church  
Wilkinson Center  
Wings of Hope Equitherapy  
Women's Center  
World VIsion, Inc.  
Writer's Garret  
YMCA - Central Texas  
YMCA - Corsicana  
YMCA - Metropolitan Dallas  
Young Kwang Korean Baptist Church  
Youth Advocate Programs, Inc.  
Youth First Texas  
Youth Sports Council of Fort Worth, Inc.  
Generation to Generation Ministries  
History in Action  
Linens for Animals  
Merit Academy  
Myrtle's Hand, Inc.  
New Days Korean Baptist  
Southside Quarter Development Corp.  
Whole Armour Fellowship

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Assistance League of Greater Collin County  
The Samaritan Inn  
Plano Fire Rescue Associates, Inc.  
Family Outreach – Richardson and Plano  
Literacy for Life, Plano Public Library System  
City of Plano Animal Services  
River Ranch Educational Charities @ Frisco  
Horse Park  
Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church  
DaySpring Assisted Living  
Collin County Comm. on Aging  
Heritage Farmstead Museum  
Allen PD, Citizens on Patrol  
Junior League of Plano  
Collin County Children’s Advocacy Center  
Heard-Craig House  
Frisco Family YMCA  
Plano Clothes Closet - First Presbyterian Church  
DFW Labrador Retriever Rescue  
Plano Senior Recreation Center  
City of Plano Sustainability and Environmental  
Services  
Avenues Counseling Center  
Presbyterian Hospital of Plano  
Plano Community Charity  
The Turning Point Rape Crisis Center  
CITY House  
Frisco Family Services Center

Medical Center of Plano  
Plano Parks & Recreation – Therapeutic  
Programs  
Journey of Hope Grief Support Center  
Equest Therapeutic Horsemanship  
-2008 Group Honorees-  
Geriatric Wellness Center of Collin County  
National Charity League, Inc. North Dallas  
Chapter  
ReadyStart  
LifePath ECI  
Citizens Police Academy Plano Police  
Department  
North Texas Stitchers For Our Troops Overseas  
Plano Children’s Medical Clinic  
Communities In Schools Dallas Region, Inc.  
Facilitation Services Special Committee Junior  
League of Plano  
Richardson National Charity League  
Collin County Children’s Advocacy Center  
Junior Master Gardeners Plano Planters Collin  
County Master Gardeners  
Seventeen Spa and Junior League of Plano CITY  
House Teen Team  
Keep Plano Beautiful Commission City of Plano  
Entrepreneurs Foundation of North Texas  
Library Links with Seniors Schimelpfenig Public  
Library Plano

## Why Volunteering Matters for the College Admissions Process

If your student is debating whether or not to start doing volunteer work, here are some compelling reasons to get involved.

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### It Can Distinguish You from the Pack

As competition intensifies among college applicants, good grades and varsity sports are simply not enough to make your student stand out. By building up an impressive resume of volunteering activities, your student has a chance to really shine against the competition.

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Colleges want well-rounded students who are upstanding citizens and give back to the community. These characteristics are difficult to ascertain from a paper application, but college admissions officers have realized that volunteerism is a good indicator of the types of individuals they'd like in their student body.

To stand out from the pack, look for opportunities to take a leadership role in the organization you are volunteering with. For example, instead of just participating in a walk-a-thon, offer to help with publicity or with organizing volunteers. Some organizations seek out young voices for their leadership boards; ask around about such opportunities. Local nonprofit leaders, particularly with umbrella organizations such as the [United Way](#), are often well connected in the nonprofit community and can help you find opportunities to lend a hand. If no organization related to your cause exists in your community, start your own!

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### **It's Now Viewed as a Standard Part of College Applications**

Because of the increasing competition, college application are now looking at extracurriculars and volunteerism as standard features. Without them, otherwise stellar candidates may not be accepted.

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### **It's a Good Way to Showcase Priorities and Goals**

It's a great thing to do. Volunteering instills a sense of giving and community in students, which should last throughout their academic careers and personal lives.

Though it's rare (and not necessarily essential), high school students who know their career goals should choose volunteer activities that align with those goals. If you'd like to be a pediatrician, volunteer at children's hospitals. If you think you'd like to be an environmentalist, organize events for 360.org or the Sierra Club. If you'd like to be a structural engineer or interior designer, build a home with Habitat for Humanity. If you think veterinary school is in your future, head down to your local animal shelter. There are countless charitable community organizations, and they're always looking for volunteers. To find volunteer opportunities in your area that are related to your interests, visit [www.volunteermatch.org](http://www.volunteermatch.org).

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### **It Provides Something Intriguing and Personal to Write About**

The college essay is often the standout factor that leads to college acceptance or rejection. Stories are always floating around about how the college essay was the "clincher" in securing a spot at a certain university. But what topic should you choose? How do you show the college admissions officers how spectacular you are and why you'd be such an excellent addition to their esteemed institutions?

Volunteer experiences and the lessons you've learned are excellent topics for a college essay. If you dedicate your time and effort to volunteer organizations, you may be rewarded with a compelling application essay topic.

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### **It Shows Dedication and Commitment**

When you choose an organization or cause, stick with it. According to a [Do Something survey](#) that questioned college admissions officers from 32 of the country's top universities, 92 percent are more impressed with a candidate who spends four years volunteering at a single organization than with one who commits only a short period of time to a one-off project.

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Of course, if you have a wide range of interests and you want to help your community, it's better to have a laundry list of volunteer activities than to have none at all. Just try to dedicate most of your time and effort to the ones you're most interested in or the ones that align best with your intended college major and career goals. Or try turning brief projects into long-term commitments to bridge the gap between the two.

Volunteering shouldn't be a last-ditch effort right before college application season, either. Even middle school students should consider getting involved in volunteer activities. The longer you're involved with an organization, and the greater role you play in their efforts to create a better world, the more impressive your college application looks.

Of course, your main motivation to volunteer shouldn't just be all about you. Service, by definition, is about focusing on the needs of others. Most nonprofits can use volunteer help, and you may have just the skills they need. When seeking volunteer opportunities, look for places where genuine need intersects with your own skills and interests. A volunteer experience can be as valuable a learning opportunity as time spent in the classroom, and the benefits — for yourself and others — can reach far into the future.