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**NEW YORK CARES UNLOCKS NYC BY OFFERING NEARLY
4,500 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN NYC DURING
NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK APRIL 15-22**

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(April 11, 2018, New York, NY) – [New York Cares](http://www.newyorkcares.org), the largest volunteer network in New York City, today announced that nearly 4,500 volunteer opportunities serving 10,000 individuals in need will be available throughout NYC during National Volunteer Week (April 15-22), a nationwide volunteer recognition movement created by [Points of Light](http://www.points of light.org).

During National Volunteer Week and year-round, New York Cares offers volunteer opportunities in all five boroughs in the areas of education, public spaces, and immediate needs. Projects include serving meals to the hungry, providing SAT and tax prep, revitalizing parks and gardens, providing support to children and adults with special needs, supporting seniors, promoting health and wellness, and much more.

The theme of New York Cares' National Volunteer Week is Unlock NYC, which stems from the idea that volunteers have the power to unlock New York City's potential. New York Cares believes that the real keys to the city are the individuals who spend Saturdays preparing high school juniors for their SAT tests, wake up early to serve breakfast to hungry New Yorkers, and refuse to sit by and watch the city's green spaces be forgotten.

HSBC is the presenting sponsor of New York Cares' National Volunteer Week, and has been the presenting sponsor of [New York Cares Day Spring](http://www.newyorkcares.org) for the past 11 consecutive years. In partnership with HSBC and HSBC employee volunteers, New York Cares has prepared a week of volunteer appreciation, issue education, and events to enrich the volunteer experience.

“Giving back to those in need is vital to the success our communities. New York Cares makes it accessible and volunteers make it possible. In honor of National Volunteer Week and all year round,

New York Cares works to inspire, recognize, and encourage people to engage in their communities to support their fellow New Yorkers,” said Gary Bagley, Executive Director of New York Cares. “We are so grateful to the nearly 4,500 volunteers who stand with us this week to help those less fortunate than us, as well as the more than 60,000 volunteers who serve on our programs year-round at soup kitchens, senior centers, schools, parks, and more. We also want to thank HSBC for their continued support of the New York Cares army of good year after year.”

“HSBC has been proud to stand alongside New York Cares for the past 12 years and help to enforce the importance of giving back to our community. Our employees are globally diverse and passionate about volunteering their time by revitalizing NYC’s neighborhood parks, providing education and healthy meals, and more. We are grateful to New York Cares for providing easy access to these opportunities,” said Patrick J. Burke, President and CEO, HSBC USA.

For a full list of volunteer opportunities during National Volunteer Week, please visit <https://www.newyorkcares.org/volunteering/national-volunteer-week/volunteer-this-week> .

Since 1987, New York Cares has facilitated approximately six million hours of volunteer work in New York City, collected and distributed nearly two million winter coats to those in need, and served nearly three million meals to New Yorkers in need. From granting children’s Winter Wishes, to planting local gardens, to providing SAT prep for college-bound students, New York Cares and its volunteers have spent 30 years working hard to brighten the lives of all New Yorkers.

Donations to New York Cares allow the organization to continue to run volunteer projects at nearly 1,300 nonprofits and public schools across all five boroughs. Through the power of our volunteers, every dollar you donate results in six dollars of value given back to the community, ensuring that more than 500,000 of our neighbors in need have the opportunity for a brighter future. Donations can be made at <https://www.newyorkcares.org/donate>.

To support New York Cares during National Volunteer Week and New York Cares’ year-round programs, visit <https://www.newyorkcares.org/volunteering/national-volunteer-week>.

About New York Cares

New York Cares is the largest volunteer network in the city. Last year, more than 64,000 New Yorkers made the city a better place by volunteering in New York Cares programs at nearly 1,300 nonprofits and schools – improving education, meeting immediate needs, and revitalizing public spaces. For more information, visit newyorkcares.org.

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