

Children's Education

Each week, New York Cares mobilize hundreds of volunteers to provide individual attention and academic assistance for children of all ages. Our partners for these projects include New York City public schools, transitional housing facilities, and community-based organizations.



Bedtime Stories

Volunteers provide children in K to 2nd grade with enriching literacy experiences through reading books and doing craft activities. By participating in this project volunteers will introduce the wonders of the written word to children living in homeless shelters or in low-income communities.

Read to Me

Volunteers take children ages 6-10, many of whom are living in poverty, on a literary journey by introducing them to their local libraries. Children get to expand their imaginations through reading and fun, interactive craft activities.

Early Morning Reading

Students travel back in time, explore new worlds and meet interesting characters- all before the school day begins. Volunteers inspire 1st to 4th grade students to develop a love of literacy by reading with them in pairs or small groups.

Lego Robotics

Students put their math and science skills to the test in our Lego Robotics program. Through a variety of self-guided building and programming projects, students learn about construction and problem-solving, and get to create their very own robot masterpieces. 1st through 3rd grade students create projects from Lego WeDo. 4th and 5th grade students explore projects with Lego Mindstorms.

Mad Scientists

Volunteers inspire 3rd through 5th grade students to think like scientists during this project that applies science to the real world through enjoyable, hands-on experiments. Activities include making volcanoes, testing kites and building bridges.

Math Games

Students + volunteers = a formula for fun during this project that focuses on using interactive board and card games to get kids excited about math, critical thinking and problem solving.

Team Green

Volunteers join the next generation of green thumbs to teach 1st through 5th grade students why the environment is so important, especially in a large city like ours. Activities encourage discussion and challenge students to come up with practical solutions to today's environmental issues.

Young Authors Clubs

Volunteers help students in grades 3-8 discover the joys of creative writing by developing personal memoirs, poetry, short stories and more. Students and volunteers receive a published compilation of their works at the end of the semester.

Homework Help

Students gain skills to help them succeed in school, on standardized tests and beyond the classroom. Volunteers work one-on-one or in small groups with elementary or middle school students to enhance their math, science, reading and writing abilities.

Financial Literacy

From piggy banks to bank accounts, young New Yorkers learn the importance of saving for their future. Volunteers teach 3rd through 5th grade students about the value of budgeting, saving and building a healthy credit record.

Career Exploration and Preparation

Students in grades 6-8 are introduced to career preparation skills and techniques including resume writing, interviewing, dressing for success and networking. Volunteers also help students complete self-assessments and learn more about occupations and industries in which they express interest.

Special Needs

Children with special needs or disabilities receive individualized attention and assistance through a variety of educational and recreational opportunities. Programs depend on an organization's specific interests, but may include after-school tutoring, literacy enrichment, cooking, sports, yoga or arts and crafts.

