

Children's Recreation

New York Cares' Children's Recreation Department is continually expanding with new and exciting projects. Visit newyorkcares.org to see what your Program Managers have in store for you!



Art Explorers

Children embrace their creative side through a variety of art-based activities, including dance, music, theater, photography, craft projects and other specialized workshops.

Photography Explorers

Children and volunteers zoom in and capture the beauty of New York City as part of our Photography Explorers program. Children work together in pairs with volunteers to tackle photography scavenger hunts, understand composition and learn the functions of a digital camera.

Performing Arts

Volunteers relive their dreams of performing on stage by working with children of all ages on improvisation and performance skills, playwriting and choreography. Most programs culminate with an end of year performance for the school or community center.

Culinary Explorers

New York City youth expand their taste buds and minds by participating in New York Cares' Culinary Explorers Program. By the end of the program, teens will have been introduced to a variety of healthy and nutritious dishes through interactive, hands-on instruction.

Snackivities

From making strawberry ladybugs to vegetable flowers, students explore the possibilities of food and learn about healthy food options. At the end of each activity, students enjoy tasty, non-cooked lunches or snacks.

Sports and Fitness

Children run and play their way to a healthier future by participating in outdoor and indoor games, such as kickball, dodgeball, tennis and basketball.

Urban Adventures

Low-income and homeless children explore new worlds and opportunities through monthly adventures, such as rock climbing, ice skating, bowling, visiting museums and more.

Play and Read

Imaginations come to life with storytelling and other crafts aimed at enhancing children's creativity. Volunteers and kids work together to read favorite books and share their love of reading.

Museum Hopping

Volunteers and students venture through various exhibits and galleries inspiring them to look at art from a new perspective. The students will also be introduced to new venues for displaying art outside the traditional museum, like the Chelsea Gallery District and The Morgan Library.