

B'nei Mitzvah Project Ideas 5781

We know that volunteering has become more challenging even while the need for helping one another has increased. We've updated our mitzvah project suggestions to better reflect the current realities (updated fall 2020/5781). As always, these are suggestions and not the only project options. We encourage our B'nei Mitzvah to find projects that allow them to directly impact the lives of others by giving of their own time and talents (If there is a collection element that one wishes to include as well, that is great! We do want the primary impact to be coming from our B'nei Mitzvah directly as much as possible.)

In-Person Opportunities

Austin Yellow Bike Project

www.austinyellowbike.org

512-524-5299 or austinyellowbike@gmail.com

Yellow Bike Project is a volunteer-powered initiative to put bicycles on the streets of Austin and Central Texas by operating community bike shops, teaching bike mechanics and maintenance, and acting as a local bike advocacy group.

B'nai Mitzvah Project Opportunities: Volunteer tasks include fixing up adult and kid bikes, sorting parts, organizing and cleaning the shop, and more. You don't have to know anything about bikes to volunteer! If you are interested in volunteering to learn or generally contribute, simply show up during open hours and talk to a shop coordinator to get started. No need to commit to a set schedule—just come in whenever you can and we'll put you to work.

In-Person and Remote Opportunities

Generation Serve (Formerly Little Helping Hands)

<https://www.generationserve.org/>

Phone: 512-358-6943

Little Helping Hands is a nonprofit organization that facilitates family volunteering by creating and organizing monthly volunteer opportunities suitable for children as young as 3 years of age.

B'nai Mitzvah Project Opportunities: Through their website, families can view a wide variety of hands-on volunteer opportunities supporting numerous nonprofits/groups and sign up for them directly, making it simple for parents/caregivers and their children to experience the value and importance of community service together in a fun and positive learning environment.

United Way

www.handsoncentraltexas.org

United Way for Greater Austin is a local nonprofit & community service organization providing resources and volunteer opportunities with local Austin charities since 1924

B'nai Mitzvah Project Opportunities: To get involved, individuals can sign up through their website.

Mobile Loaves & Fishes

<https://mlf.org/volunteer/> and <https://mlf.org/remote-volunteer-opportunities/>

MLF empowers communities into a lifestyle of service with the homeless. We provide food, clothing, and promote dignity for our homeless brothers and sisters.

B'nai Mitzvah Project Opportunities: Prepare & deliver meals to homeless in their communities. If you are looking for a remote volunteer opportunity, specifically, fill out the interest form and they will be in touch about what projects match your skill set.

Remote Opportunities

Ronald McDonald House

<https://rmhc-ctx.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Remote-Volunteer-Projects-Flyer-3.pdf>

Contact: Rene Carlin at rcarlin@rmhc-austin.org or 512-472-9844

The Central Texas Ronald McDonald House and Ronald McDonald Family Rooms provide a comforting “home-away-from-home” for families to stay so they can fight their child’s illness or injury together. RMHC CTX also supports families who have lost a child through the Healing Hearts program, which provides burial assistance and bereavement support.

B’nai Mitzvah Project Opportunities: All in-person opportunities are currently suspended. However, their website has several remote volunteering options including sending messages of hope and blessings, creating activity packets, and several crafting projects (making blankets, hats, masks).

Love for Our Elders

<https://loveforoureldest.org/letters>

B’nai Mitzvah Project Opportunities: Send a letter to an elder member of the community who may be feeling particularly lonely at this time.