



# THE KING'S ACADEMY

## 2020-2021 Approved TKA Service Opportunities

Updated 12/11/20

(new opportunities highlighted)

**Local Service Opportunities:** There are so many amazing local opportunities to serve in. Please check out these organizations and their websites for more information about what they do and who they serve.

### IN-PERSON OPPORTUNITIES

*In-person opportunities will follow public health guidelines and social-distancing protocols.*

**Bayshore Christian Ministries:** BCM equips east-of-Bayshore youth to grow spiritually, gain life skills, and develop as leaders so that they have hope and a future.

#### Activities

- Friday Bible Clubs (4:00-6:30 p.m.) - LEADERS NEEDED! These are stable small groups following social distancing protocols. Help us lead games, worship, lessons and crafts. Families are welcome to come serve together.
- Friday Afternoon activity groups - small stable groups with social distancing protocols.
- Spanish Translators

**Next Steps:** Please email [volunteer@bayshore.org](mailto:volunteer@bayshore.org). Say what you are interested in and that you are from TKA.

#### City Team Ministries

CityTeam is a community united by the belief that God has called us to love our neighbors as ourselves. It's a place where all are welcome, and where everyone from volunteers to donors and staff all plays an important role in living out God's restorative love to our neighbors in need.

#### Activities

- to serve in meal distribution
- warehouse organization.

**Next Steps:** Please [register to volunteer on this calendar](#)

**Second Harvest Food Bank:** Their mission is to lead our community to ensure that anyone who needs a healthy meal can get one. Please visit their website for specific ways to serve. Please note that you will need to print out their Volunteer Time Card and bring that with you during your service time. They will not use Mobile Serve so you will need to send a picture of your timecard to [stephanie.nieves@tka.org](mailto:stephanie.nieves@tka.org). The minimum age is 14, and all volunteers ages 14 to 17 must have a signed electronic permission slip on file at least 48 hours before volunteering. In addition, there are chaperone requirements for youths ages 14 and 15 (1 adult for every 5 youths). Individual 16 and 17-year-olds can volunteer without a chaperone but groups of 16 and

17-year-olds do require chaperones (1 adult for every 10 youths). Some volunteer opportunities have other age requirements.

#### **Activities**

- Sort food in the warehouse
- Distribute food
- Deliver food

**Next Steps:** [Sign up here](#)

**[Reach Potential](#)** Reach Potential is a non-profit organization focused on serving the underserved in Sunnyvale, Mountain View, and some of the surrounding areas. Currently serving 490 families in need every week.

#### **Activities**

- Help with sorting donations and bagging supplies at Gateway Christian Center in Sunnyvale. Shifts take place on Fridays from 4-7 p.m. or Saturdays from 1-4 p.m.
- Care-pod - tutoring and after school help in Sunnyvale on Thursdays. Must apply and will need a four week commitment starting in **February**.
- Spanish translators needed! Please email Malia for more information.

**Next Steps:** Please email [malia@rpmovement.org](mailto:malia@rpmovement.org)

**[Loaves and Fishes Family Kitchen](#)** The mission of Loaves & Fishes is to provide hot nutritious meals that are prepared, delivered and served to hungry and homeless families, children, seniors, veterans, students, and disabled individuals.

#### **Activities**

- Volunteer time in meal service
- Building food and hygiene kits.

**Next Steps:** [Sign up here](#) Opportunities listed monthly please go to the website to sign up for shifts as soon as possible. Shifts tend to fill up quickly.

**[Reaching Out Center at Cathedral of Faith](#)** has always been a beacon of hope to so many of our struggling friends and neighbors. The food distribution center was started out of a church closet in 1983 and has grown to be one of the largest emergency food distributions in Northern California. Since the beginning of 2020, Reaching Out has served 85,554 families and 291,846 individuals, an increase of 300% over 2019's similar time frame. Reaching Out has a proven track record of scaling to meet the needs of San Jose residents. Food insecurity needs peaked in April, and have fallen slightly through August, although we're seeing an uptick in September and we expect to see growth in need through the end of the year as the poverty pandemic deepens. *Reaching Out has implemented a number of COVID modifications.* We also implemented touchless registration using tablets to ensure the safety of our workers, volunteers and clients.

#### **Activities**

- Food sorting
- Food distribution

**Next Steps:** Email: [troy@reachingoutcenter.org](mailto:troy@reachingoutcenter.org) and put "Volunteer" in the subject line with your contact information in the body along with the Wednesday or Thursday you will be coming.

Or **Text:** (408) 707-4888 and send "Volunteer from TKA" and send your contact information along with the Wednesday or Thursday you will be coming.

Please come volunteer any Wednesday and/or Thursday from 8:30a.m. to 12:30p.m.. You may serve for any length of time that works for you. To see what Reaching Out Center does [watch this video.](#)

## VIRTUAL AND INDIVIDUAL OPPORTUNITIES

*Please communicate with these organizations before starting individual plans.*

**Hope's Corner** Community Food Services. People are hungry in our community. Even if employed, people earning minimum wage cannot afford both rent and food. People who are unhoused need not only a meal but a place to feel welcomed. Hope's Corner is addressing these needs.

### Activities

- Decorate Grocery Bags - Please help us purchase, decorate and donate NEW brown paper grocery bags with handles. We use these to pack up a take-away lunch for our guests each Saturday. [Here is an example of the type of grocery bag needed.](#) For examples of past bags, you can see them on our Facebook Page or our Instagram account (hopescorner\_mv). We ask for nothing violent, political, or religious in terms of decor.
  
- **Donation Drives.** Please help us organize a drive in your neighborhood or with your school and help us collect the following items which we will need once we are able to re-open our shower service. *Please wash the clothing items if they are gently used so that we can give them out for use instead of having to launder them first. Gently used means that you would still use it yourself but just have no need for it any longer (nothing holey or needs repairs as we don't have the capability to do that).*
  - Backpacks (new or gently used in neutral colors)
  - Belts (new or gently used)
  - Men's Jeans (new or gently used)
  - Men's Sneakers (new or gently used; no holes please)
  - Socks (new; men and women; all sizes)
  - Tshirts (new; men and women; all sizes)
  - Underwear (new; men and women; all sizes)
  - Beanies, warm gloves, warm scarves, jackets/coats
  - Toiletries: collect travel-size soap, moisturizer, shampoo, conditioner, etc.  
Please package each set up in a ziplock bag so we can pass out to our guests.  
If you are able to include lip balm, band-aids, a mask etc..that would be a bonus.
  
- **Cloth masks.** Making handmade cloth masks to give to our guests; many of them who have only 1 or 2 to use all the time and cannot easily clean them.

**Next Steps:** For any of these creative or "Drive" ideas please contact Alice Cota, Head of Volunteers at Hope's Corner for information, and drop off instructions. Alice at [hopescornermv@gmail.com](mailto:hopescornermv@gmail.com) Donation drop off can be made directly to Hope's Corner.

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#### **Activities**

- Robotics Coaches (upperclassmen with robotics experience). Program starting soon!
- Online tutoring (upperclassmen) - TKA students to be matched with middle school students who need extra help in subjects older students are comfortable with.
- Virtual Bible Clubs - give pre-planned lessons and activities during later afternoon bible clubs.
- Spanish Translators

**Next Steps:** Contact [volunteer@bayshore.org](mailto:volunteer@bayshore.org) for more information on how to get involved virtually. Please say what you are interested in and that you are from TKA.

**Reach Potential** Reach Potential is a non-profit organization focused on serving the underserved in Sunnyvale, Mountain View and some of the surrounding areas. Currently serving 490 families in need every week.

#### **Activities**

- Run a drive for supplies in your neighborhood and with your family and friends.
  - Book drive
  - Grocery drive
  - School Supply drive
  - Hygiene kits for kids
  - Blankets and Beanies drive
  - Craft and Stem kit drive
- Special Christmas collection drive needs. Please contact Malia directly.
- Cards and note cards written in Spanish. Simple phrases and decorations needed. Must be in Spanish. Please email [Stephanie.Nieves@tka.org](mailto:Stephanie.Nieves@tka.org) if you would like to help.

**Next Steps:** Supplies need to be collected and delivered to Sunnyvale. Please contact Malia at [Malia@rpmovement.org](mailto:Malia@rpmovement.org) for more complete lists of what would need to be collected for a drive and information regarding running a drive.

**Sunday Friends** Sunday Friends empowers families to break the generational cycle of poverty by fostering positive development in children while educating and guiding parents to support their children's life success.

#### **Activities**

- Opportunities are currently limited. However, the biggest needs are conducting a basic necessities drive and creating educational kits for kids. They also conduct a weekly drive-thru to continue providing basic necessities and food. Potential online curriculum for adults and children.

**Next Steps:** Please visit <http://www.sundayfriends.volunteerhub.com/> to find out more about these opportunities.

**Sunnyvale Community Services** is working hard to prevent homelessness and hunger in the local Sunnyvale Community. Currently they are limiting volunteer shift sizes to only essential people so we can properly social distance in our very small warehouse. However there is a need for grocery bagging help. The brown bags that are used for grocery bags come as singles but they are not sturdy enough to hold all the food items that are given to clients so we rely on volunteer help to double them. This activity would be done offsite at students' homes. They

would have to come pick up the materials and instruction sheets at our building and drop the completed bags off when they are finished. Students will also be responsible for logging their own hours for activities done offsite, each bale of brown bags typically takes about 3-4 hours to complete.

**Activity:**

- Doubling up brown paper bags at home

**Next Steps:** Please email Annie Luc, volunteer coordinator, [aluc@svcommunityservices.org](mailto:aluc@svcommunityservices.org) to arrange a time to pick up supplies in Sunnyvale. You must prearrange times for pick up and drop off as the location is closed to visitors.

[LifeMoves Shelter](#) - LifeMoves is committed to finding solutions for homelessness in the Silicon Valley. They provide residential services, supportive services and community outreach. There is a need for multiple different projects all done from your home.

**Activities:**

- **DIY Face Masks** - Make at home and donate for LifeMoves clients and staff: • Read the CDC recommendations and instructions for wearing and making DIY facemasks [here](#) • We prefer you: a. Make and donate the Sewn Cloth Face Covering b. Use tightly woven cotton, such as quilting fabric • We need masks for adults and children over the age of 2 a. For children over the age of 2, start by cutting fabric 8" x 5" • Order materials online for delivery or store pick-up at [www.joann.com](http://www.joann.com) or your favorite fabric store. JOANN's is offering curbside pick-up and kits with slightly different directions • Deliver in plastic bags labeled "Face Masks"
- **No Sew Fleece Blankets** - One of our most popular projects can be done at home. Purchase Fleece Blanket Kits. Order online or pick up in-person. Joann's offers curbside pick-up. [www.Joann.com](http://www.Joann.com) (search No Sew Throw). Make blankets - you'll only need a pair of scissors. Deliver in plastic bags labeled "Fleece Blankets"
- **Make a Meal!** We have a number of shelters that are dependent upon the communities help for meals on the weekends – Breakfast/lunch/dinner. We ask that groups taking this on wear gloves & masks when preparing the meal for the shelter and we practice contactless drop-offs for the sites. Click the link below for the Meal Program Page – the sites are broken out by county and each site has a separate calendar which is accessible by clicking the button 'sign-up' to see the dates and times meals are requested. Any date that doesn't read FULL is open. Calendars through this December are already open and we do still have dates available. [Meals - LifeMoves](#)

**Next Steps:** Please contact Carmen Kapanga [ckapanga@lifemoves.org](mailto:ckapanga@lifemoves.org) and Lynnelle Bilsey, [lbilsey@lifemoves.org](mailto:lbilsey@lifemoves.org) to coordinate the project and drop off. Lynnelle will be your Mobile Serve service hours verification contact.