



Quarterly Volunteer Newsletter: Q1 2026

Fillmore Volunteer Opportunities

WHO: CommunityGrows

WHAT: Public Garden Workdays

WHERE: Koshland Park, Rosa Parks Elementary School

WHEN: Ongoing; next dates are January 23 | February 11 | February 27

CONTACT: Email Brittney Barron, at barron.b@communitygrows.org, with any questions

NOTES: Our public garden workdays offer a welcoming space for community members of all ages to come together and care for our gardens. Volunteers help with planting, weeding, composting, and other hands-on projects that keep our spaces thriving. These events are a chance to learn about sustainable gardening while connecting with neighbors. No prior experience is needed—just bring your enthusiasm and a willingness to get your hands in the soil. All tools and supplies are provided. [Sign up here!](#)

WHO: African American Art and Culture Complex

WHAT: Volunteer at the AAACC!

WHERE: African American Art and Culture Complex (762 Fulton Street)

WHEN: Ongoing

CONTACT: Call or email Ashley Smiley at 415-533-9245 or smiley@aaacc.org for more information

NOTES: The AAACC is in need of volunteers to assist with various programs and events throughout the building. There's something for all ages and abilities so please fill out our volunteer form and be a part of the magic. [Sign up here!](#)

WHO: Project Open Hand

WHAT: Volunteer Opportunity

WHERE: San Francisco

WHEN: Ongoing

CONTACT: [Volunteer | Project Open Hand](#)

NOTES: At Project Open Hand, volunteers contribute to our mission to improve health outcomes and quality of life by providing nutritious meals to the sick and vulnerable, caring for and educating our community. We offer a variety of opportunities for individuals and groups to get involved in San

Francisco and the East Bay. Volunteers help prepare, package and deliver meals with love, and distribute groceries to sick and elderly neighbors. Volunteers also help us staff special events throughout the year. Join us in providing nutritious meals that help our clients recover from illness, regain strength, and lead healthier lives. [Volunteer Hot Spots](#): Support our most urgent volunteer needs. [Individual Volunteers](#): Become a weekly volunteer. [Group Volunteers](#): Schedule a community or corporate group. [Special Events](#): Volunteer at our upcoming events. If you have questions about volunteering, please contact us at (415) 447-2404 or email volunteer@openhand.org.

Bayview Hunters Point Volunteer Opportunities

WHO: Rec and Parks

WHAT: EcoCenter Volunteer Workparty

WHERE: Heron's Head Park

WHEN: Saturday, January 17 10a-12p | Thursday, January 22 10a-1p | Thursday, February 26 10a-1p

CONTACT: [Sign up here!](#)

NOTES: Help the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department in the stewardship of the Nature Exploration Area (NEA), a new children's exploratory play zone in Heron's Head Park. Join them on most 3rd Saturdays of the month and help keep the NEA safe and welcoming for all the children to explore freely. Tasks include annual grass removal, mulch application and watering and other seasonal tasks. Come prepared with closed-toe shoes and dress in layers. No experience necessary. Tools are provided. Meet in front of the EcoCenter by the wacky tree posts.

WHO: Rafiki Coalition (Umoja Health Access Point)

WHAT: Looking for Photographers/Videographers to Donate their Expertise

WHERE: Numerous of Events

WHEN: Ongoing

CONTACT: Email info@rafikicoalition.org for more information

NOTES: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Rafiki Coalition and Umoja Health Access Point are on the lookout for talented videographers and photographers interested in donating their expertise to continue to help us grow and thrive. If you're interested, shoot us a DM or email us. We look forward to creating with you!

WHO: Candlestick Point SRA

WHAT: Ecological Restoration

WHERE: Candlestick Point - 500 Hunters Point Expressway

WHEN: First Saturday of every month 9am-12pm

CONTACT: [Sign up here!](#) Additionally, you may email Lisa Whitmer, at lisa.whitmer@parks.ca.gov, with any questions

NOTES: Help keep the park clean and support ongoing habitat restoration! Participants can choose to pick up micro-trash and debris from the park or remove an invasive species. On select dates, we will also work to build redwood picnic tables, plant native species, and transport building material. We will provide volunteers with tools and nitrile gloves. We recommend wearing long sleeved shirts and a hat. Ages 10 and older are welcome (minors must be accompanied by an adult and bring a waiver signed by their guardian).

WHO: Rafiki Coalition for Health & Wellness

WHAT: Community Market Volunteer

WHERE: 601 César Chavez Street

WHEN: Ongoing

CONTACT: Email or call Tajae Brown at tbrown@rafikicoalition.org or 415-615-9945 with any questions

NOTES: Rafiki Coalition has established a community market, offering complimentary fresh produce to residents of 94124 and the surrounding areas. We seek your assistance in supporting this initiative.

While specific tasks may differ, volunteers will generally be responsible for distributing groceries, recycling, loading and unloading produce, assisting with check-in procedures, or performing other related duties. Ongoing every Monday 12-4pm.

WHO: Tandem, Partners in Early Learning

WHAT: Children's Books Packing and Stickers

WHERE: 1275 Fairfax Avenue, Suite 201

WHEN: Ongoing

CONTACT: Email Kiana Tran at kiana@tandembayarea.org with any questions

NOTES: Help organize and prepare our stock of children's books so that they are ready to be distributed to the community! Come to our office in San Francisco during the work day and help us either sticker, pack, or vet our book collection to be given to children and families in the Bay Area.

WHO: Tandem, Partners in Early Learning

WHAT: Read & Play Club Backpack Packing

WHERE: 1275 Fairfax Avenue, Suite 201

WHEN: Thursday, December 25 - Monday, January 26

CONTACT: Call or email Carola Mulero at (415) 237-1976 or carola@tandembayarea.org for more information

NOTES: Help Spark a Love of Reading! Tandem, Partners in Early Learning is looking for volunteers to join our Read & Play Club Backpack Packing Session! Every kit you help pack will bring the joy of stories and learning directly into the hands of children and families in our community. Sign up here: [Corporate](#) | [Individual](#)

WHO: Meals on Wheels San Francisco

WHAT: Home Deliver Grocery Program

WHERE: 2230 Jerrold Ave San Francisco, CA 94124

WHEN: Ongoing

CONTACT: For more information, email volunteer@mowsf.org

NOTE: The Home Deliver Grocery is a program that provides groceries to seniors in San Francisco. We have volunteers assemble 500 grocery bags from 6:00AM to 8:00AM at our Headquarters. After the bags are assembled, we have volunteer drivers come pick up the assembled bags and deliver them to our clients. Volunteer Drivers use their own personal vehicle. Volunteer drivers deliver between 12 to 18 grocery bags per route. [Sign up here!](#)

Citywide Volunteer Opportunities

WHO: National Park Service

WHAT: Martin Luther King Day of Service events

WHERE: Golden Gate National Recreation Area (various sites)

WHEN: Friday, January 16 – Monday, January 19, 2026.

CONTACT: Visit <https://www.parksconservancy.org/volunteer/mlk-weekend-service-2026> to sign up!

NOTES: Join us in January to make MLK Day a ""day on, not a day off"". We'll be celebrating the Civil Rights leader's life and legacy all weekend with volunteer and engagement programs from Friday, January 16 - Monday, January 19, 2026. Volunteers of all ages are invited to take part in park maintenance, habitat restoration, nursery work, and other outdoor service projects at some of the GGNRA's most iconic parks. Whether you're looking for MLK Day volunteer opportunities, family-friendly service projects, or ways to give back outdoors, there's something for everyone. Bring yourself, your friends, and your family to kick off the new year and take part in your community on this National Day of Service! Most events require pre-registration.

WHO: San Francisco Public Library

WHAT: FOG Readers Tutor

WHERE: Your local San Francisco library branch

WHEN: Ongoing, next orientation is Saturday, January 24th -AND- Saturday January 31st 2026 from 10a-2p

CONTACT: Call (415) 557-4388 or email readers@sfpl.org with any questions.

NOTE: Join us in helping students boost their reading skills and build confidence. FOG Readers is a personalized tutoring program specifically designed for students in grades 1-4 who live or attend school in San Francisco. As a tutor, you will receive 7.5 hours of training and undergo a one-time fingerprinting process, all at no cost to you. We will equip you with the skills to be an effective literacy tutor and offer ongoing support along the way. Join us in making a difference! [Learn more here!](#)

WHO: Support for Families of Children with Disabilities

WHAT: San Francisco Half Marathon 10k & 5k

WHERE: Golden Gate Park

WHEN: Sunday, February 1st

CONTACT: Contact btangsarchet@supportforfamilies.org for more information

NOTES: Support for Families is excited to volunteer at this event supporting local charities – including us! We need your help to cheer on and hydrate racers at Water Station #1! (John F Kennedy Dr & Blue Heron Lake Dr) Sign up to volunteer: <https://www.tfaforms.com/5205639>

WHO: SF Public Works

WHAT: Neighborhood Beautification Days

WHERE: Multiple locations (see: NOTES)

WHEN: Saturdays from 8:30a-12p

CONTACT: [Sign up here!](#)

NOTES: Volunteer at any of the neighborhood beautification days to keep San Francisco beautiful through landscaping and gardening projects, graffiti removal and litter cleanup in our neighborhoods. Next volunteer days are - February 14th: District 10 – Bayview K.C. Jones Playground lawn (1601 Armstrong Avenue) | March 14th: District 3 – Francisco Middle School Yard (361 Francisco Street) | April 11th: District 11 – Balboa Pool Grass Lawn | May 9th: District 9 – TBD | June 6th: District 4 – Sunset Boulevard Median @36th Avenue | July 11th: District 2 – Sherman Elementary School Yard | August 8th: District 6 – Street Tree Nursery | September 12th: District 7 – Lakeside Landing | October 3rd: District 1 – Argonne Elementary School Yard | November 7th: District 8 – James Lick Middle School Yard.

WHO: Street Soccer USA SF

WHAT: Tournaments, games, practices, field repairs, community events

WHERE: San Francisco (Tenderloin, Bayview, SOMA and Mission)

WHEN: Ongoing

CONTACT: Email Andres at Andres@streetsoccerusa.org with any questions

NOTES: Coaches and volunteers at Street Soccer USA (SSUSA) play a vital role in supporting our programs and creating a positive, inclusive environment for all participants. Coaches and volunteers responsibilities may include assisting with practices and games, helping set up and break down equipment, engaging with participants and families, and supporting program staff with administrative tasks. This role offers a rewarding opportunity to contribute to youth development, build community connections, and be part of a team that uses soccer as a tool for growth, mentorship, and fun. [Apply here!](#)

WHO: Friends of the Urban Forest

WHAT: Community Tree Care

WHERE: Citywide

WHEN: Ongoing

CONTACT: [Sign up here!](#)

NOTES: Whether you're a seasoned gardener, or it's your first time planting, we welcome everyone who is willing to roll up their sleeves and dig in! We provide all the tools, training, and support you need for a fun day of community greening. Families are welcome too—youth under 18 can participate with an accompanying adult.

WHO: Third Parent Family and Youth Services

WHAT: Weekly Pop Up Food Pantry

WHERE: Clayton and Fell (in the Panhandle, near workout equipment)

WHEN: Ongoing every Saturday

CONTACT: Email Whitney White at w.whitneywhite1@gmail.com with any questions

NOTES: Come out for a morning of service, helping to pack food bags for families in need. [Apply here!](#)

WHO: San Francisco Education Fund

WHAT: Volunteer at your neighborhood public school!

WHERE: Any SFUSD school

WHEN: Ongoing

CONTACT: Email volunteer@sfedfund.org for more information

NOTES: Your neighborhood school needs you! There are students in every classroom who just need a little bit of extra attention in order to thrive. Volunteer one hour a week and provide that extra assistance to students who need it. No prior tutoring experience required; just a love for working with kids and a passion for education. Click on this link to find out more:

<https://sfedfund.org/become-a-volunteer>

WHO: SF-Marin Food Bank

WHAT: Food Pantries

WHERE: Multiple locations (see: NOTES)

WHEN: Monday-Saturday

CONTACT: If you have questions about a pantry operating, please email volunteer@sfmfoodbank.org

NOTES: Food Pantries and Community Markets are critical connection points for our community to receive needed groceries, because of that, we operate rain or shine. Volunteers MUST be 11 years or older and minors must be accompanied by an adult. **Tuesday-Saturday:** [Western Addition Community](#)

[Market](#) - 8:15-10:45a, 10:30a-1p, 12:45-3:15p | **Wednesday:** [Webster/Eddy](#) - 7:30-8:30a, 8:30-10a | **Thursday:** [Bayview Hunters Point Foundation](#) - 11:30a-1:30p | **Friday:** [Bethel AME](#) - 8:30-10:30a, 10:45a-1p | **Saturday:** [Calvary Baptist Church](#) - 7-8:30a, 10-11a | [Florence Fang Community Farm](#) - 7-9a, 9-11a | [Jones Memorial Church](#) - 7-10a. View even more opportunities at <https://volunteering.sfmfoodbank.org/need/>