

Zeta Beta Tau

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Volunteer Opportunities during COVID-19 Pandemic

We know many of our brothers may find themselves, unexpectedly, at home these days. Below is a list of variety of ways that you (and your friends/family) can give back and stay safe. If you have any questions regarding this list, please reach out to [Sheri Rosenberg](#), ZBT's Director of Hate Prevention and Jewish Enrichment.

1. **Children's Miracle Network Hospitals/Jewish Women International:** Record yourself reading a favorite children's books at home! Whether it's The Giving Tree, Goodnight Moon, Captain Underpants, or any other book, the Fraternity is looking to compile recordings, either audio-only or with video, and create a shareable playlist with our partners which can be viewed by kids needing a pick-me-up from afar. Contact [Brian Hoffman](#) for recording details and guidelines.
2. **Zeta Beta Tau Foundation:**
 - Call alumni to check on them (lists will be provided with suggested talking points)
 - Locate lost alumni (lists will be provided with suggested talking points)
 - Write thank you notes to donors (cards/envelopes and lists will be provided with suggested language to include)
 - Write articles about alumni (great for journalism majors or others with exceptional writing skills)
 - Please reach out to ZBT Foundation's CEO [Faron Lewitt](#) for more information.
3. **Gift of Life:** Create a donor circle at giftoflife.org and recruit people online by sharing the link to their donor circle.
4. **Cheerful Notes to Hospital Employees/Healthcare workers:**
 Pennsylvania Hospital is the first and oldest hospital in the country. The last time there was a pandemic was in 1918 and Philadelphia was the epicenter of that pandemic. They have a large library/museum at the hospital with documents from that time. The hope is to not only cheer staff up by posting any cards/letters/pictures along the hall at the entrance to the hospital, but then have them memorialized in the library to document this moment in history. Anyone that wants to write notes, send pictures, draw pictures, please send to:
 Sara Cohen
 1714 Christian Street
 Philadelphia, PA 19146
5. **Be My Eyes:** Every day, sighted volunteers lend their eyes to solve tasks big and small to help blind and low-vision people lead more independent lives.
https://www.bemyeyes.com/?fbclid=IwAR24UvJsQ1Ue7O-frlQ7VjqKhi_Cve0V8syN4_S0omxYORK-6M6jfbRuVT4
6. **Have local restaurant deliver food to healthcare workers:** If you have a contact at a local hospital, plan with them when would be the best time to have food delivered.
7. **Meals on Wheels:** Some Meals on Wheels chapters are looking for healthy volunteers who can be on call to make deliveries during the coronavirus outbreak. Many chapters also keep in touch with seniors at a distance [through "telephone reassurance" programs](#). To volunteer in your area, find your local Meals on Wheels provider [here](#).

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8. **Support your local Food Bank:** To find out what the needs in your area are, contact your [local food bank](#).
9. **Donate Blood:** Anyone that is healthy and able, should donate blood. Due to the virus, there is a decrease in blood donor participation. Find a donation site [here](#).
10. [Ancestry.com's World Archives Program](#) (AWAP) provides free software to its volunteers to access already-scanned images and transcribe them into a common, publicly-searchable database. The Ancestry World Archives Project's online volunteers use their passion for genealogy to help others discover their roots.
11. [Carnamah Historical Society virtual volunteering initiative](#) uses online volunteers to help with transcription and indexing projects to make historical records more discoverable and searchable.
12. The [Smithsonian Digital Volunteer](#) program engages the public in making its collections more accessible. Digital volunteers transcribe historic documents and collection records to facilitate research and preserve these valuable assets for future generations.
13. [Nabuur](#) is an online volunteering platform that links volunteers with local communities in Africa, Asia and Latin America so they can learn about each other, share ideas and find solutions to local issues
14. [BookShare.Org](#) offers thousands of books to people with reading disabilities. As an online volunteer you can either scan books to be added to the collection or edit books that have been scanned
15. [IntoBooks](#) is an online mentoring program where students and their adult mentors read the same books and then discuss them online. It's part of the ePals program
16. [VolunteerMatch](#) uses their website to bring good people and causes together. Search through their database of thousands of volunteer opportunities and be sure to look for those opportunities that are virtual.
17. [Idealist](#) has many volunteer tasks listed on its site that can be completed online.
18. Assist on social media and database management for the Jewish community in San Luis Obispo. Read more information [here](#).