



## Volunteer Alexandria

GLOBAL NETWORK AFFILIATE

# Civic Engagement Opportunities

## Civic Engagement is a powerful force...

for solving community problems, a creative use of human resources and essential for a healthy, productive, and engaged society.

Since 1980, the mission of Volunteer Alexandria is to connect and match people seeking opportunities with organizations in need of human resources to support their programs and services.

Volunteer Alexandria hosts events to fund the project management, technology, and administrative resources it requires to be Alexandria's Community Resource for Volunteerism.

Your contributions to and participation in these events and programs help us to continue to provide valuable assistance to Alexandria's nonprofits, as well as engage people in service, making our community a stronger, more engaged place to live, work and play.



## Get Involved

- ✓ Nonprofit Capacity Building
- ✓ Family Volunteer Day
- ✓ Toys4ALX Toy Collection
- ✓ Food4ALX Food Collection
- ✓ Volunteer Recognition
- ✓ Service-Learning for Students
- ✓ Community Service
- ✓ Emergency Preparedness
- ✓ Connecting People to Causes

Together, we can reduce loneliness and isolation



## Family Volunteer Day

*Saturday, November 22*

Volunteering together as a family has many benefits. Working side by side provides opportunities for a shared experience, connection, and conversation, and family members get to see each other in a new light. Volunteering also cultivates empathy, encourages kindness and gratitude, and shows even the youngest child how a small positive act can make a big difference.

Families of all ages and constellations come together to work on different projects.

## Addressing Food Insecurity in Alexandria Through Community-wide Food Drive

*July 1-31*

Volunteer Alexandria, in partnership with ALIVE!, hosts a community-wide food drive to help maintain a healthy inventory. Currently, they distribute to over 5,000 households per month. Since March 2020, the demand for services from ALIVE! has increased fivefold and has not abated. Businesses & customers, associations, individuals & families, condominiums, and apartments, collect certain canned and nonperishable food items throughout the city.



Saturday, June 8, 2024

**ARTS & CRAFTS  
FAIR**

10:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Waterfront Park, Prince Street

**Free Admission  
Child Art Projects  
Food & Drinks**

Volunteer  
**Alexandria**

VolALX hosts an annual Arts & Crafts Fair in the Summer. The free event attracts thousands of residents and visitors and includes 90 vendors and features performances local artists.

Local and regional artists and crafters showcase their pieces across various mediums, including pottery, stationery, fabrics, paintings, jewelry, photography, and more.

Food, beer available for purchase.

# TOYS 4 ALX



## Community Toy Collection & Distribution *November-December*

Each year, hundreds of local children need toys, books, and games. Since 2014, VolALX implements this drive to support Alexandria's children. The Fund for Alexandria's Children's Holiday Sharing program, the Domestic Violence and Substance Abuse Center, other agencies in need, as well as low-income working families not registered with an agency benefit from the drive.

VolALX engages hundreds of businesses and individuals who participate in this initiative by setting up a toy collection bin, organizing holiday parties, donating money to help us putting this all together and purchase materials and snacks for volunteers, getting friends and families involved, and volunteering.



## Volunteer Recognition Ceremony *April 26, 2025*

Each year, Volunteer Alexandria recognizes and honors the work of volunteers and businesses that supported Alexandria's nonprofit organizations and community. Volunteers give vital assistance in fulfilling our mission and we could not do what we do without the help of those who donate their time, talents, and skills.

Every year, we make thousands of connections that translate to thousands of hours being donated to our community. Our nonprofit partners couldn't have done their work without the volunteers.

**Let's celebrate them all!**



# How Would YOUR Business like to be Engaged - Levels



## **Civic Circle Member \$10,000**

- ✓ Logo recognition on website
- ✓ Logo recognition in all print materials, newsletter, The Zebra Press, social media
- ✓ Logo recognition, speaking engagement at all events
- ✓ High level media recognition
- ✓ Banner placement at events announcing company as proud sponsor of VoIALX
- ✓ Distribute materials at two events

## **Community Champion \$7,500**

- ✓ Logo recognition, speaking engagement at all events
- ✓ Logo recognition in all print materials, newsletter, social media
- ✓ High level media recognition
- ✓ Banner placement at events announcing company as proud sponsor of VoIALX
- ✓ Distribute company materials at one event

## **Community Leader \$5,000**

- ✓ Logo recognition at two events of your choice
- ✓ Name recognition in all print materials, newsletter, social media
- ✓ Media recognition

## **Community Builder \$2,500**

- ✓ Logo recognition at one event of your choice
- ✓ Media recognition

## **Community Engager \$1,500**

- ✓ Name recognition at one event of your choice
- ✓ Media recognition

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