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MICROVOLUNTEERING: THE WHAT, THE WHY, AND THE WHERE

At any one time, one-third of the world's population could be in bed. That's 2.37 billion people as of 2013! If they all spent 10 minutes micro-volunteering before they got under the sheets, it would equate to 45,090 years volunteered OR Supplying 454, 507, 200 needy people with clean water for 1 whole year!

WHAT IS MICRO-VOLUNTEERING?

Micro-volunteering can be described as easy, no commitment, free to participate actions that can be completed in less than 30 minutes.

WHY VOLUNTEER

Volunteering is a great way to:

1. Make a difference – Volunteering gives you a way to make a real contribution to something you are passionate about.
2. Have new experiences – Volunteering gives you the opportunity to get involved in and explore an area you may have not experienced
3. Network – Volunteering is a gateway to a diverse group people who you can learn
4. Boost your employment prospects – Volunteering gives you experiences to put on your resume, to talk about in your interviews, build upon your skills, and leverage to prospective employers

Volunteering will provide you with the opportunity to:

- Enhance your communication, interpersonal, and organization skills
- Improve and develop time management, problem solving, adaptability, and teamwork skills
- Practice networking and learning about a new organization
- Expand your network, strengthen your resume and give you personal satisfaction
- Explore potential career options
- Earn a reference

For examples of skills volunteering can help build, refer to Employability Skills FYI

WHERE CAN YOU PARTICIPATE IN MICRO-VOLUNTEERING?

- AeroSee
- Amnesty International Decoders
- Ancestry.com's World Archives Program (AWAP)
- Bilbaal
- BookShare.Org
- Career Village
- Catchafire
- Carnamah Historical Society virtual volunteering initiative
- Code of America
- The Community Corps
- Creatives Without Borders
- Crisis Commons/ CrisisCamp
- Crisis Text Line
- Crowd4U
- Cuso International E-Volunteering
- Distributed Proofreaders
- Doe Network
- Ebird database
- Educurious
- EngineerAid
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Volunteering Monitoring Program
- Epilepsy Foundation Virtual Volunteering
- FLOSS Manuals

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- ForGood
- Geeks Without Bounds
- Oportunidades de voluntariado virtual de hacesfalta.org
- Help From Home
- Helpful Peeps
- Hire Heroes USA
- Humanitarian Data Exchange (HDX)
- Humanity Road
- IMAlive
- icouldbe.org
- Idealist/ Action Without Borders
- InspireIT
- Internet Archive's Wayback Machine
- IntoBooks
- Judgepedia
- Koodonation
- Learning Ally
- LibriVox
- LifeWorks E-mentoring
- Map Rectifier Project
- Michigan Cyber Civilian Corps (MiC3)
- Mozilla/Firefox
- Nabuur
- National Archives (USA) Flickr Site
- NetMentors
- The National Map Corps (TNM Corps)
- NetSquared
- 1947 Partition Archive
- NOAA Weather volunteers
- North American Bird Phenology Program
- OpenHatch
- OpenMRS
- OpenStreetMap
- Perverted Justice
- Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection
- Prosper Community
- Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network
- Random Hacks of Kindness (RHoK)
- Smithsonian Archives of American Gardens
- Smithsonian Digital Volunteer Program
- Statistics Without Borders (SWB)
- TechSoup
- TeenCentral.Net
- Translators Without Borders
- Trevor Project
- United Nations Online Volunteering Service
- Voluntarios en la red
- VolunteerMatch
- We-Me
- Wikipedia
- WomenOnCall.org
- WorldPulse
- Zooniverse

OTHER MICRO-VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES (FROM HOME)

- Afghans for Afghans
- Mother Bear Project
- Shawl Ministry
- Project Linus
- Quilts of Valor (QOVs)
- Adopt a Soldier
- Binky Patrol
- Wildcare
- Knitted Knockers
- Leggings for Life
- Knots of Love
- Knit-A-Square
- Snuggles Project
- Halos of Hope
- Elephants Remember Joplin
- Mats for Cats
- Project Linus
- Wrapped in Hugs
- Feel Better Friends
- Knitting Rays of Hope
- Watch the Wild