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Boston Cares
Boston Cares mobilizes and trains individual and corporate volunteers who strengthen communities and improve the lives of people in need.

My fellowship has been an inspiring opportunity to build meaningful relationships through service. The dedicated staff at Boston Cares is essential to the volunteer engagement happening every day. They have helped me learn and continue to grow as a leader. I’m incredibly proud to support and celebrate the power of the volunteers who serve, strengthen and transform our communities.

— Shannon Murray

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I am originally from Oregon, and I wanted to feel a sense of belonging here in Boston. Having this opportunity to engage with people who are dedicated to volunteerism in my city is extremely inspiring and motivating. This position has allowed me to feel like I am making a difference in my community.

— Lindsay Human

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Chicago Cares mobilizes volunteers to build a stronger, more unified Chicago.

My experience with Chicago Cares has given me a new perspective of volunteerism. I have learned to be inclusive and respectful when partnering with both underserved communities and the privileged. It is refreshing and humbling to impact a multitude of lives. I also have built capacity through leadership style, program and relationship building, community-focused partnerships and engaging others civically.

— Isiah Dorris

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Hands On Atlanta
We mobilize the Atlanta community to tackle our city’s most pressing needs.

As I help food pantries across the metro area build capacity through volunteerism, I get to witness the connecting power of food. A hot meal, a box of food and the opportunity to connect with others can be life-changing for a family. The Starbucks Foundation Service Fellows allows me to scale my impact further than I ever considered possible.

— Shelly Banks

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Over the course of my service term, I’ve learned just how important every can of food, every pantry and every volunteer can be to our community. It has been amazing to work with so many food pantries across the metro Atlanta Area and to see their enormous impact.

— Steen Stuckey

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Hands On Nashville
Hands On Nashville meets community needs through volunteerism.

My time at Hands On Nashville has been incredible. I work under the Corporate Partner Program which does volunteer event management for community-minded businesses. My role has given me a deeper appreciation for the work that goes into nonprofit project management and creating impact for our community. I feel blessed to be a Starbucks Foundation Service Fellow.

— David Bradley

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My experience with HandsOn Bay Area has enabled me to give more by teaching me that there are many different roles and not being on the front lines doesn’t mean I can’t help my community. I’m currently building up our intranet, and my work is building our capacity to assist our staff volunteers, and the agencies that we work with.

— Kourtney Allred

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HandsOn Broward inspires, equips, and mobilizes people to effect positive change in Broward County. By leveraging the power of people and socially responsible businesses, we transform local communities through meaningful hands-on projects that make a difference.

My experience at HandsOn Broward has given me a greater sense of purpose and connectedness to the South Florida community. I will be taking part in managing trainings, establishing new relationships with agencies, and expanding my knowledge through the Community Emergency Response Team training. I look forward to educating community members on the importance of disaster preparedness.

— Jennifer Roy

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As a Starbucks Foundation Service Fellow with HandsOn Broward, my time spent getting more involved in my community has added to my perspective and growth as a person. Learning how organizations work together is so interesting and realizing there are areas in my community so in need of resources for disaster preparedness has been eye-opening!

— Andrea Orbegozo

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It’s an experience where anyone can get some sort of valuable knowledge or a new set of skills from. A great opportunity for those looking for a change of pace and can open your eyes on what it really means to work within your community. I’ve learned a lot so far and hope those in the future will too.

— Kenneth Bueno

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HandsOn Greater Phoenix
HandsOn Greater Phoenix is a 501(c3) nonprofit organization that puts volunteers to work where they are needed most.

I’ve met so many people with a passion for helping others while taking part in the work of HandsOn Greater Phoenix. Getting to be a member of The Starbucks Foundation Service Fellows has been an inspiring experience for me, both for the work I’ve done for others and for what the fellowship has taught me about myself.

— Robbie Lane

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My experience with The Starbucks Foundation Service Fellows at HandsOn Greater Phoenix has opened my eyes to the effects of service in the community. Our work at HandsOn improves the lives of those who need our help the most; seeing the impact of this work keeps me dedicated to my service day after day.

— Ashlinn Denton

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HandsOn Miami

HandsOn Miami inspires, equips, and mobilizes people to take action to effect positive change in our Miami-Dade county community.

My volunteer journey has been exciting and fun because I get to see another part of the community that is often overlooked. This fellowship has taught me skills that I wouldn’t normally pursue and has taught me ways to participate and be more hands on with my community. I love meeting new people and creating partnerships and friendships.

— Makenzee Ruley

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HandsOn San Diego

HandsOn San Diego strengthens communities through volunteer action and leadership development.

The Starbucks Foundation Service Fellows has allowed me to gain immense knowledge into the nonprofit world that I would have never gotten without joining this amazing opportunity. The fellowship has shed light on how active volunteerism can really make your community stronger.

— Vanessa Chappins

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HandsOn Twin Cities
Our mission is to inspire, equip and mobilize people to provide hands on impact to solve the most pressing challenges in our communities.

While working with HandsOn Twin Cities, I have learned what it means to serve and how to better impact the community. It has been rewarding to connect for-profit organizations with nonprofit organizations. I have been blessed to be a fellow for this season, and I am excited and expectant for all that I will learn these next few months.

— Abby North

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New York Cares
New York Cares meets pressing community needs by mobilizing caring New Yorkers in volunteer service.

The Starbucks Foundation Service Fellows has been a catalyst for my personal and professional efforts to help better communities in New York City. Learning valuable lessons and receiving guidance at New York Cares while being connected to Starbucks leadership has been invaluable.

— Adam Maldonado

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My experience as a Starbucks Foundation Service Fellow has been eye-opening, among other things. New York Cares’ focus on community engagement and strengthening its bond with the community has allowed me to gain a wider understanding of the needs of the community and the work being done by stakeholders to address those needs.

— Todd Gayle

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My experience as a Starbucks Foundation Service Fellow has been so rewarding. Working on the Daily Point of Light Award, I have an awesome job of recognizing ordinary people for their extra-ordinary service work. This role has opened my eyes on just how much impact each person can make for their community.

— Jomari Delgado

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Points Of Light
We inspire, equip and mobilize people to take action that changes the world.

I am honored to return to a program that provides opportunities for professional development, civic engagement and community activism. Every day, our fellows passionately participate in their communities—building relationships and co-creating positive impacts to fortify the resiliency of their communities. My goal is to set foundations to ensure this program will continue for many years.

— Julie Terlemezian

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Seattle Works
Seattle Works’ mission is to connect volunteers, develop leaders, and build community.

I work for a nonprofit that’s trailblazing the path on how volunteering is conducted in Seattle. I’m working on developing a lookbook of volunteer opportunities, along with specialized education for volunteers. The fundamentals of this education are addressing race, power and privilege in our community. I’ve never been so excited and humbled about the work I am doing.

— Lincoln Sherwood

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The Starbucks Foundation Service Fellows allows partners to work with local nonprofits while working part time in stores. I am honored to work with Seattle Works on their volunteer program, Team Works. I am adding education to Team Work’s volunteer training that acknowledges and addresses race, power and privilege so as not to cause harm to communities we serve.

— Violeta Ortega-Reyes

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United Way Hands On
The mission of United Way Hands On is to connect people with organized and meaningful volunteer opportunities to help bring about positive social change.

My favorite thing about The Starbucks Foundation Service Fellows is being able to have a positive impact on someone’s day, and that’s the best thing about working with United Way Hands On—I get to do that on a larger scale. I have been a part of this incredibly talented team that has a passion for partnering with communities to have a positive impact.

— Meredith Poe

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I’m on a team that shares Starbucks’ values. The environment at United Way Hands On is fun and inviting. We work hard and laugh a lot. I’ve doubled our reach to local schools and have expanded from one to three counties in Alabama. We’re able to ensure more students attend school in an atmosphere that nurtures and inspires learning!

— Deidre Clark

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United Way of King County
Our mission is to bring caring people together to give, volunteer, and take action to help people in need and solve our community’s toughest challenges.

My experience at United Way of King County inspired me to get out in my community and become a catalyst for positive change. My work on Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service taught me the importance of community service and the value of donating your time to help others, through a lens of social justice and racial equity.

— Asma Ahmed

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The most profound thing I’ve learned as the United Way of King County Project Innovation Fellow is that we all have a responsibility to end homelessness. UWKC’s young professionals (Emerging Leaders 365) realize that too. So I’m working on creating, facilitating and increasing the capacity of small groups (Connect For Good), thus impacting ending homelessness further!

— Marie Bolla

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United Way of Greater St. Louis

United Way of Greater St. Louis mobilizes the community with one goal in mind—helping people live their best possible lives.

This fellowship created opportunities to work with The United Way of Greater St. Louis and connect with Starbucks partners nationwide who share my passion for service. I have grown, enriched and strengthened my community by recruiting agencies and volunteers for stlvolunteer.org, creating new projects to engage corporations, and founding The Coffee Confab at my Starbucks store.

— Lydia Aiken

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United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey

To end intergenerational poverty in our region by harnessing, leveraging and strategically investing the collective power of donors, advocates and volunteers, to help individuals and families break the cycle of poverty.

We all have the opportunity to make the world a little better, but working with United Way has taught me what it means to really make a difference! Between reading to children, packing hygiene kits for the homeless and serving dinner to underprivileged youth, there’s no end of ways to get involved here in Philadelphia and beyond.

— Darcy Kerr

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Volunteer Fairfax
Volunteer Fairfax mobilizes people and resources to meet regional and community needs.

Being a Service Fellow has been a rewarding experience—not only has it enabled me to develop my skills, but it has also led me to grow as a person. Helping build capacity for Volunteer Fairfax has taught me the importance of action and inaction, therefore I will uplift my community one volunteer, one event, and one neighborhood at a time.

— Ari Aguinaldo

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Working at Volunteer Fairfax has immersed me in the ins and outs of the nonprofit world. I now appreciate the magnitude of need in the community and the people helping solve those needs. My focus is developing and expanding partnerships with organizations and local schools. We are working on better connecting young people with opportunities that they are passionate about.

— Molly Ferguson

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Volunteer Houston
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My work with Volunteer Houston pushes me out of my comfort zone every day and creates opportunities to learn about myself, my community and the world of nonprofit organizing. Seeing my work have a real impact on real people has been a fulfilling experience like no other.

— Amanda Good

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Working with Volunteer Houston is a professional and humanitarian opportunity I never expected to receive. My work not only includes supporting VH through volunteer management, but also community engagement in the umbrella organization’s Refugee Services department. I spend most of my time working with two different women’s empowerment groups focusing on capacity building, planning and attending each meeting.

— Emily Westcott

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Working at Volunteer Houston has been empowering for me. I’m able to observe the causes and responses to social issues firsthand. A primary focus for me has been engaging in trainings that pertain to census education. I’m empowered to learn about enacting long-term benefits by understanding the exchange between government and community representation.

— Amina Windsor

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— Justin Hampton

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VolunteerNow
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As a Service Fellow at VolunteerNow, I have learned the importance of being equitable and inclusive in communities when decisions are being made. People need to know that their voice matters and their needs matter. I have made many connections in the southern Dallas sector/Grand Prairie as well as attending events in the city.

— Najla Guice

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During my time at VolunteerNow, I have been inspired by the people I work alongside. I have learned that lasting impact is not done alone, but through our partnerships. As part of my fellowship, I have helped to foster relationships in the southern sector of Dallas and have grown to love my community and city even more.

— Nicole Bohorquez

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Chicago Cares mobilizes volunteers to build a stronger, more unified Chicago.

My experience has given me an opportunity to develop professionally and personally. I've learned about what it means to build equitable, sustainable programs, and have connected with amazing volunteer leaders. Chicago Cares is a team that fosters development, education and empowerment. I'm proud to be a part of this program and grateful for the opportunity to make a change.

– Cheyenne Shelby-Petersen

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It has been a privilege to serve my community and to learn corporate volunteerism best practices from the pros at United Way! I love that my role is inherently dynamic: I support UWGPSNJ staff in the office and am frequently present at off-site volunteer events, coordinating logistics and stepping in when an extra set of hands is needed.

– Madeline Jarvis

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– Emily Garrigus

Spark the Change Colorado
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