

Alpha Phi Omega Region H  
Ideas for Virtual Service Projects  
Spring & Summer 2020

**Volunteer Websites to Check Out:**

1. LibriVox
  - a. Help record free public audio books.
2. 7Cups
  - a. Volunteer as an active listener for users experiencing emotional distress.
3. FreeRice
  - a. Free app to download where volunteers can answer quiz questions & the company will donate rice to families in need.
4. Be My Eyes
  - a. Pairs a sighted volunteer with a blind or low-vision user for assistance.
5. Amnesty Decoders
  - a. Platform for volunteers around the world to use their computers or phones to help researchers sift through pictures, information, and documents.
6. Translators Without Borders
  - a. Volunteers who are fluent in multiple languages can help assist users across the world.
7. United Nations Volunteers (UNV) Online
  - a. Online volunteering with UNV allows volunteers to team up to address sustainable development challenges – anywhere in the world, from any device.
8. Smithsonian Digital Transcription
  - a. Become a Smithsonian Digital Volunteer and help make historical documents and biodiversity data more accessible.
9. Crisis Text Line
  - a. Crisis Text Line is the free, 24/7 text line for people in crisis in the United States. The service is powered by volunteers who work remotely.
10. Project Gutenberg
  - a. Volunteer to help proofread new eBooks and use online forums to communicate with fellow proofreaders.
11. Chemo Angels
  - a. Apply as a Chemo Angels volunteer to be assigned a patient who you can send encouraging cards, letters, and small gifts weekly.

12. Warm Up America!
  - a. This organization collects 7"x9" knit/crochet sections, finished afghans, and accessories year-round for different opportunities.
13. Zooniverse
  - a. Assist and participate in real research projects with over 50 active online citizen science projects.
14. Volunteer Match
  - a. Connect with local volunteering opportunities with varying organizations in your community.
15. CatchaFire
  - a. Connect with different online volunteering opportunities with a lot of different organizations.

**Virtual Service Project Ideas (via Skype or Zoom):**

1. Bracelet Making for Local Children's Hospitals
2. Dog-Toy Making (using old t-shirts) for Local Shelters
3. Card Making for Hospitals, Nurses, Nursing Home Patients, etc.
4. Painting Items for Nursing Homes, Schools, Shelters, etc. (I.E. birdhouses)
5. Organizing Donation Drives for Local or National Causes

**Tips:**

1. Reach out to current chapter service partners to see if there are any volunteer opportunities that can be completed remotely.
2. Offer more "work-from-home" opportunities where students can complete service hours with online or remote organizations of their choosing & increase the number of outside-APO hours permitted.
3. Group service projects could take place virtually if students gathered supplies individually in their own homes (I.E. everyone making bracelets together on Skype) to later donate to a children's hospital).
4. Setting up a donation drive or fundraiser can always be held over the summer, or until it's safe to drop-off at a location. Students could earn service hours by sending a picture of a bag of clothes to donate, for example.
5. Brainstorm ways to add service to the fraternity hours to your program. For example, giving service hours to students who take extra APO virtual webinars to further develop their skills for their chapters.