

Volunteer With Your Kids >>

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Giving back to your community is important all year, but this month we're breaking down tons of service opportunities in your region to give you and your kids an idea of where to lend a helping hand with many different organizations. From donating old clothes to caring for shelter animals and building houses, our guide to volunteering with your kids will help you teach and demonstrate the benefits of giving back to others as a family.

Befriend a Furball

Save-A-Pet Animal Rescue and Adoption

Center is a "safe harbor" for companion animals. The shelter also serves the community by teaching and practicing humane behavior toward man and all living things. Save-A-Pet accepts adult volunteers, anyone older than 18 can play with dogs, children 16 and older can work with the center's cats, and children ages 12-14 must be accompanied by an adult. Volunteers can help out in a variety of ways, from tidying up and fixing the shelter and its grounds, to bringing pet therapy to the residents of the Jefferson Ferry Assisted Living community (21 and older only), to hosting a supply drive in their school or community. To volunteer, contact Lynne Schoepfer at saveapetedu@optonline.net. The center is located at 608 Route 112, Port Jefferson Station. For more information: 631-473-6333 or saveapetli.net.