

# Zoom Into Action™

Are you ready to **volunteer?**  
Here's how to get started.



I teamed up with a friend!

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## How Can You Help?

There are lots of ways to volunteer. For example, you can rake your elderly neighbor's leaves, walk dogs at an animal shelter, or collect clothes to send to another country. Here are some questions to help you choose a way to help.

- What kinds of things do you like to do?
- How much time can you share?
- How do you want to work—alone, with an organization, or with a group that you start?
- What new things do you want to learn?

Brainstorm a list of ways to help. Then choose one that you can do well and that will make a difference.

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I worked with an organization!



Zoe K. and Caroline V. of Richmond, Virginia, didn't have to look far to find a way to help. When the snow melted at their local park, they found bits of plastic sleds and other kinds of litter. Zoe and Caroline **collected all the trash** and made the park look beautiful again!

Chris O. of Jacksonville, Florida, is a member of the ZOOMteam. He volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, an organization that **builds houses for families** in need. Chris gave drinks to other volunteers and built a bench. Thanks to Chris and other volunteers like him, a family got a home of its own.

## Who Do You Want to Help?

Look around you. Is there a person or organization that needs your help? Is there something that you want to change? Pick a volunteer project that means a lot to you. Your project can be big or small. And it can happen anywhere—in your neighborhood, around your town, or across the world.

### 3 Make a Plan

Now that you know what you want to do, figure out how you can make it happen. Make a timeline and a list of the steps you need to take. For example, do you need other volunteers to work with you? Are there special supplies you'll need to collect? Will you need transportation? What other steps do you need to take to make your project a success? If you need help from grown-ups, ask your parents, a neighbor, or a teacher to join in.

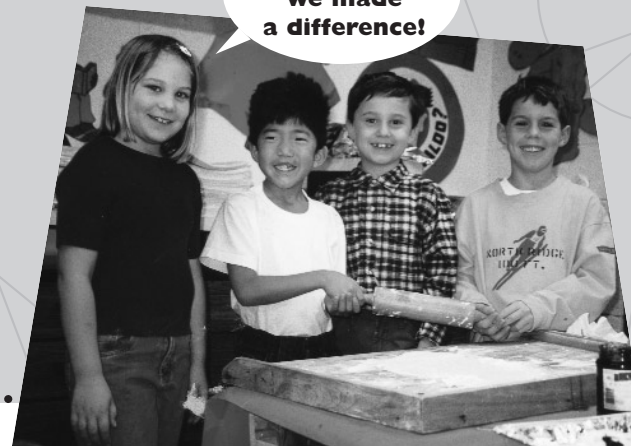
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**Zoom Into Action™**

Now that you're ready, **DO IT!**

As a classroom,  
we made  
a difference!



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### Share Your Story

Feel proud that you are helping out and making a difference. Let others know what you're doing—take a picture, write about it, or shoot a video. Then send it to ZOOM! Get other people to care about the same things you do. Maybe you'll inspire them to ZOOM Into Action, too!


Second graders from the Grove School in Northbrook, Illinois, **baked 2,650 cookies** for 21 homeless shelters. They **took pictures and sent them to ZOOM**. Now maybe others will be inspired to donate food to the homeless, too!

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### Do It Again!

Stay in action. You may want to work on the same project again, or you can find a new way to help. Every time you volunteer, you'll learn something useful for the next project.

### Watch ZOOM™ on PBS!



Find out how other kids are volunteering. Then tell us what you're doing, and we might share your story on the TV show or the Web site!

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