Baker Ripley [https://www.bakerripley.org/](https://www.bakerripley.org/)
Baker Ripley has a rich history in building communities that work since its early days when it was part of the Settlement House movement in the early 1900’s. When Alice Graham Baker founded the agency in 1907, the main intention behind it all was to help every resident of Houston have an opportunity for an education, for health, for work, and to become an informed participant in democracy. Sheltering Arms Senior Services Division, Dementia-Specific Day Center - Service activity: interact 1:1 with members and run a few small group activities. **Shift**: 1p – 4p.

The Beacon (downtown) [http://www.helpthebeacon.com/](http://www.helpthebeacon.com/)
Providing services that help restore dignity, self-respect, and hope to Houston’s poor and homeless. Service activity includes but not limited to the following: kitchen/meal service and laundry. **Shift 1**: 7:15a – 10:30a; **Shift 2**: 10:45a – 2p.

Founded in 1986, Buffalo Bayou Partnership’s (BBP) geographic focus is the 10-mile stretch of Buffalo Bayou from Shepherd Drive to the Port of Houston Turning Basin. Thanks to the generous support of foundations, corporations, individuals and government agencies, BBP has raised and leveraged more than $150 million for the redevelopment and stewardship of the waterfront – spearheading award-winning projects such as Sabine Promenade and Sesquicentennial Park, protecting land for future parks, constructing hike and bike trails, and operating comprehensive clean-up and maintenance programs. **Service activity includes but not limited to the following**: removing invasive plants, picking up trash and debris and spreading mulch to help maintain the green space’s appearance. **Shift**: 830a – 1130a.

Casa de Esperanza [https://www.casahope.org/](https://www.casahope.org/)
Casa de Esperanza de los Niños - the House of Hope for Children - is a safe place for children in crisis due to abuse, neglect or the effects of HIV. Casa de Esperanza provides residential care, and coordinates medical and psychological services according to the needs of each child. **Service activity includes but not limited to the following**: planning and carrying out activity with the kids. **Shift**: 10a – noon.

Hermann Park Conservancy is a nonprofit citizens’ organization dedicated to the stewardship and improvement of Hermann Park – today and for generations to come. **Service activity includes but not limited to the following**: weeding, mulching, raking pine needles and cutting back shrubs/plants. **Shift**: 9a – noon.

Houston Arboretum and Nature Center [http://houstonarboretum.org/](http://houstonarboretum.org/)
Located on the western edge of Memorial Park, the Houston Arboretum & Nature Center offers an escape from the hustle and bustle of city life and the opportunity to experience the natural world. This 155-acre non-profit urban nature sanctuary provides education about the natural

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environment to people of all ages. It plays a vital role in protecting native plants and animals in the heart of the city where development threatens their survival. The Houston Arboretum is a private non-profit educational facility that operates city land. Service activity includes but not limited to the following: project to enhance the ecological health of the 155 acres of nature sanctuary or trails (ex. clearing trails of vegetation, mulching trails with chipped wood mulch, removal of invasive species and other maintenance). *Shift: 9a – noon.*

**Houston Food Bank**
Mission – leading the fight against hunger. In fiscal year 2015-2016, the Houston Food Bank distributed 79,000,000 nutritious meals. The vision for the future is to expand service to the community to 100,000,000 nutritious meals by 2018. 

**Alta Verde Apts** Volunteers will help unload food truck and set up food on tables in a "Farmer’s Market" setting, helping to load individual client vehicles, doing crowd control i.e ensuring families are not skipping lines and/or grabbing seconds and helping clients sign-in. *Shift: 8:45a – 12:15p.*

**Portwall Warehouse** [https://www.houstonfoodbank.org/ways-to-give/give-time/volunteerathfb/portwallwarehouse/](https://www.houstonfoodbank.org/ways-to-give/give-time/volunteerathfb/portwallwarehouse/) Volunteers will assist with meal prep work (i.e. slicing, cutting, stirring, etc.) and the packaging of hot meals for daily distribution to Kids Cafe sites. The kind of work you’ll do varies from day to day, so please be flexible about your work station. We might need to reassign you so we can work more efficiently. *Shift: 1p – 4p.*

**Kids’ Meals** [http://www.kidsmealshouston.org/](http://www.kidsmealshouston.org/)
Mission – to end childhood hunger by delivering free, healthy meals to the doorsteps of Houston’s hungriest preschool-agreed children. Kids’ Meals is a first-responder to children ages five-years-old and under facing debilitating hunger due to extreme poverty. Service activity includes assembling lunch packs. *Shift: 11a – 1p.*

**Magnificat Houses Loaves and Fishes** [http://magnificathousesinc.org/Loaves_And_Fishes.html](http://magnificathousesinc.org/Loaves_And_Fishes.html)
Magnificat offers faith, hope and charity to the neediest by providing housing, food, work, spiritual and emotional support while their residents – of all races and creeds – build their lives in community. Last year, Loaves and Fishes served approximately 95,000 meals – 200-400 meals per day, six days a week (Tuesday – Sunday). This organization is funded by donations and greatly aided by volunteers. Service activity includes but not limited to the following: preparing and serving meals and clean up. *Shift: 9:15a – 12:15p.*

**Medical Bridges** [http://www.medicalbridges.org/](http://www.medicalbridges.org/)
Mission – to bridge the healthcare gap worldwide by procuring and distributing medical equipment and supplies to underserved communities. Service activity includes but not limited to the following: sorting donated medical supplies in preparation for shipment to those in need in developing countries and may also include assisting biomedical technicians repair and clean medical equipment in preparation for shipment. *Shift: 1p – 3p.*

**Plant It Forward** [http://plant-it-forward.org/](http://plant-it-forward.org/)
Plant It Forward provides Houston with fresh, local produce by helping refugees grow their own urban farm businesses. Each farmer is trained to farm using organic methods and sell their produce through farmers markets, farm stands, restaurants, and farm shares. Service activity includes but not limited to the following: gardening/farming. *Shift: 8a – 11a.*

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Project C.U.R.E. [https://projectcure.org/](https://projectcure.org/)

Project C.U.R.E. is the largest provider of donated medical supplies and equipment to developing countries around the world. Service activity includes but not limited to the following: sorting donations. **Shift: 8:45a – noon.**


SBP shrinks the time between disaster and recovery. With the tremendous support of donors, volunteers and corporate partners, SBP has grown from a three-person volunteer team into a national organization headquartered in New Orleans, and recognized as a leader in disaster resilience and recovery, with a mission to shrink the time between disaster and recovery. Service activity: construction related work on homes affected by Hurricane Harvey. **Shift 1: 8:30a – noon; Shift 2: 1p – 4:30p.**


St. Dominic Village, one of the leading providers of senior care in the Greater Houston area and a member of the Texas Medical Center, is a faith-based, non-profit, continuing care retirement community dedicated to caring for our elders with compassion. Service activity includes but not limited to the following: working with nursing center to carry out a group activity. **Shift: 1p – 4p.**

Star of Hope [http://www.sohmission.org/volunteer/becoming-a-volunteer/](http://www.sohmission.org/volunteer/becoming-a-volunteer/)

Star of Hope is a Christ-centered community dedicated to meeting the needs of homeless men, women and their children. Positive life changes are encouraged through structured programs which focus on spiritual growth, education, employment, life management and recovery from substance abuse. Service activity includes but not limited to the following: serving meals or sorting donations. **Women & Family Development Center Shift: 6a – 8:30a, Men’s Development Center Shift 1: 11a – 1:30p, Men’s Development Center Shift 2: 4p – 6:30p.**