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**Rice Young  
Alumni**

**Detailed  
Information:**

**Volunteer  
Opportunities**

**2011-2012**





## ***Looking for Places to Volunteer?***

As Rice Young Alums we have been prepared to lead the way in our communities. There are countless ways to give back to our alma mater, as well as numerous opportunities in Houston, some of which are made available through HYAC Community Partners, or in your local community for you to make an impact.

Many of the volunteer opportunity titles include hyperlinks for easy transfer to the offering organization.



## ***Volunteer for Rice***

### **Rice Alumni Volunteers for Admission**

Give prospective Owls an inside view of life at Rice by sharing your experience, serving as an alumni interviewer, representing Rice at college fairs as needed and serving as a contact and resource for high school students. Email [rava@rice.edu](mailto:rava@rice.edu) for more information.

### **Rice Career Network**

Join 7,000 other alums by providing information on your field, industry or graduate program. You can help your peers and other alums better understand local labor markets, hiring trends and the ins and outs of certain companies. Visit the Rice Center for Career Development for more information. [http://ccd.rice.edu/career\\_network/](http://ccd.rice.edu/career_network/)

### **College Community Associates**

Interact with current students and with other alums in the community by serving as a College Associate. Associates attend major events in the college, host new student groups during O-Week and occasionally eat dinner at your favorite servery! Contact your college coordinator for more information. By clicking on your college's name after following the link above, you will be sent to your college's homepage.

### **Leadership Rice**

Serve as a mentor for current students as they devise strategic plans for their leadership classes.

### **Regional Alumni Leaders**

Serve your local Rice constituents by organizing events and liaising with Rice when representatives from campus visit your area.

### **Rice Annual Fund**

Serve as a fundraising volunteer and donate to Rice's Annual Fund supporting undergraduate scholarships, college life, graduate fellowships and research.



## ***Volunteer in Houston***

The Houston Young Alumni Committee is always looking for Young Alumni to lend a hand. We have identified a few opportunities outlined below, but are open to your input and suggestions. You can also volunteer with us on-campus and in Houston through our Young Alumni Programs, including with RSVP and other local cultural and philanthropic groups that promote education and service. You can also apply to serve as a panelist in one of our many young alumni/student forums. Contact us via [Facebook](#) or by emailing [youngalumnihouston@alumni.rice.edu](mailto:youngalumnihouston@alumni.rice.edu) .

### **Houston Young Alumni Event Set-up and Welcome**

Would you like to help HYAC with special events? Get to know HYAC members by serving as an event volunteer.

Tasks can include

- Working with Committee host to set-up prior to event
- Welcoming guests and providing them with information on specials and other event particulars
- Helping Committee host to clean up after the event

### **Houston Young Alumni Photographer**

We are always looking for volunteers to snap shots during our events. Please contact us for more information or on the specifics of the photos needed.

- Camera included
- Camera or memory card returned to Committee host at the conclusion of the event

### **Houston Young Alumni Ambassador**

Do you belong to another recognized alumni organization at Rice? If so, we would like to get your input and to see what your group is doing. Please attend our meetings or contact the Chair and Liaison regarding the possibility of co-promoting events and sharing information.

### **Alumni Office Volunteer or Intern**

Do you need an internship? Would you like to give your time to the Alumni Office? Contact Nicole Peralta or the Committee Chair for opportunities and projects in the Alumni Office.



## Houston Young Alumni Committee Board Member

Committee Members shape the programs that support young alumni. These volunteers agree to at least one year commitments to the group and are responsible for implementing programs and hosting events. We ask that those interested in becoming a committee member volunteer for at least one year with HYAC and meet with committee members to learn more about the possibility of his or her contribution to the team.



## ***Volunteer in Houston with a Houston Young Alumni Connection Organization***

### **Volunteer Opportunities with Museum of Fine Arts Houston**

There are both one-time and permanent volunteer commitments with the Museum of Fine Arts. You can contact MFAH volunteer director, Lesleigh Gilmour is the Volunteer Services Manager , for more information on volunteering and Amy Wolf for information on the Docent Program. Don't forget to mention that you're a Rice Young Alum! If you would like to visit with other Young Alums who have volunteered with the Museum, don't hesitate to let us know by sending us an email and we'll be happy to send your message along. As a group, we will also try to schedule volunteer occasional volunteer opportunities, too. General volunteer information can be found at <http://mfah.org/about/volunteers/>

### **Volunteer Opportunities with Houston Museum of Natural Science**

There are both one-time and permanent volunteer commitments with the Museum of Natural Science. You can contact HMNS volunteer director, [Lynn Wisda](#), for more information on the Docent Program and on special volunteer days like Dino Days. Don't forget to mention that you're a Rice Young Alum! If you would like to visit with other Young Alums who have volunteered with the Museum, don't hesitate to let us know by sending us an email and we'll be happy to send your message along. As a group, we will also try to schedule volunteer occasional volunteer opportunities, too.

### **Volunteer Opportunities with the Houston Symphony and Houston Symphony League**

(Please see the Houston Symphony information that follows page 7.)

### **Volunteer Opportunities with On-Campus Perks Partners**

Many of the groups on campus who offer Young Alumni special access also offer us the opportunity to volunteer. Contact The Baker Institute, The Shepherd School of Music, Friends of Fondren, The Rice Historical Society, the Glasscock School of Continuing Studies or any other group on campus for volunteer information. Visit [rice.edu](http://rice.edu) or call 713-348-0000 for all departments.



### **Volunteer with Fellow Rice Young Alumni: Rice Centennial House**

We have teamed up with [Rice Habitat for Humanity](#) to assist them with the [Rice Centennial House](#). Construction will primarily take place in March and April 2012, but there are numerous projects throughout the year where we can assist current students, faculty and volunteers. The Houston Young Alumni Committee will organize specific volunteer outings and list them on the [HYAC event list](#), but feel free to contact the Rice Habitat for Humanity Chapter for opportunities to volunteer on a one-time or on a consistent basis.



## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT THE HOUSTON SYMPHONY**

Volunteers play an important role in the education and fundraising activities of the Houston Symphony and a growing number of them assist with activities in Jones Hall such as Theatre District Open House, family concerts, student concerts and the Symphony Store. By giving hands-on demonstrations of orchestral instruments in the Instrument Petting Zoo, working with children in creating arts and crafts projects, assisting in the Symphony Store and greeting schoolchildren for the student concerts, our volunteers ensure that visitors and concert attendees have a positive experience when they are in Jones Hall. In addition, there are numerous ways that volunteers are involved behind-the-scenes: preparing materials for the family concert craft projects, helping with store merchandise and inventory, calling schools to confirm attendance at student concerts and collecting auction items for the fundraising events are just a few. Volunteers may assist at our fundraising events with preparations and auction docent activities.



The majority of our volunteer opportunities are between September and May of each year when the Symphony season is in full swing. Whether you prefer working with children or adults, on weekdays or weekends, we can help you find a place to share your time and talents in support of the Houston Symphony!

### **EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

#### **Family Concerts**

Family concerts are great -- the hall is full of special performers, music, activities and children! We want our youngest patrons to have wonderful memories of coming to hear the symphony, so our activities are designed to be hands-on opportunities for them. Volunteers help visitors with activities that reinforce and support the concert experience.



We have four family concerts each season with two performances each Saturday. Activities are scheduled prior to the first concert and following the second concert. Volunteers may choose to work in the Instrument Petting Zoo or with the craft activities at one or both of the activity periods, depending on their availability.

The Instrument Petting Zoo allows visitors to try various orchestral instruments themselves. They can blow a trumpet, learn how to hold a violin and use the bow, tap a tune on the marimba, bang a cymbal and hear a flute. Volunteers do not need to have any prior musical experience to participate in this area; if a volunteer *has* played an instrument, however, there is an opportunity to have some additional interaction with the young patrons.

At each family concert, we have craft activities geared to ages 5-10. The projects involve assembling and/or decorating something that relates to the theme of the concert. All of the materials are pre-sorted so volunteers can easily re-stock the tables as needed and interact with the children as they work. We also have simple coloring pages for the very youngest patrons and any of the visitors can take the pages home for later.





## **Student Concert Ushers**

Each year Houston Symphony hosts thousands of school children from the Houston area in Jones Hall for the David Dewhurst Student Concert Series. Volunteer ushers help these children and the accompanying adults to their seats and, following the concert, to their buses. The concerts are held on weekday mornings during the school year. Prior to the concerts, volunteers can also assist the Symphony's Education Department staff by making phone calls to schools to confirm their attendance.



## **Sounds Like Fun! Concerts**



During late May and June, the orchestra goes on the road, traveling to venues throughout the Houston community to perform free concerts. The Instrument Petting Zoo is the only activity that goes on location with the orchestra and it is important to have volunteers to help with the instruments. Dates, times and locations vary. If you are interested in helping with this important community outreach, we can provide that information in May so you can determine your availability.

## **FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES**

### **Symphony Store**

The Symphony Store is a project of the Houston Symphony League. There are many tasks involved in the operation of this successful enterprise from working with merchandise inventory and display to working with customers and everything in between. The Store is open for every concert during the season as well as for several special programs. Volunteers are needed to help in all areas and you do not need to have prior retail experience to be part of the team. If you enjoy interacting with people and have a desire to be of service to the Symphony, the Store might be the place for you!



### **Special Events**



A lot of work goes into a successful event like the Symphony's Opening Night Gala, Symphony Ball and Maestro's Wine Dinner, and volunteers are very helpful at guest check-in, organizing auction packages, setting out programs and checking the room set-up prior to the guests' arrival. In addition, we often have volunteer auction docents at the Ball and Wine Dinner. Magical Musical Morning, our annual children's holiday event, is a favorite with volunteers who enjoy working with children, and the activities are similar to those at the family concerts.

**For more information on volunteering with Houston Symphony, please contact  
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[vickie.hamley@houstonsymphony.org](mailto:vickie.hamley@houstonsymphony.org) or 832-531-6701**