

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



People volunteer for a variety of reasons. Some are motivated by altruistic values. Some seek social justice. Others see service as a way to enable a democratic political system. Whatever your reason, we believe volunteering can transform you and the world around you.

Still unsure how **you** can help? Here are a few reasons to volunteer:

- Make a difference
- Be a role model
- Be a good citizen
- Improve our community
- Meet new people
- Share your knowledge
- Learn new skills
- Earn credits for school
- Impress your mom
- Impress yourself
- Spread a message
- Give someone a new start
- Inspire others to help
- Support a cause
- Strengthen your resume
- A Reason all your own

**SIGN  
UP  
TODAY!**

Whatever your reason give us a call.



Blind Center of Nevada  
Open Monday-Friday 8am-5pm  
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Easily accessible from the I-95 at the  
“Las Vegas Blvd.” exit or  
the I-15 at the “D Street” exit.

Come join a winning team!  
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## Volunteer Vision

“Retirement with a Flair”

After a busy professional practice for forty plus years in the Las Vegas community, I had a few anxious moments of concern as the time of my retirement approached. What would I do to keep myself busy..? More importantly, what would my wife do with me hanging around the house all day?

All those worries disappeared one day when Jeff Davis suggested that maybe I could offer some volunteer services down at the Blind Center. “What could I possibly do that would be of help?”, I wondered. “Well you could help the visually impaired learn how to use computers,” he said. “Only if you can teach me first,” I grumbled.

Well. I came down with much trepidation to see what I might do. Ernie patiently took me under his wing, and taught me the rudiments of turning the computer on, and booting up a couple of helpful programs for users with low vision.

Now my week revolves around the time I am privileged to spend here with some of God’s choicest spirits. I have learned to appreciate the many wonderful talents that are so eager to be exposed by those with such limited opportunity. I love to come and volunteer a small part of my life with all of you who have created this blessing in the lives of those who need it so much.

Sincerely,  
Norm Noorda  
Computer Lab

# Youth Volunteering



## I Think Youth Should Volunteer

I started volunteering at the Blind Center 4 years ago. I have learned so much during this time. Let me share my volunteer experience with you. When I first started volunteering at the Center I didn't know anyone and I had no idea what I was doing. But, as the days, weeks, months and years went by I got to know everyone and we are like family. I have also learned job skills, self defense, dancing, bowling and a lot about eye diseases.

Volunteering has made me a better person. No matter how hectic my life gets I can always look around my surroundings and realize that life could always be tougher.

I want to challenge all youth in Las Vegas to get involved with our community by volunteering.



Missy D.  
Age 15

## More On Youth Volunteering

I think it is a good idea for youth to volunteer to stay busy and stay out of trouble. A lot of youth I know think it is pretty cool to volunteer, but some are shy because they aren't sure if it is cool and they don't even see their parents volunteering. If it was up to me all youth would have to volunteer for at least one month during their summer vacation, but for now at least I am making a difference by volunteering.

I have really enjoyed working with blind and visually impaired people. I had a lot of fun and I feel like my life is taking a different path now. I am encouraging all my friends to volunteer and be a part of the difference that is being made in our community.

There are great reasons for being a volunteer: You can earn school credits, learn new skills, have a lot of fun, meet new people and get job experience that will look great on your resume.

Marissa B.  
Age 14

*"We speak for all citizens of the Commonwealth when we say that society can draw great hope for the future because of the example which these young people are giving by their creative and constructive responses to the challenges which confront our communities and dedication to help those most in need."*

-- William Weld

**WE ARE CALLING ON YOUTH  
TO MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!**

**GET YOUR FRIENDS TOGETHER, GET OFF THE  
COUCH AND GET BUSY. YOU ARE AMONG THE  
GENERATION THAT WILL BE THE FUTURE LEADERS  
OF OUR GREAT COUNTRY. GET INVOLVED TODAY  
AND MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE IN OUR  
LAS VEGAS COMMUNITY.**

**DON'T BE SHY, THERE ARE MANY YOUTH YOUR  
AGE VOLUNTEERING AND HAVING A BLAST!  
DON'T BE LEFT OUT.**



# Volunteer Vision

*"Everyone can be great because anyone can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't even have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve...You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."*

-- Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Blind Center of Nevada humbly thanks and appreciates all of the dedicated people who continue to volunteer.

As we sit and think of the busy lives that each of us leads it is hard to believe that any of us can find the time to do good toward our neighbors. But we do find the time, we make the sacrifices and do what it takes to ensure that people who may be less fortunate than we are have a chance to enjoy life to the fullest extent.

Our hats off to all of the great people who volunteer at the Blind Center of Nevada and in our community. Volunteering is one of the best ways to show your community spirit and to make the biggest difference in someone's life with such a little thing as giving of one's self.

*Thank You!*