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How to Give Back to Your Community Working for Causes You Believe In

Giving back to your community is a great way to boost your self-esteem and feel connected to others like you. There are a variety of ways you can do this, and this article from Dexter Township will offer a few ideas on things you can do if you want to contribute to a greater cause in which you are personally invested.

Commit To Encouraging Voter Registration

A vital part of any functioning democracy is the right to vote. This has become an especially hot issue today, as there have been new voting laws that include broad, sweeping changes being passed across the country that makes voting more difficult. However, there are ways you can help ease the democratic process.

For one, you can become a poll worker. According to one survey cited by the Center for American Progress, in 2018, nearly 70% of U.S. jurisdictions had difficulty finding enough poll workers. This has become exacerbated as we are in the middle of a worsening pandemic.

Without enough poll workers, lines to vote at [polling locations become longer](#) and it becomes more difficult to cast a vote.

While the 2020 election had the greatest voter turnout in the 21st century, with [17 million more people voting](#) than in 2016, this only amounted to about 67% of the American population. Turned on its head, that means a third of eligible Americans did not vote. In addition, 73% of qualified citizens were registered to vote, but this also means 27% of available citizens were not registered at the time.

In addition to being a poll worker, you might want to be a part of a campaign to register qualified voters. Alternatively, you can volunteer to shuttle people to and from polling locations.

Help Wounded Veterans

Wounded and disabled veterans have selflessly sacrificed of themselves but frequently have needs that are not provided for. Organizations like the [Gary Sinise Foundation's R.I.S.E program](#) work to provide assistance to these veterans in need. Donating time and money to these organizations can go a long way to improving the lives of veterans.

Give Back Through Teaching

Teaching is one of the top fields in terms of job growth, and with the advent of online education to get a Bachelor's in Secondary Education, it's a convenient time to earn a degree. Teachers are in high demand and becoming one is a great way to serve your community.

A BSED allows you to work with elementary school children and younger ones. There is a wide variety of programs available to earn your BSED, many of which you can do from home online. Your coursework will likely include classes revolving around adolescent psychology, multicultural education, and classroom management.

Learn and Do Something About Climate Change

Climate change is real. It has been well-established by NASA that our global climate is warming. There is [virtually universal consensus among scientists](#) according to Skeptical Science.

Thankfully, there are things you can do to help prevent a climate change disaster. A great deal of [climate change is man-made](#) and caused by rising carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere. Thus, the best way to prevent a climate change catastrophe is to do your part to help reduce emissions that build up carbon dioxide. There are [a multitude of volunteering opportunities](#) you can take up if you want to help, from joining conservation projects across the world to focusing on agriculture and the effects climate change has on it.

Create Your Own Path

You can find ways great and small to give back to your community. For example, if you are handy with computers, you can help out at your church by installing accounting software or helping other church members with their technology. Not every act of community aid needs to change the world; it's often effective to help the person closest to you.

You may also have identified a need in your community that's not being addressed and is personally relevant to you. You might be compelled to found [your own nonprofit](#) to help meet that need. Having a formal structure will make it much easier to fundraise and better meet the needs of your community. A formation service company can make it easy for you to get your own nonprofit up and running.

There is no shortage of ways you can make a difference in your community. If you want to play a greater role in bettering the world around you through encouraging voter registration, helping veterans, or fighting climate change, consider either volunteering or taking up a cause you believe in as a profession.

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