Junior volunteer program

**Want to help the animals but not quite old enough (18) to volunteer in the shelter with our animals?**

**There are still plenty of ways you can help make a difference!**

Thank you so much for helping the animals waiting so patiently for their forever homes at the Monmouth County SPCA! We appreciate your help! If you have any questions or need a written letter for service hours please contact Jeff at [volunteers@monmouthcountyspca.org](mailto:volunteers@monmouthcountyspca.org). Remember—these are just some ideas. If you have other creative ways to help us, let us know—we’d love to hear your ideas!

If you are applying for service hours for a project, please provide the following to Jeff or Celina at completion:

* A brief summary of the activity(s) undertaken;
* What was collected (donations of toys, goods, food, money, etc.);
* A listing of the exact dates the activity(s) were performed and the hours committed to the activity(s) each day;
* What you personally gained from the experience.

Outside volunteer opportunities

Wish List Donation Drive

* You can find our Wishlist at <http://www.monmouthcountyspca.org/support/wish-list/>. Many items may be things that people have around their house already—such as old linens. Kids do wish list drives by printing out the list and hanging it at schools, parent’s jobs, congregations (church/temple), and sharing the list with friends, family, or neighbors. You may also consider partnering up with a food or pet store—setting up a table outside for a day, handing out flyers as people are walking in, and collecting donations as they come out. It’s up to you on how big you want to make your donation drive!

Bake Sale/Lemonade Stand/Car Wash

* Raising money for the animals is a HUGE help! Be creative!
* These ideas can be used for individual volunteers or groups
* You can do this right in your own yard, or consider doing it at a sports event, school, or any other community area. Just make sure you get permission first!

Canister/Paws for Life

* Donation cans can be used by individual volunteers, or within a school setting. You can even ask for one if you are doing a Wish List donation drive, as some people prefer to donate money over supplies.
* Cans can be left at a certain organization, or business, for a period of time, or they can be used for a specific time and date. Of course, get permission first! Then, the family would be in charge of collecting the money and bringing it to the MCSPCA, or mailing a check if need be.
* Our Paws for Life program consists of paper Paws that sell for $1, $5, $10. Local businesses and schools sell these paws and hang them up for a certain period of time to raise money for the animals. Know a business that might be interested? It helps to spread the word! Doing this through schools is always a very big help if you get permission!
* We are happy to provide you with the Paws and posters for the program. We can also provide you with a canister, but we find that it’s much more fun when the kids make up their own box!

Become a Foster Home

* This is an opportunity for parents that want to introduce animal care to their children. We realize this is not always possible for all families, but if it is, it’s a great value to the children! [Click here to learn more.](https://monmouthcountyspca.org/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities/foster-program/) Or visit: **www.monmouthcountyspca.org/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities/foster-program/**
* The parents would have to do a background check and fill out all of the paperwork, but the kids could help with the responsibility.
* This is a fantastic way to have people foster the animals—getting them out of the stressful shelter environment. We are mostly in need of cat/kitten fosters for short periods of time—we would provide supplies and veterinary care during their time in foster, too!

Promote our Pets

* Of course our biggest goal is to find loving families for all of the animals at our adoption centers! We need YOU to educate your friends and family to always “opt to adopt.” You will find photos and bios of some adoptable dogs and cats on our website, at monmouthcountyspca.org. Printing flyers, making posters, sharing on social media, and at school, are all great ways to share some of our adorable adoptables. Maybe you can find a great home looking for a new pet—what better way to help one of our animals!

MCSPCA Thrift Store

* Did you know that the SPCA has a thrift store right on our property? All of the proceeds go to helping the animals. Have any clothes, household items, books, or jewelry to donate? Consider donating them to us! We have also had creative kids make things for the thrift store to sell—like friendship bracelets! For more info on our thrift store and donation drop off hours, please visit <http://www.monmouthcountyspca.org/services/thrift-store/>

Sign up for our Emails

* On our website, [www.monmouthcountyspca.org](http://www.monmouthcountyspca.org), you can sign up for email blasts. We not have a separate category for junior volunteers. You never know when we have a fun project or event that we need some help with! Sign up if you want to be updated in the future!