



MADISON HOUSE

**STUDENT VOLUNTEERS
CENTER AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF
VIRGINIA**

PROGRAM PATHWAYS:

ANIMAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Animal and Environmental Services programs are dedicated to the protection of nature and wildlife in the Charlottesville area. Students can participate in opportunities that are focused on environmental stewardship and sustainability by planting trees, restoring local parks and trails, or cultivating and maintaining community gardens. Additionally, students can help improve the welfare of local animals by volunteering at local shelters, horse stables, or a nearby animal sanctuaries.

EDUCATION & YOUTH SERVICES

50% of Madison House's programs are related to education and youth. We are in 20 schools across Albemarle County and Charlottesville City, and we partner with over 45 various non-profits who provide Education and Youth Services. Students engage with partners in varying capacities which include tutoring, child care, mentoring, and the arts.

HUMAN SERVICES

Human Services programs are dedicated to providing support to Charlottesville's emotional, psychological, and financial services and our most vulnerable communities. These communities include low-income families, people experiencing homelessness, and refugees. Among other opportunities, student volunteers may serve at food pantries, staff a local crisis helpline, form long-lasting relationships with elderly persons, assist in the construction and restoration of homes in the community, and even help local families file their yearly tax returns.

MEDICAL SERVICES

Madison House partners with the University of Virginia Health System and other local health care providers including Martha Jefferson and the Blue Ridge Health District, and volunteers will engage with partners in varying capacities. This can include assisting hospital staff with administrative duties, restocking supplies, as well as interacting directly with patients and addressing their needs.

MADISON HOUSE OPPORTUNITIES:

CONSISTENT VOLUNTEERS

Consistent service opportunities are for partners seeking a regular partnership with Madison House. Madison House will recruit volunteers to serve the partner on a predetermined schedule. Students will be informed of the expected commitment prior to signing up for the opportunity. Partners interested in this opportunity should apply for a partnership with Madison House and complete the Community Partner Inquiry form on our website during one of our application windows.

ONE-TIME SERVICE PROJECTS

One-time service opportunities are for partners who only need Madison House support for a single event. Volunteers will be expected to volunteer one time on the given day and time. Partners interested in this opportunity should complete the One-Time Service Opportunity Inquiry Form on our website as early as possible.

GUEST SPEAKERS

As part of our commitment to developing student leadership, Madison House hosts small events for our volunteers and program directors, such as our Fireside Chats, where prominent members of the Charlottesville community are invited to come speak to students about a specific topic. We encourage our partners to consider whether they could participate in one of these discussions, as it is a fantastic way to promote engagement with your program and build connections with the community. If you think your organization could provide valuable insights to our students through one of these events, please reach out to Madison House staff using the email address communitypartners@madisonhouse.org.