Volunteer Opportunities in the Greater Burlington Area

While this is by no means a comprehensive list of all community organizations in the area, it should be a good place to start if you are interested in volunteering outside of school sponsored events. Hopefully it is helpful and there is something for everyone! The name of the organization, a quick blurb about its purpose, and a link to the volunteer page are included below, organized (somewhat) by the similarities of the programs. Enjoy!

Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program
As a local field office of the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI), the Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program (VRRP) serves as the only resettlement program in the state of Vermont. Since its establishment in 1980, VRRP has been bringing hope and opportunity to the lives of refugees and immigrants by defending human rights, promoting self-sufficiency, and forging community partnerships. VRRP provides refugees with their first home in the United States and acculturation services. VRRP’s award-winning volunteer program offers crucial community connections to newly arrived refugees. In addition, VRRP’s Interpreting and Translating Services (VITS) provides the region with professional services in more than twenty-five languages. Through a wide range of direct and collaborative programs, VRRP helps refugees to successfully adapt to life in the United States.


Vermont Goat Collaborative
The purpose of the collaborative is to help refugee farmers produce goats for the greater Burlington (VT) ethnic market, thereby replacing 3000 goats currently imported frozen from Australia and New Zealand every year.

https://www.facebook.com/pages/Vermont-Goat-Collaborative/624379750921125

Shelburne Farms
Shelburne Farms is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to educate for a sustainable future. Our campus is a 1,400-acre working farm, forest, and National Historic Landmark, located on the shores of Lake Champlain in Shelburne, Vermont.

http://www.shelburnefarms.org/learn/internships-volunteers

The Humane Society of Chittenden County
The mission of the Humane Society of Chittenden County is to foster compassionate treatment of animals and to prevent animal suffering.

http://www.chittendenhumane.org/get-involved

Bike Recycle Vermont/Local Motion
Our Mission: To provide bicycles and skills training to low-income Vermonters.
Our Vision: Bike Recycle Vermont (BRV) is an inspiring, welcoming, hub of hands-on learning and service where the synergy of recycling, skills training, and bicycling propels a healthier community.
http://www.localmotion.org/about/volunteers

Steps to Wellness
Steps to Wellness is a medically based rehabilitation program that serves the unique needs of Cancer Survivors. The program includes a physical therapy evaluation, medical assessment, individualized exercise prescription, and education. There are multiple phases of rehabilitation based on your needs. You can receive individualized Oncology/Hematology rehabilitation services and recommendations for exercise at different stages through your cancer survivor journey.
http://stepstowellnessvt.org

RunVermont
RunVermont, established in 1989 as Vermont City Marathon, Inc., has grown into a year round organization that executes many events and programs including First Run, the Ready, Set, Run! youth program, a Sport & Fitness Expo, the Half Unplugged and much more. RunVermont is committed to the promotion of running as a life-long activity through complementary programs that celebrate athletic spirit and embrace the Vermont community.
http://www.runvermont.org/page.php?pid=7&pname=become-volunteer

Green Mountain Club
The Green Mountain Club was established to build and maintain Vermont's Long Trail, America’s first long-distance hiking trail.
http://www.greenmountainclub.org/page.php?id=72

UVM Rescue
UVM Rescue is a state certified Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance. It is staffed and operated by University of Vermont students 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
http://www.uvm.edu/~rescue/?Page=membership.html

Fletcher Allen Health Care
The Volunteer Program is a coordinated and integrated effort to assist Fletcher Allen personnel. Volunteers provide supplemental services that contribute to total patient care in support of the Fletcher Allen mission. Volunteers meet new friends, learn new skills and make valuable contributions to this organization and the community it serves. Fletcher Allen encourages the teamwork of employees and volunteers in order to offer our patients and families the best possible service. Volunteers contribute unique talents and skills infused with direct knowledge of our community. The personal touch and special attention that volunteers provide to our patients, families and visitors is an essential part of the caregiving process.
http://www.fletcherallen.org/community_resources/volunteers/

Community Health Centers of Burlington
The mission of the Community Health Centers of Burlington is to improve the health of all within the communities we serve. We are dedicated to providing exceptional care with respect and compassion and with a commitment to serving people who have a limited ability to pay. 
http://www.chcb.org/careers/volunteer-opportunities

**Vermont Coalition of Clinics for the Uninsured**
Formed in 1995, the VCCU is a 501(c)3 organization whose purpose is to increase access to health care for low income uninsured and underinsured Vermont residents.
https://www.vccu.net/index.htm

**Lund Family Center**
For over 120 years, Lund has been making a positive and lasting difference in the lives of women, children and families in our home state of Vermont, and well beyond. We serve over 5,000 people in Vermont each year and hundreds more throughout the country. Originally founded as a maternity home in 1890, Lund has evolved over the years to meet the changing needs of society, yet never straying from our mission of helping children to thrive. Today, Lund is a comprehensive treatment center and family support agency, offering an array of integrated services in response to the needs of pregnant or parenting teens and women, adoptive families, and children.
http://www.lundvt.org/volunteer.html

**Women Helping Battered Women**
Women Helping Battered Women (WHBW) has evolved into the largest service provider for domestic abuse victims in Vermont, serving Chittenden County. We believe that all adults and children have the right to live without fear of abuse – sexual, physical, emotional, or financial.
http://www.whbw.org/about/volunteers/

**Spectrum Youth & Family**
Spectrum helps teenagers, young adults, and people with a history of violence, and their families turn their lives around.
http://www.spectrumvt.org/volunteer/

**Howard Center**
Our mission is to improve the well-being of children, adults, families, and communities. We offer life-saving professional crisis and counseling services to children and adults; supportive services to individuals with autism and developmental disabilities who need help with education, employment, and life maintenance skills; counseling and medical services for those struggling with substance abuse, and intensive interventions for adults with serious and persistent mental health challenges. Howard Center was founded in 1873 and serves more than 15,000 individuals and families every year.
http://www.howardcenter.org/Volunteer-Opportunities

**Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity**
CVOEO addresses fundamental issues of economic, social, and racial justice and works with people to achieve economic independence.
http://www.cvoeo.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=menus&menu_id=13&pId=4
Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS)
The Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS) provides emergency shelter, services, and housing for people who are homeless or marginally housed in Vermont.
http://cotsonline.org/get-involved/volunteer/

ANEW Place
Our mission is to provide a holistic continuum of services for the homeless, centered in love and dignity, that foster growth, cultivate community engagement, and provide tools for lifelong change so that each person may start anew.
http://anewplacevt.org/volunteer/

Habitat for Humanity
Since 1984 Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity has helped to change the lives of local families by constructing simple, decent and affordable housing. We are an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International that serves Chittenden County, Vermont. Together with our two chapters, one in Franklin Grand Isle and another in Lamoille Counties, we support families throughout northwest Vermont buy affordable homes.
http://www.vermonthabitat.org/get-involved/

Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf
The Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf works to alleviate hunger by feeding people and cultivating opportunities. As the largest direct service emergency food provider in Vermont, CEFS serves over 12,000 people each year.
http://www.feedingchittenden.org/volunteer/

Green Mountain Mahler Festival
The Green Mountain Mahler Festival, founded in 2002, is dedicated to providing an opportunity for local area musicians to experience and enjoy the works of Gustav Mahler and other great Romantic composers, and to bring this music to the public.
http://www.vtmahler.org/

Burlington Civic Symphony Orchestra
The BCSO is a nonprofit orchestra whose members volunteer their time and talent. Ticket sales do not cover all of our expenses, and we depend on contributions from the community to help cover operating costs including rental fees for rehearsal and performance space, liability insurance, and the purchase or rental of music. Your support helps bring affordable, high quality musical experiences to audiences in northwestern Vermont.
http://www.bcsovt.org/

Stern Center for Language and Learning
The non-profit Stern Center for Language and Learning is dedicated to learning for all as we recognize that all great minds don't think alike. We are committed to helping individuals identify their learning strengths and finding solutions to challenges that allow everyone to learn.
http://www.sterncenter.org/about/friends-of-the-stern-center
**YWCA of Vermont**
YWCA Vermont is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. We do this by engaging women and girls in leadership experiences and advocating for racial and economic justice.

**King Street Youth Center**
King Street Center is a not-for-profit community organization that provides children and families the core life-building skills necessary for a healthy and productive future. Our high quality programs build academic skills, improve physical fitness, and develop the fortitude needed to succeed at home, in school, and in life. Our whole-person approach to youth development embraces the entire family, neighborhood, and community. Join us!

**Winooski Teen Center**
The Teen Center provides a safe, supervised, and substance-free setting for high school students in Winooski to get academic support and hang out with their peers.
[https://www.facebook.com/winooski.teencenter](https://www.facebook.com/winooski.teencenter)
Phone: (802) 655-1392

**Vermont Adaptive Sports**
Empowering individuals with disabilities through year-round, statewide sports and recreation.

**Special Olympics**
To provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendships with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

**Community Sailing Center**
SC is a community-based non-profit organization that will celebrate its 20th year of providing lake access and educational programs in 2014. The CSC has received national awards from U.S. Sailing for its innovative programming and hallmark performance, and is a vital community resource on the Burlington waterfront that provides recreation, education, and access to Lake Champlain for over 5,000 people each year.
[http://communitysailingcenter.org/support/volunteer/](http://communitysailingcenter.org/support/volunteer/)

**Burlington Parks and Recreation**
The mission of the Burlington Parks and Recreation Department is to enhance quality of life of all the citizens of Burlington and for the visitors to our community in the following ways: By acquiring, developing and maintaining a system of parks which offers a broad spectrum of built facilities and open spaces. By providing high quality, affordable recreation programs which meet
the needs of all segments of the community. By regulating and managing public trees and
property along city streets in an effort to create attractive green space. By managing the
Burlington harbor and providing the necessary facilities to ensure safe and pleasurable water-
based recreation opportunities.
http://www.enjoyburlington.com/AboutUs/Volunteering.cfm

Additionally, the following link may include opportunities and organizations not listed
above.
http://www.volunteermatch.org/