Brandeis University is rich in volunteer opportunities of all kinds! There is truly something for every passion, skill set and schedule. With so many options, where do you begin finding the opportunity that’s right for you? Read on and see what opportunities await you!

*Denotes programs that are part of the Waltham Group

**Afternoon Enrichment** Waltham middle school students are paired with Brandeis volunteers for a weekly enrichment and tutorial program, which includes a fun and educational group activity and one-on-one homework help.

Be Bold, Be Bald! - Brandeis This Brandeis chapter of the nationwide cancer fundraiser raises funds for local and national cancer organizations.

**Big Siblings** Volunteers are paired in a one-to-one mentoring relationship with an elementary school child and spend an hour each week during lunch together, doing activities and developing a relationship.

**Blood Drive** Red Cross blood drives are held on campus three times a year with assistance from student volunteers. Donors and volunteers are needed for the drives.

Brandeis Black Student Organization (BeSo Educated 101) In partnership with Waltham High School, students engage juniors in college preparatory and access programming.

**Brandeis Buddies** Students are paired with adults with developmental disabilities in partnership with Greater Waltham ARC, building friendships through activities like crafts, games and field trips.

Brandeis Emergency Medical Corps (EMC) is Brandeis University’s emergency medical first response service. Members are Massachusetts State certified Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs).

**Brandeis Encourages Women in Science & Engineering (Be WISE)** Through programs that include hands-on learning, mentorship and leadership opportunities, Be WISE works to increase self-confidence and literacy in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) of K-12 girls.

**Clubs in Service** This initiative encourages, supports and facilitates service opportunities for traditionally non-service related clubs, residence halls and other groups of students. The initiative’s main events are Stanley Family Night and Plympton Family Night, two carnivals run by Brandeis students at Waltham elementary schools.

**Colleges Against Cancer** This collaboration among Brandeis students, faculty and staff is dedicated to eliminating cancer by supporting American Cancer Society programs.

**Community Connections** Students participate in one-time service opportunities at places like Cradles to Crayons and More Than Words. This is a great program for individuals who can’t commit to weekly volunteer programs.

**Companions to Elders** Volunteers serve as weekly companions to elder residents in nursing homes and plan group social programming for the residents. Volunteers can also volunteer monthly at the Memory Café, an event for adults with memory challenges.

**Education for Students by Students (ESS)** engages, inspires and involves the entire community in a love of learning. The group organizes unique classes, facilitates discussions and creates events, such as Deis Talks and Splash, that make knowledge easily accessible to members of the community.

**English Language Learning Initiative (ELL)** Through this program, students tutor Brandeis employees in English. Tutors do not need to have any background in teaching English, nor do they need to speak another language.

**Farmer’s Club** This club runs and assists with programs and events in the greater Waltham community.

**Food Recovery Network - Brandeis University** This club seeks to decrease hunger and fight food waste by donating surplus unsold food from Brandeis dining operations serving the Greater Waltham community.

**Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children (FIMRC)** The purpose of the Brandeis chapter is to raise money for FIMRC’s international efforts, perform community service projects abroad, serve the community as an informational resource in areas such as international relief and children’s aid, and give students opportunities to learn.

**General Tutoring** Volunteers in this program provide one-on-one tutoring for children in grades 1-12 for one hour each week on the Brandeis campus.

**Global Brigades** Each year Brandeis sends three teams to Honduras, where each team spends the February break working on projects in one of three focus areas—medicine, public health and microfinance—as well as learning the many intricacies of Honduran and Latin American culture.

**Habitat for Humanity** This Brandeis chapter works to increase awareness of affordable housing issues, assists in building homes, supports community beautification projects and raises funds. Habitat also participates in alternative spring break trips each year.

**Hospital Helpers** This program explores a variety of service opportunities at local hospitals, such as waiting room childcare and administrative work at Newton Wellesley Hospital, and partners with other programs on health-related initiatives.

**Hunger and Homelessness** Volunteers address poverty issues by assisting at a local day shelter and organizing food and clothing drives.

**Junior Brandeis Achievers (JBA)** Volunteers run weekly afterschool club programming for children at Stanley and Plympton elementary schools in partnership with Waltham High School. Clubs have focused on dance, science and journalism to name a few and give the children an opportunity to explore a new hobby or develop a new skill set.

**Kids Connection** Brandeis students volunteer at local children’s non-profits, including the Prospect Hill Foundation Teen Program, the Boys and Girls Club and a YMCA program at Stanley Elementary School. Volunteers run and assist with programs and serve as role models for the youth.

**Language and Cultural Enrichment (LaCE)** Waltham middle school students who are learning English as a second language are paired with Brandeis students for a weekly afterschool enrichment and tutoring program that includes a fun group activity and one-on-one language and homework help.

**Language Empowering Action Project (LEAP)** Volunteers work in local non-profits that may require services to non-native English speakers and also provide weekly English lessons to local community members.

**March of Dimes** This advocacy, education, and philanthropy-driven group provides learning experiences and fundraising events to improve the health of babies.

**Mentors for Urban Debate** Volunteers work with the Boston Debate League, an urban debate league for disadvantaged youth in Greater Boston, to host an annual tournament on the Brandeis campus and to promote college readiness.

**MLK & Friends** This club encourages students to band together to educate the communities in which we live and protect peoples’ rights to live free and unoppressed. They organize community service and service learning events.

**Musical Outreach Club** Club members provide entertainment to the community in the form of musical performances. The club focuses specifically on performing at hospitals and nursing homes in order to create a vibrant atmosphere.
Nourish International - The Brandeis Chapter
Nourish helps students take a stand against the poverty crisis by engaging in social entrepreneurship and working alongside developing communities to implement sustainable development projects.

Project Plus One PP1 - Brandeis works with a health clinic in East Timor to implement a sustainable development project to improve the health of those living in poverty. Members devise teams to compete for grant funding, conduct research, plan fundraising events and organize volunteer trips to East Timor.

*Prospect Hill Kids Club* Volunteers run an afterschool educational and social enrichment program for grades 1-12 at the Prospect Hill Foundation, a center for the Prospect Hill Terrace low-income housing neighborhood.

*Service Without Borders* Students plan and attend fall and spring break volunteer trips, working on projects ranging from sustainable agriculture to literacy.

*SPECTRUM* Volunteers build relationships with the families of children with disabilities through movement, songs and games as well as provide tutoring services to the children.

**Students to End Alzheimer’s Disease (SEAD)** With a focus on advancing the mission of the Alzheimer’s Association, this group provides volunteer opportunities, research updates and advocacy initiatives for members of the Brandeis community.

*Symbiosis* This program connects students with local environmental volunteering opportunities, such as farm work, gleaning and animal shelters support.

The Ripple Effect This club encourages the spread of happiness, kindness and joy by promoting random acts of kindness, in hopes of inspiring a “ripple effect.”

*Tutoring in Public Schools (T.I.P.S.)* Volunteers assist teachers with students during school hours and in afterschool homework clinics at Waltham schools as well as run an early literacy program at the Prospect Hill Foundation.

UNICEF This group organizes students for the survival, protection, endorsement and development of children worldwide through education, advocacy and fundraising.

Volunteers Around the World Traveling to impoverished countries, dental volunteers have the opportunity to work alongside professionals and educate children about dental health and hygiene. Art volunteers teach and paint a mural with children.

YourStory International This group is the Brandeis chapter of a non-profit that challenges global poverty in a manner that engages local perspectives and facilitates community development in impoverished communities. The Brandeis chapter focuses particularly on the fields of business facilitation and public health. Student volunteers also travel to YourStory International sites in the US and abroad.

Once you get involved in a service club, be sure to:

1. Sign up for the Commitment to Service Award program and track your volunteer hours! brandeis.edu/communityservice/awardandtrackinghours
2. Fill out a Community Service waiver with your program coordinator and submit it to the Department of Community Service.
3. Join the communityservice@lists.brandeis.edu listserv at lists.brandeis.edu/wws/lists.