



Volunteer Activities in Boston

Each year delegates have the opportunity to volunteer part of their time by participating in organized activities that give back to the Host Community. The NEA Community Outreach Committee plans volunteer opportunities for the two days before the NEA RA. These opportunities may vary from city to city, but in past years the following activities have been available. **To volunteer your time or inquire, please contact the Outreach Committee Members listed below.**

Food Bank Booth at the Convention Center

Junka Ezkai - Je43@hotmail.com

Volunteers will man the booth during the RA (July 2-5) to talk to delegates, plus collect and organize contributions. Contributions of school supplies, books, toiletries, food, and money will be donated to local organizations.

Food Bank or other Available Activity

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Volunteers will work at a local food bank. They may sort and organize food for distribution, build shelves, or whatever needs to be done. If the food bank in the host city is unavailable another activity will be chosen

Serve a Meal

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Volunteers will help prepare and serve a meal to underprivileged community members through a shelter, mission, or other organization.

Habitat for Humanity and Restore

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Volunteers will work at a HFH Restore or build site, if one is available. Volunteers may paint, hammer, drill, put up siding, move dirt, or whatever is needed. If no HFH opportunity is available, the committee will do their best to find some other outdoor activity for volunteers.

Ronald McDonald House

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Volunteers may help clean, sanitize, and/or organize playrooms, or whatever is needed to be done at a local Ronald McDonald House.

Not Able to Volunteer? Donations Welcome from Everyone

Each year since 1995 delegates to the NEA RA had the opportunity to participate in ongoing projects through donations that give back to the Host City.

School Supplies & Art Supplies Drive

Delegates can donate needed supplies to children of the Host City. These supplies can be dropped off at the Food Bank Booth during the NEA - RA. The supplies will be donated to one or two local organizations for distribution.

Book Drive

Delegates can donate new and gently used books as well as story props (i.e. stuffed animals) to children staying at the Ronald McDonald House or to a children's hospital in the Host City. Items can be dropped off at the Food Bank Booth in Hall A during the NEA RA.

Toiletries Drive

Delegates can collect or bring toiletries from home and drop them off at the Food Bank Booth in Hall A during the NEA RA. These toiletries will be given to local shelters and families in need in the Host City.

Food Drive

Delegates can drop off food and money at the Food Bank Booth in Hall A during the NEA RA that will be donated to the Host City Food Bank. State delegations are encouraged to be creative in their fundraising effort to support this cause. This has been an NEA tradition since the 1970's!