





JASA® NextGen

An intergenerational volunteer opportunity









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JASA NextGen Testimonials



"JASANextGen is truly such a transformative experience, and ***I credit the hours spent working with older adults for shaping who I am today.*** *NextGen has always been a family and a space where generations converse, cheer, and connect. It is so meaningful to me that I brought NextGen to my school through a JASA club."* **– LILY**

"JASANextGen has been such a cool, fun experience for both of us. ***We've gotten to help out in our community, meet incredible seniors, and everyone has been so welcoming, warm, and kind.*** *Thank you so much, JASA!"*
– SOLANGE AND SIDNEY





"NextGen helped me develop an appreciation for helping others in a way that every student should experience. ***There is so much to learn from people who have spent their entire lives building the world we live in today.*** *NextGen taught me not just about the importance of volunteering, but of caring and respecting the elderly."* **– SHIV**



About NextGen

JASANextGen is an intergenerational volunteer program for students (ages 5–18), offering meaningful opportunities to connect with older adults across NYC. Through Family Volunteer Days, cultural excursions, virtual game nights, and other programs, students build lasting relationships with JASA seniors across generations.

We also provide opportunities for teens to develop their **leadership skills** while creating **community service projects** that align with their interests.

Students can participate in mini-internships, social media and fundraising campaigns, volunteer leadership opportunities, and even start a JASANextGen club at their school!

To support our hands-on programming, families contribute an annual **$500 materials fee**, which helps cover program supplies and transportation. If this fee presents a financial hardship, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are committed to ensuring all families can participate, regardless of financial circumstances.

Learn more or join at
jasa.org/getinvolved/nextgen
or contact nextgen@jasa.org



Family Days

Family Days are held quarterly on weekends, bringing together NextGenners, their families, and older adults for an afternoon of meaningful service and connection.

Every event is collaborative, with families and JASA seniors working side by side on projects that support older adults.

Each Family Day is different, whether it's creating kits with essential supplies for JASA's older adults, certificates to honor our senior artists, or participating in a fun intergenerational event like Color Wars or a carnival!

Family Days are an incredible way to truly get to know the JASA community, both older adults and other families. Families can also support JASA's older adults by sponsoring a Family Volunteer Day project.

Sponsorships help fund project materials and activities, and families have the opportunity to help shape the day's project while being recognized at the event.

Family Volunteer Days are held quarterly on Saturdays or Sundays from 1:30–3:30 p.m in the East Village.

Cultural Excursions

JASANextGen Cultural Excursions take place quarterly throughout NYC, **bringing NextGenners, their families, and JASA older adults together to explore the city's arts, culture, history, and science through private guided tours** at places like the Museum of Math, the Jewish Museum, the Tenement Museum, and more. It's a fun way to experience new places together, get to know other members of the JASA community, and spend time with older adults outside of our regular Family Days and Game Nights. RSVP is required, as cultural excursions are booked in advance and space is limited.



Virtual Game Nights



Once a month, we host Virtual Game Nights over Zoom at 7:00 p.m. **It's a fun and lively way for NextGenners to connect with the same JASA seniors who attend our in-person events, get to know other volunteers, and strengthen the relationships they've built through JASANextGen.**

We play everything from trivia and Jeopardy to Pictionary, Mad Libs, and Two Truths and a Lie, so there's always a little friendly competition and plenty of laughter. Throughout the year, we also invite experts to join us and talk with NextGenners about issues affecting older adults and ways they can make a difference and advocate for the seniors in their communities.

Summer Service Learning

Spend Your Summer Making a Difference Across NYC
JASANextGen's Summer Service Learning Program is a week of community service, leadership development, and fun! Each day, students travel to JASA sites across NYC, building meaningful connections with older adults through games, creative activities, service projects, and special events. Along the way, they'll build leadership skills, earn community service hours, make new friends, and explore the city.





Throughout the week, participants may:

- **Plan and host a senior carnival or prom**
- **Dance, create art, and play games with older adults**
- **Meet with JASA leadership to learn about careers in the nonprofit sector**
- **Build leadership and teamwork skills**
- **Make friends with other service-minded students**

Every day offers new opportunities to give back, build meaningful relationships across generations, and make a lasting impact.

Learn more at jasa.org/servicesummer

Volunteer Recognition

Each year at JASA's annual event, we honor a NextGen volunteer with the **Young Changemaker Award**, recognizing a student who has gone above and beyond to make a difference in their community. Past recipients have helped provide fresh produce to older adults, created kitchen kits for formerly homeless seniors, and started JASA Clubs at their schools to raise awareness and funds.

We also love celebrating our volunteers in other ways! NextGenners who complete 50 or more hours of community service annually are eligible for the **Mayoral Service Recognition Program**. As students continue volunteering with NextGen throughout high school, we're also happy to write personalized **college recommendation letters** highlighting their leadership, dedication, and impact in the community.



Leadership Opportunities

We provide additional opportunities for teens to hone their leadership skills and create community service projects that align with their interests.

JASANextGen Clubs

Another way NextGenners can support JASA and expand their impact within their schools and communities is by starting a JASA Club at their school! **JASA Clubs work on projects that support older New Yorkers while helping spread the word about JASA** in their communities. Projects have included weekly book clubs at local JASA sites, food drives, creating cards and care kits, and bake sale fundraisers. We'll support you every step of the way, from creating and maintaining your club to bringing in aging experts to teach you and your classmates about the issues older adults face and how to advocate for them.

Internships

We work with NextGenners one-on-one on mini internships in **development, communications and social media, event planning, and volunteer management**. We want you to have the chance to learn through hands-on experiences while exploring career paths you may be interested in, gaining valuable experience, and supporting JASA's fundraising and volunteer efforts.

Mitzvah Projects

A bar or bat mitzvah is a very special occasion, and a mitzvah project is an opportunity to live Jewish values of repairing the world and showing compassion for others. We'll work with you to create a customized project based on your interests.

Ideas and Opportunities Include (but not limited to):

- **Raising critical funds for JASA's services**
- **Creating care packages for homebound seniors or formerly homeless seniors**
- **Leading an event or activity for seniors**
- **And much more! Ready to get started? Reach out to nextgen@jasa.org**



Valentine's Day Project

Every year, NextGenners team up to make Valentine's Day extra special for JASA's older adults. We send you a cardboard box to decorate, fill with goodies, and send back to us to be distributed to JASA seniors. It's such a special and personal way to brighten someone's day and share a little extra love with our older adults.





About JASA

JASA is the go-to non-profit serving 40,000 seniors and their families each year. With over 50 locations and more than 20 essential services, JASA partners with older adults, empowering them to age in their own homes and communities, connected to the people, places, and things that give them meaning.



Calendar

NextGen Family Days

200 E 5th Street,
New York, NY 10003
1:30pm - 3:30pm

- Sunday, October 18
- Saturday, December 5
- Saturday, February 7
- Sunday, May 2





NextGen Virtual Game Nights

Zoom | 7:00pm - 8:00pm

- Wednesday, September 16
- Tuesday, October 20
- Wednesday, November 18
- Tuesday, December 15
- Wednesday, January 20
- Monday, Feb 15
- Tuesday, March 9
- Wednesday, April 14

NextGen Cultural Excursions

Space is limited,
RSVP'd is required

- Sunday, November 8
- Sunday, March 7
- Sunday, April 11



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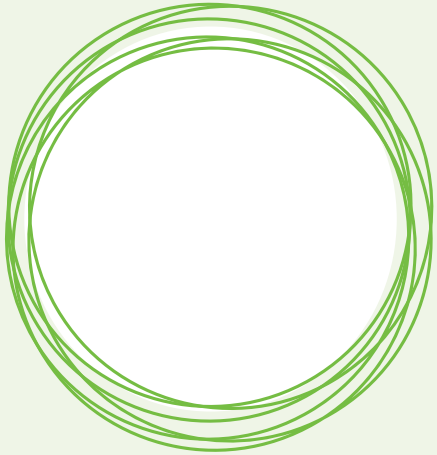
"My experience with NextGen has been amazing! Being with the seniors is so comforting because it feels like home with family to me. ***I believe that there are so many students that would benefit from and enjoy NextGen!"*** – ELIANA FIELD

"My time with NextGen has rewarded me in so many ways. It's allowed me to attend amazing events in neighborhoods I had never been to and to meet people from all over the city. I interned in JASA's central office and learned so much and met so many lovely people. ***NextGen is a program I would recommend to any student who wants to be involved in their community."*** – LIAD





"Quote" – CHARLOTTE







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