

JASA

Jewish Association for Services for the Aged

Volunteer Application

Name: _____

First

M.I.

Last

Phone: _____

Home

Work

Email: _____

Address: _____

Street

City/State/Zip

Are you 18 years old or over? _____

How were you referred to JASA? _____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? _____

In the event of an emergency, whom can we contact?

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Please indicate any previous volunteer experience you have:

Organization	Date	Description of your responsibilities
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Please indicate the types of volunteer opportunities that you are interested in learning more about. All volunteers will receive training and continuing support from JASA staff and social workers.

TELEPHONE REASSURANCE

Build a friendship with a homebound elder through weekly telephone conversations.

FRIENDLY VISITING

Provide companionship to an elder through weekly visits, sharing interests and exchanging ideas and opinions.

LEADING A CLASS, LECTURE, OR ACTIVITY AT A SENIOR CENTER

Help our Senior Centers offer a variety of learning opportunities and activities. If you have an area of interest or expertise we can help you develop a one-time lecture, a continuing class, an activity, or a community service opportunity that will allow you to share your passion with seniors.

ASSISTING AT A SENIOR CENTER

Our Senior Centers provide warm, nutritious meals to thousands of seniors throughout New York City and Long Island every day of the week. Help us with the logistics of sign-in and serving, provide a friendly welcome to new visitors, or assist with programming.

PLANNING AND/OR LEADING GROUP TRIPS

Many of our group service programs like Senior Centers and community centers in Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORC's) plan group trips to museums, theater events, markets, and cultural events. Volunteers help by securing tickets, coordinating plans with the destination, accompanying the group on the trip, and offering informational tours or lectures.

CONDUCTING AN ACTIVITY WITH AN ALZHEIMER'S/DEMENTIA PROGRAM

JASA has five Social Adult Daycare Centers (SADC's) throughout the New York/Long Island area. These programs provide not only much-needed respite for caregivers, but small group activities and socialization that prove therapeutic to seniors suffering from Alzheimer's or dementia. Volunteers can lead or help with arts and crafts activities, cooking programs, music or dance activities, giving manicures, movement and physical exercise programs, or story-telling.

LIGHT OFFICE/CLERICAL WORK

As a not-for-profit organization, JASA faces more need than our staff can reasonably reach. Help our social workers and program directors reach as many clients as possible by providing clerical support such as filing, organization of mailings, database entry, or scheduling.

PETS PROJECT

Help a frail elder care for his or her beloved pet. Opportunities range from helping to walk a dog or to clean a litter box on a weekly basis, to escorting pets and elders to the vet, to serving as an emergency contact or providing emergency boarding for an animal.

PAWS & REFLECT

JASA has formed a partnership with Puppies Behind Bars, a non-profit organization that trains prisoners to train guide dogs for the blind. Puppies Behind Bars uses New York volunteers to puppy-sit on weekends, and now the Paws & Reflect friendly visiting program has volunteers take the puppies to visit homebound elderly. The JASA/Puppies Behind Bars partnership is continually expanding, and also includes events with senior centers and JASA's Sundays at JASA continuing education program. Participation in this program will involve additional training with Puppies Behind Bars.

OTHER

We are continually evolving new programs and events, and are eager to incorporate your interests and talents. If you have an idea, or even just an area of interest you would like to integrate into volunteering with JASA, we will be eager to work with you.

Please tell us a bit about yourself, in order that we may create the best match for you. Hobbies, interests, professional and personal experience, and personality traits are all useful in matching volunteers with individual seniors or with projects or sites.

Why you are interested in volunteering with the elderly?

Pertinent skills:

Languages spoken:

AVAILABILITY

Please check the type of opportunity you are seeking:

- One-time Opportunity Monthly Opportunity Weekly Opportunity

Please indicate your preferred times:

- Weekdays Weekday evenings Weekends

Please indicate your preferred location:

- Manhattan Brooklyn Queens Bronx Long Island

Specific location preferences: _____

Please provide two references that may speak to your responsibility, personality, and commitment to working with the elderly.

Personal Reference:

Name	Telephone (indicate work or home)	Email (if applicable)
Description of Relationship		

Professional Reference:

Name	Telephone (indicate work or home)	Email (if applicable)
Description of Relationship		

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information provided in this Application is true and accurate. I understand that the withholding of any information sought by this Application, or the giving of false information on this Application may result in my disqualification from consideration for volunteer service for JASA or, if discovered after I have begun volunteering at JASA, my termination as a volunteer at JASA.

I hereby grant permission to any person, firm or corporation to release to JASA or its representatives any and all information regarding my past volunteer work or employment and my background. I waive any and all claims I might have with respect to the providing of such information.

I understand and agree that my position at JASA is entirely voluntary and without compensation. I further understand that the provisions of this application do not constitute a contract (either expressed or implied) of employment between myself and JASA I further understand and agree that if I am offered and accept a volunteer position at JASA, either I or JASA may terminate the volunteer relationship at any time for any reason. JASA reserves the right to determine and change its policies and procedures applicable to volunteers at any time for any reason. I understand and agree that my volunteer position is contingent upon, among other things, my signing this waiver.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE PRIOR TO SIGNING THIS APPLICATION.

Signature _____ Date _____

For more information, or to submit your application, contact:

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