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# **Auxiliary Outreach**

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# What is the VFW Auxiliary Outreach Program?

- Auxiliary Outreach involves Auxiliaries volunteering to help nonprofit organizations, local groups and to address needs in your community.
- Focus is on volunteering, not monetary or in-kind donations.
- Partnership where one or more Auxiliary members help another organization or group to make their project successful.



# Ask What You Can Do for Your Community

- Ask what your Auxiliary can do to help the community, not what they can do to help us!
- Form a partnership to help others by reaching into your communities, supporting local groups and organizations and offering to assist. Activities can be a single day or ongoing events.
- Find something you'd like to help with, then present the opportunity to your Auxiliary for a vote.

# Getting Started

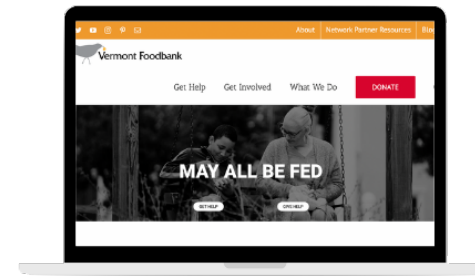
The first step in making your Auxiliary Outreach Program successful is reaching into your community.

Here are a few other basic steps:

- Find local groups and organizations in need of assistance.
- Ask what your Auxiliary can do to help them.
- Vote at an Auxiliary meeting to approve the activity.
- Form a partnership.
- Report the details.

# Where Do We Find These Partnership Opportunities?

- Ask your members! Most members belong to more than one organization.
- Look in your local newspaper for upcoming events.
- Check local community bulletin boards.
- Check your local town/city websites for a calendar of events.



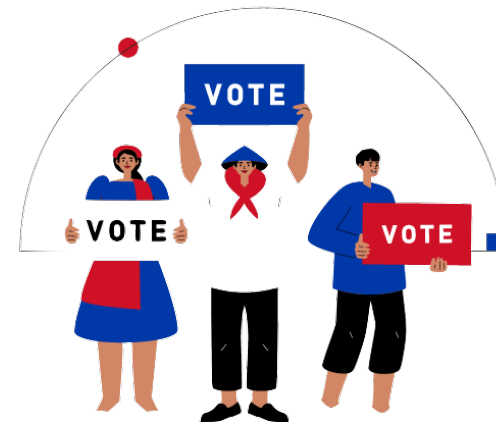
# Suggestions for VFW Auxiliary Outreach

- Local police, fire and EMT on their activities (Child ID kits at schools, fire safety and fire prevention activities.)
- Work with local parks and recreation departments to plant trees, clear trails and beautify parks.
- Serve food at soup kitchens or distribute food at food banks.



# Suggestions for VFW Auxiliary Outreach

- Assist with local fundraising walks as a volunteer, not an entrant.
- Help your local library by working at book fairs.
- Assist with local youth activities and at senior centers.
- Help your town or city during elections but remain nonpartisan.





# Benefits of the Auxiliary Outreach Program

- Helping others
- Learning new skills
- Meeting new people
- Developing a sense of purpose
- Personal growth

# Keys to Making Your Auxiliary Outreach Program Successful

- Find organizations that need your help.
- Vote on the activity at your meeting.
- One or more Auxiliary member must participate.
- Wear your VFW Auxiliary attire (name badge, shirt, hat, jacket, etc.)
- Report the number of hours volunteered.

# Events at Your Post Home

- The Auxiliary Outreach Program is for projects not affiliated with the VFW or VFW Auxiliary.

Events held at your Post Home are allowed if:

- The VFW or Auxiliary did not plan the activity and will not benefit from the activity.
- The organization is using the facility only as a venue to hold its event and they complete the preliminary planning on their own.
- We are only there as volunteers to help on the day(s) of the event.

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**Thank you.  
Questions?**

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