

Volunteer Now!

Thank you for reaching out to us with your generous offer to assist in responding to the unprecedented challenges raised by COVID-19. To effectively manage the outpouring of support and assistance offers we've received, we would kindly ask that you complete this brief registration process.

[Individual Registration \(/volunteer-registration\)](/volunteer-registration)

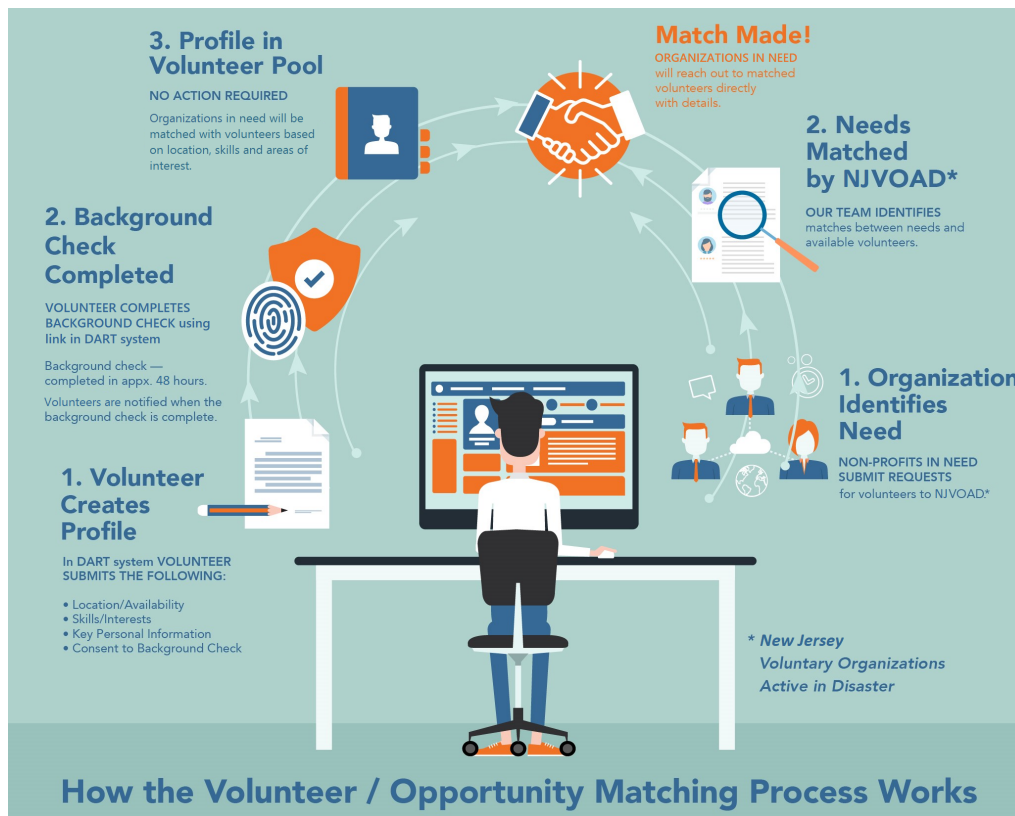
Become an Individual Donor

In the weeks and months following a disaster, people in your community will need help getting the basic supplies to keep their families fed and healthy. To help meet these needs, HelpNJNow may set up a virtual donations portal to capture offerings of material goods. Would you like to offer donations to meet the needs in your community following a disaster?

[Volunteer & Donor \(/account-dual-registration\)](/account-dual-registration)

Disclaimer: *Volunteers registering with New Jersey VOAD through HelpNJNow are not considered employees of the State of New Jersey, nor of any organization with which they are matched.*

[Frequently Asked Questions \(/volunteer-faq\)](/volunteer-faq)



About Volunteering

It is a difficult time across our state as lives, communities, and routines are disrupted due to COVID-19. A number of services that assist those in need are in short supply of people to help – particularly wrap-around services for seniors, food pantries, and support of the healthcare system. While volunteer needs may be limited during the shelter-in-place order, the opportunities will greatly increase in the days and weeks after the order is lifted.

Precautions should be taken when volunteering if you are at risk. If you are immunocompromised, over 60, are showing symptoms of COVID-19, or live with or care for someone in any of those categories, you should avoid being in public – including for volunteer efforts. Please stay home and stay safe. There will likely be remote, "volunteer from home" opportunities in the days and weeks ahead for those that are at-risk or otherwise home bound. If this applies to you, please make sure to select "Virtual Volunteer Opportunities Only" during the registration process. This will allow you to volunteer in service opportunities that can be fulfilled from the safety of your own home.

If you are not in one of the risk categories, above, and would like to volunteer to help New Jersey through this crisis, your skills are most needed at present to assist in one of these three critical areas: home delivered meals for elderly or otherwise vulnerable people, food pantries, and administrative or logistical support of the healthcare system. (Note: This form is to collect information for general volunteers who do not have prior medical training. If you are a qualified health, mental health, or related professional and would like to volunteer, please sign up at <https://covid19.nj.gov/forms/volunteer> (<https://covid19.nj.gov/forms/volunteer>).

To register as a possible volunteer, please complete the form here on HelpNJNow (HNJN). In order to ensure the safety of the clients our nonprofits serve, their staffs, and other volunteers, a background check is required of all volunteers. Once you have completed registration on HNJN, you will be sent information on how to complete the background check with Sterling Volunteers.

Once you have finished the registration process—and your background check has been completed—your contact information will be shared with any organization in your area that can utilize your skills and willingness to help. Those organizations will reach out to you directly, as soon as is possible, to discuss volunteering with them. We ask for your patience if you are not contacted immediately—these agencies are stretched very thin right now trying to meet the needs of their clients. As a volunteer you may be immediately matched to an agency needing support, or you may be kept in a reserve pool which agencies may draw from as needs arise over the coming weeks and months. Please know your offer to help is highly valued.

Thank you for helping New Jersey through this challenging time.