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Any volunteers?

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Sight Night

Instead of ruining your teeth this Halloween, why not help improve someone's vision? Sight Night, part of the Give the Gift of Sight project run by LensCrafters and Lions Clubs International, is encouraging all trick-or-treaters to collect used eyeglasses for thousands of people who desperately need them in developing countries. Since 1999, Sight Night has provided more than half a million refurbished specs to people in 25 nations. You can increase that number by encouraging all of the goblins you know to ask for glasses along with their gummy bears. Or, if you don't know any kids, set up a collection station in your office, community center or apartment building.

Call 877-605-4242 or visit www.sightnight.org to receive instructions and a free eyeglasses-collection kit.

New York Cares Day

Go to school but leave your pencils and notebooks (and laptops) at home! The 12th-annual New York Cares school cleanup takes place on October 18, from 9am to 3pm. Join thousands of fellow New Yorkers in coloring murals, fences, classrooms and lines for outdoor games, like hopscotch and basketball. If the pungent fumes aren't for you, then put your ABCs to work by reorganizing a library or counting trash bags as you clean up a playground.

Call 212-598-5800 or register at www.nycare.org. Registration deadline is Friday 10, so get moving! Volunteers must bring their own lunch.

Cooking for Survival

Are you a closeted Julia Child? Emeril? Naked Chef? Wait, keep those clothes on! Your help is



needed at Hamilton-Madison House, a nonprofit settlement house in Chinatown. Professional chefs and the culinarily inclined are needed to work with teenagers for two hours per week, in the evening, for the duration of the school semester. You'll teach these eager eaters how to create simple, nutritious, budget-conscious meals. Leave your wok at home: All equipment and ingredients are provided. Contact Jessica Tynan at 212-349-3724, ext 338; e-mail jessica@hmh100.com or visit www.hmh100.com. A brief training session is required.

Museum of the American Piano

A tiny bit of serenity in a chaotic city, the Museum of the American Piano is devoted to all things ebony and ivory: In addition to offering courses on piano tuning and restoration, the museum welcomes visitors to its collection (Mon-Sat 10am-4pm), hosts a weekly concert series and publishes a newsletter. This small, elegant operation needs volunteers to work the reception desk, book musicians, write or collect articles about its instruments, and issue press releases. Plus, in the unlikely event you've got a piano lying around that you'd like to donate, the museum will add it to the collection, use it for parts or

sacrifice it to students honing their tuning skills.

Contact Kalman Detrich at 212-406-5242 or visit www.museumforpianos.org

Children's Village Mentoring Program

Little did you know that your daily routine could be life-altering for a parentless child. Children's Village needs you to take a foster child, age 7 to 18, under your wing for just a few hours a month for one year.

While CV invites you to play some hoops, visit museums or watch movies with your student, it also encourages you to expose these kids to a responsibly led adult life: Drag your charge along on errands, show the kid how to pay bills, or teach him or her how to organize a desk drawer. CV, which runs group homes throughout the metropolitan area, provides you with ongoing support and chances to participate in monthly group activities. If you're still not sure you want to commit, ask about its onetime-volunteer opportunities. Contact Eartha Johnson at 212-932-9009, ext 7210, or 914-693-0600, ext 1819; e-mail mentoring@childrensvillage.org or visit www.childrensvillage.org. Volunteers must be at least 21 years old and submit to state background and DMV checks. Drug screening and a TB test are also required and can be handled on site at the Manhattan office or the Dobbs Ferry campus.

Look for the next installment of this guide in **TONY 423**. To list volunteer opportunities, fax information to Daphne Uviller at 212-673-8382 or e-mail it to aroundtown@timeoutny.com.

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