



Identifying volunteer activities in your area.

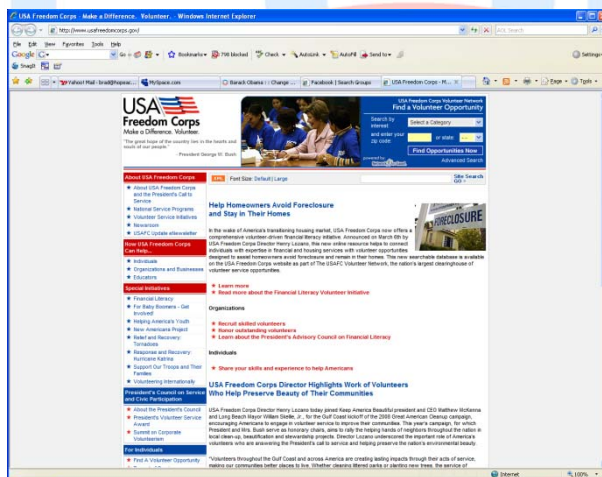
Your next step is to find good volunteer activities in your area.

There are a wide variety of ways to go about this.

First, look for non-profit organizations in your area that might be in need of volunteers. If you are a member of your Church, ask if they need volunteers for any activities.

Local soup kitchens often need staffers, check with your local county or city food-banks who often need volunteers. Other good non-profit organizations are Habitat for Humanity, the American Red Cross, etc.

A great website that can be used to locate volunteer activities in your area is <http://www.usafreedomcorps.gov/>. This website possesses a searchable database set-up by zip code and state and category of interest. It is a wonderful resource for tracking down great organizations that are in need of volunteers.



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Obama Works, a Pennsylvania-based volunteer group, took it upon themselves to create *Obama Sweeps*. These events take place all over Philadelphia and recruit an army of Obama volunteers to get out and clean-up the streets of their neighborhoods. An event like this is interchangeable with almost any city you live in. Go to <http://www.whyobamaworks.com> and take a look at the resources they provide to help you set-up your own local clean sweep.



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An easy way to break down where your efforts might be needed is just to think about the area that you live in. We have all seen that local park that is starting to show signs of wear and tear and neglect. We have all seen street corners covered in trash or graffiti in need of being cleaned up – there is no limit to what your group can do if you just think about what is needed where you live.

Remember to stay visible and be ready to talk to people you encounter about why you are out devoting your time and how you were motivated by Senator Obama's message of change. You are not necessarily out giving your time to this cause to try to change peoples' minds into supporting Senator Obama, you are out proving that individuals can make a difference in your community.

Even if you encounter people who are not supporting the Obama campaign, they will nonetheless be impressed by his supporters organizing and make change in their neighborhood.

Importantly, remember that when you are out YOU ARE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CAMPAIGN. Stay positive, do not allow negative people to make you react negatively. You are a force for change! Like Senator Obama, we want no part of "politics as usual", so just stay true to the message of the campaign.