



The members of the Rotary Club of York, Maine are dedicated to giving back to their local and global communities, with the motto, Service Above Self.

With year-round community service projects and weekly speakers from area and state service organizations, we are right in the middle of all things philanthropic in the Town of York.

We are hoping that, with this Guide to Giving in York, we can share our knowledge of non-profits based in the Town of York to raise awareness of our wonderful service entities which make us a caring community.

We invite you to find and support a charitable entity that speaks to you. There are many ways to volunteer at races, fundraisers, thrift stores, and beach cleanups, and there are sometimes opportunities with children.

And! If you would like to join a group of fun and friendly people who are giving back to their community, please be our guest at one of our Friday morning weekly meetings, or join us at one of our casual monthly meetups. Our website has details: yorkmerotary.org, or our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/yorkmerotary>.

Rotary's Vision Statement

"Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."



All organizations have 501 C 3 designation or are municipal-affiliated. All accept cash donations, we have noted when other items are accepted, as well as opportunities to volunteer, and annual fundraisers & events open to the public.

Good Works

End 68 Hours of Hunger

Puts nourishing food in the hands of school children to carry them through the weekend; a backpack includes 2 breakfasts, two lunches, 3 dinners & some additional snacks for a child. Children arrive in school Mondays ready to learn & performance improves. Currently 25 kids per week are receiving backpacks in York.

Volunteers are welcomed to pack & organize & pick up supplies.

york@end68hoursofhunger.org

Heart to Heart

Provides support and service to older adults so that they can live with dignity in their own homes; rides to appointments, technology assistance, telephone reassurance, errands run. Started Jan 2021. Provides 2,000 rides per year on a modest \$20,000 yr budget.

Actively seeking more volunteer drivers.

www.hearttoheartagelesslove.org

York Community

Service Association

Food pantry, thrift store, family services including emergency funds for Town of York residents; dental, medical, medical equipment, car repair, utilities, rent, fuel, clothing, camp scholarships for children. Move people out of poverty from immediate need to address underlying reasons through holistic help. A comprehensive case management & advocacy program is offered through the Family Service Program.

Operating for 65 years, 75 families with children utilize the food pantry weekly, 300-350 people use some of the services each year. Food delivery possible. In addition to donated food from farmers & grocery stores, they depend on raising \$44,000 from individuals each year for the Food Pantry.

Food pantry items accepted, see list online.

Teenagers & adults can volunteer for shifts in the Thrift Store. Clothing, housewares, games & toys, etc, can be donated, list of accepted items on website. Shopping in the Thrift Store supports organization & is open to all.

Younger children have used a birthday party as a food drive to collect items for the food pantry, but need to coordinate with YCSA on items.

Real estate would be accepted, as well as cars in running condition.

Annual Labor Day Weekend Beach Bonfire at Long Sands Beach fundraiser, volunteers accepted.

Services | Ycsa | United States (ycsame.org)

York County Family Fund

Bridging the gap for families in immediate crisis since its start in 2006, originally in collaboration with First Parish Church. Gathers funds to share with local churches, social services agencies, hospitals, & schools to help families to meet emergency needs & deal with crises through direct payments as pastor- & agency-approved; medical expenses, lost income due to medical issues, job loss, or an unexpected death, housing & utilities, auto repairs, school supplies, clothing, education, holiday meals, gifts. YCFF believes that the partner organizations are in touch with their communities and understand where the needs are. There is no requirement to be a member of any church; recipients retain anonymity. No overhead; every dollar given goes directly to recipients.

YCFF would welcome funds raised through children's birthday parties, lemonade stands or bake sales.

<https://www.yorkcountyfamilyfund.org/>

Environment

Center for Wildlife

Nestled at the base of Mount Agamenticus, Since 1986, has treated over 50,000 injured and orphaned wild animals and presented programming to thousands of community members annually to instill a sense of understanding, responsibility, and compassion for our natural world. Self-guided visits to facility, available for events. Collaborates with regional universities and the Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife to prepare for and address natural disasters and zoonotic diseases. Center for Wildlife's Wildlife Assistance Hotline also fields over 15,000 calls each year, providing guidance to callers from all over New England.

Annual Trick or Treat event, annual fall golf tournament fundraiser

Accepts injured or orphaned animals

Offers robust internship and apprenticeship programs, and has an active volunteer base.

info@thecenterforwildlife.org

Friends of Mount Agamenticus

Volunteer advocacy and stewardship group for the Mount Agamenticus Conservation Program. The role of the Friends is to assist Program staff in carrying out educational, interpretive, community outreach and public use objectives without compromising the integrity of the region's sensitive ecological habitat. A Steering Committee, made up of state, local, and non-profit landowners, works to protect the region's water quality and wildlife habitat while managing sustainable recreational opportunities for the general public on over 10,000

contiguous acres.

The Mount Agamenticus Parking and Public Restroom project, approved by voters in 2020 is expected to begin Monday September 26th and continue through June 2023.

Adopt A Trail program

Adopt A Native Plant Bed

Community Work Days – monthly volunteer work days from April – Nov

Learning Lodge Docents

Annual trail races in-person & virtual May & Sept

Summer Plein Art Paint Out

<https://agamenticus.org/>

Friends of York Dog Park

York residents banded together to develop and maintain a community dog park for all at 17 Bog Rd that provides a safe and controlled environment where dogs and their owners can meet. A partnership between FYDP, York Parks & Recreation, and the Town of York where the Town and voters approved allowing the use of a piece of land deemed unbuildable on. Funds are needed now to build fencing and maintain the park.

<https://www.friendsofyorkdogpark.org/>

Old York Garden Club

Established in 1932, mission is to stimulate knowledge and love of gardening; to aid in the protection of native plants, trees and wildlife; to encourage civic planting; maintains the traffic island gardens & planters in York. Offers slate of programs, workshops and field trips throughout the year, including monthly crafting and floral design workshops. Raises funds annually to support a scholarship award to a Maine student who has completed one year at institute of higher learning, majors in horticulture, & shows outstanding achievement and promise in any of the plant sciences.

June annual plant sale

Volunteer opportunities in club to maintain civic plantings

A Green Thumb Award is given throughout the summer to those who have gardens, window boxes, or containers along York's highways and byways which "attract the eye" of vigilant committee members.

www.oldyorkgardenclub.org

York Land Trust

Led by a dedicated group of community members working to conserve and protect York's natural resources and cultural heritage. With the support of over 600 annual supporters the York Land Trust is able to steward more than 2,400 acres of treasured, community lands, including Public Access Preserves, Limited Access Preserves and Conservation Easements on privately owned lands. Hiking trails in preserves.

Bird walk Wednesdays, guided snowshoeing, and native plant sale in the Spring.

Volunteer roles: monitoring and maintenance of conservation land, public outreach and community awareness & conservation projects.

<https://yorklandtrust.org/>

Arts

York Art Association

Values, promotes, and supports the visual, performing, and literary arts by providing programs and events for the benefit of the community. Their Little Red Building in York Harbor is a place for local artists, performers, and exhibitors to showcase their work. Art classes, free weekly open studio. The Gallery is a place for families to learn about the arts and ways to enjoy being creative while engaging in new arts. All ages welcome.

Attend gallery events, meet artists at Artist Receptions, purchase art from artists, become a member

Art in the Park – Mid September Moulton Park

<https://www.yorkartassociation.com>

The Surf Point Foundation

Offers nominated artists and art professionals three-week live-work residencies in a boldly Modernist home on the coast of York, Maine. Founded in the late 1980 by arts patron Mary-Leigh Call Smart & artist Beverly Hallam who envisioned a place for the visual arts community to think, connect, and create.

Annual fundraising event in July/ August, Fall and Spring Open Houses where children are welcome.

They are recruiting for local community board members, capital funding to keep 1971 building in good shape. Garden Restoration project.

<https://www.surfpointfoundation.org>

Historical

First Parish

Cemetery Association

Began cemetery operations in 1837, plots are available for York residents, a database is maintained of individuals buried in the historical cemetery, grounds may be visited, walking trail in woods behind.

Accepts contributions of information to historical database, volunteers to decorate for holidays, donations to maintain database and grounds

info@firstparishcemetery.org

Old York Historical Society

As one of the earliest English settlements in the country, York became the seat of government for the Province of Maine and thrived as a center of maritime commerce. The OYHS cares for 16 buildings, 20 properties, more than 20,000 artifacts, 50,000 archival objects in the library, and serves thousands of people annually through tours, educational programs, exhibitions,

and special events. Located in the heart of York at the corner of York St and Lindsay Rd, a complex of historical buildings is open to tour seasonally Memorial Day through October & includes the Old York Museum Center which has a gallery with some of the best objects from Southern Maine from the 1600s & 1700s. Jefferds Tavern, York Corner Schoolhouse, Perkins House Museum, George Marshal Store & Hancock Wharf. The Old Gaol is a National Historic Landmark sitting atop York's Gaol Hill, where colonial Maine's first prison was founded in 1656.

Offers educational school programs for children K-8, ranging in length from 90 minutes to four hours in hands-on lessons and activities that are rich in local traditions. Children's Summer Program, Stories in the Old Schoolhouse. All York 5th graders participate in 2-day immersion program, 'Living History'. Adult volunteers are welcome for this program & will be trained.

Walking tours include the story of colonial York, York's wartime service, & cemetery walk.

Annual cocktail fundraising party at Perkins House August. Oct events: An Evening With Edgar Allan Poe, Halloween Lighting of the Pumpkins

Actively recruiting docents who will be trained & paid. Objects & archival material from Maine can be donated.

<https://oldyork.org>

York Committee for Veterans' Affairs

Oversees York's annual Memorial Day parade in cooperation with local service organizations, such as the VFW, American Legion, and the DAR. Coordinates hosting of visiting military units, inspects war memorials for repairs, sounding board for concerned citizens regarding veterans' and military matters.

Annual Memorial Day parade event
<https://www.yorkmaine.org/442>

Libraries

The York Public Library Association

The York Public Library Association Incorporated in 1922, a literal and figurative community center in the heart of York Village, free library cards to workers in York as well as York residents, serves 13,000 residents and 30,000 visitors, averages 5000-8000 people served each month. Lectures, free wifi, Hoopla downloadable ebooks & magazines, technology help, oral history recording, family history research, digitization of photos, place for teens after school, community meeting rooms for groups as well as Town boards to meet, children's area, weekly walking group.

Many volunteer opportunities-shelving, Art Committee,

Development Committee, Book Nook opportunities specifically for ages 10-18 to volunteer. Recruiting for Development & Building & Grounds Committee members as well as prospective Board members. Accepts recently published books and classics in good condition, auction items. Membership fees support operations.

Annual Membership Drive each October/November, fundraising auction each June.

FMI visit yorkpubliclibrary.org

Education

Brixham Montessori Friends School

Dedicated to a holistic approach to education where academic excellence, innovation, creativity and service-minded learning prepares children to be engaged and thoughtful stewards of the world.

Brixham Concerts, Recitals and Productions – Help decorate, set up and clean up at one of Brixham's many concerts, recitals, productions or graduation ceremony. Donate drinks or sweet treats for refreshments. Join a School Committee – Do you have a talent that you can share with Brixham?

Annual Auction Gala held in the spring, raises funds for tuition assistance and arts program.

Holiday Wreath and Poinsettia Fundraiser – Decorate or purchase holiday wreaths

<https://www.brixhammontessori.org/>

St George's Early Learning Center Time of Wonder

Provides quality affordable childcare; & development; infant, preschool, and toddler programs for working families. "We love helping children with diverse needs thrive." Provides services for children with special needs through a contract with Child Development Services, an Early Childhood Education Tuition Agreement and Specially Designed Instruction. Welcomes families who are eligible to receive State subsidy support for childcare.

<https://stgeorges-yorkharbor.org/time-of-wonder-early-learning-center/>

York Adult & Community Education

Offers cost-effective academic, training, and enrichment classes for Maine's adults. Located in York at the Middle School. A proud member of the Maine Adult Education Assoc, also advocates for adult education and supports the educational & training needs of Maine's adults.

April Fool's Day Cribbage Tournament raises funds for literacy

TedX York Beach, Feb 10, 2023

York Adult Education – We can help with that! (maineadulted.org)

York Education Foundation

Run by volunteers committed to excellence in education, YEF provides grant funding for innovative and challenging programs proposed by York educators at the York elementary, middle, and high school levels. Since 2003, has provided nearly \$300,000 to teacher projects which have enriched math skills, supported the science curriculum, promoted 21st century technology, improved literacy, expanded social studies and world culture, elevated the arts, enhanced social and physical wellbeing, as well as provided professional development for teachers. Annually awards the Henry R. Scipione Award & \$500 grant to an educator whose efforts promote and advance excellence in education for students of York Schools.

Welcomes volunteers who strive to enhance and broaden community support for public education.

<https://www.yorkeducationfoundation.org/>

York Middle School Parent Group Program

Supports programs at York Middle School, which serves 500 students grades 5-8. Fundraises for class trips, field trips, enrichment opportunities, fulfillment of teacher classroom requests, scholarships/aid for students, and many other programs that help fill budget gaps and student needs.

Accepts applications for YMSPG board members.

<https://yms.yorkschoools.org/home/parent-group>

White Pine Programs

Runs a variety of nature connection and environmental education programming; a Forest School (ages 4 – 15) for the full school year two days per week, weekend forest program for ages 7 – 15, 6 weeks of summer camp, multiple teen expeditions and short weekends throughout the year, after school Nature Clubs in 3 communities – York, Kittery, and Portsmouth, hosts community programs for adults and families, and pre-school playgroups in partnership with land trusts and recreation centers, professional development programs for educators in public schools. Mission to provide transformational nature experiences that forge personal resilience, inspire lifelong commitment to our environment, & connect individuals to community. Operating since 1999, serving 3000 people each year, annually depends on \$135,000 support from individuals.

Currently welcoming: donations of land, transport vans, bark mulch, recycled asphalt & labor to spread, & people with finance and legal backgrounds interested in joining board or committees.

Join one of their nature walks and bring a friend.

<https://whitepineprograms.org/>

Health Care

York Hospital

A staple in the community since 1906, main York campus saw 12,738 total acute patient days and 3,453 total acute admissions, provided over \$1 million in free care to community members, & offers meal & prescription delivery services, free transportation to and from medical appointments, and a House Calls program to provide medical care to older adults who are unable to leave their homes due to physical or mental decline.

Many opportunities to volunteer for all ages: Greeters/information, Newspaper delivery, Patient Rounders, transportation, Clerical Services, Physician's offices, assist clinical teams with support services and errands, Special Events & Fundraising, Patient Advisors, Reiki Services, Pastoral Care

Local schools and community groups are encouraged to conduct fundraising activities/events to benefit York Hospital, or to promote awareness of disease prevention & management and healthy living programs. Families with children can also get involved by helping to plan and organize fundraising activities like lemonade stands, bake sales, yard sales, golf tournaments, sporting events, proceeds from community runs/walks. Cars, art, real estate, bitcoin are accepted.

First Saturday of June is the York Hospital 5K Road Race open to all ages; many families participate – sometimes three generations race together.

In late-July to mid-August, fundraising dinner or a cruise called the Hancock Classic to raise funds for the Hancock Family Fund for Healthy Aging.

On Labor Day, the hospital's Living Well With Cancer Fund is often the recipient of proceeds from The Big Andrew Surf Competition (<https://www.thebigandrew.org/new-index>), a fun, local surfing event held on Long Sands Beach for over a decade.

<https://www.yorkhospital.com>

Town of York-affiliated agencies which accept public donations & participation:

Center for Active Living

For adults 50 years of age and older, 36 Main St, York Beach. Operated by Town of York Parks & Recreation, offers opportunities to socialize, learn, recreate and be well. From book club, to line dancing, to "Rolling Out of York" field trips, and nature walks, to in-house performing arts presentations. York residents are given priority for programs. Non-residents can access seasonally with \$25 annual user fee. Drop-in Café with coffee/tea/hot chocolate and muffins free of charge weekdays. Delivered meals, buckets of sand delivered for walkways. Pick-up home-cooked lunches and dine-in meals.

Opportunities to volunteer include



**P.O.Box 806
York, ME 03909**



Your Guide to York Non-Profit Organizations

meal delivery, computer help
<https://www.yorkparksandrec.org/center-for-active-living/basic-information/>

Housing

York Housing

Since 1978, has provided affordable rental housing for seniors and workers in York in a range of affordability options: Yorkshire Commons, Village Woods, Pine Grove, Deerfield Pl, Carriage House Aptmts, Baldwin Aptmts, Moorehouse Place (now leasing up for York workers).

Their 136 units in senior communities offer independent living, complete with a menu of services, thoughtfully planned for older active adults who deserve

the peace of mind that comes with community living. Also helps other York seniors with home repairs for health & safety including smoke detectors. Partners with Heart to Heart for transportation needs, grocery shopping help, home care of their residents and York seniors.

Appreciates contributions to their Wishing Well Fund for tenant services not paid for by HUD funds, like meal programs & activities.

<https://www.ycsame.org>

Recreation

York Parks & Recreation

Extensive list of year-round programs for adults as well as for kids, from Mad Science to volleyball. See their comprehensive printed brochure for

all sports activities, guided hikes, & enrichment offerings. No child is ever turned away from participating in the core programs, scholarship assistance is available and confidential.

Accepting sponsors and volunteers; outdoor park ambassadors at the Nubble Sohier Park & gift shop volunteers, Adopt a Trail, fund program fees for children, opportunities to volunteer in individual sports following.

<https://www.yorkparksandrec.org/>

Agamenticus Ski Club

www.agamenticusski.org

Agamenticus Yacht Club

Sailing lessons available for all York youth age 8-18

www.aycsail.org

Additional Nonprofits which serve York residents

(not a complete list)

Habitat for Humanity – will pick up donations of building materials and furniture, not building in the Town of York right now, but in York County, welcomes volunteers for building homes, accepts land for their affordable homes program
www.habitatyorkcounty.org

A Family for ME – foster care partnership with Dept of Health & Human Services, actively recruiting foster families, raising awareness of urgent need for fostering, with 2,200 out-of-home children in Maine
<https://afamilyformemaine.org>

Kids Free to Grow – community awareness of prevention of child abuse/neglect programs including parent education, school-based programs, child care provider programs
<https://kidsfreetogrow.org>



Baldwin Center @ York Housing Authority
Fridays at 7:15 AM
P.O. Box 806 ■ York, ME 03909
Email: yorkrotary@gmail.com

*Times have changed and now Rotary recommends members' 50% attendance of meetings, and service projects and events can be in lieu of weekly meeting attendance. York Rotary works in conjunction with the mission of Rotary International to improve our local as well as our international communities. If you are passionate about service or just want to get involved, come join us. You will be glad you did.

**We have done our best to include all 501 C 3 organizations based in York, Maine, but we apologize in advance if we have overlooked any. There are also many organizations outside of York which provide services to York and we have included a few that we are aware of; it is not a complete list.

People of ACTION!

Service Above Self

Emergency Services

York Ambulance Association
<https://yorkambulance.com/>

York Beach Fire Department
<https://www.yorkbeachfire.org>

York Voluntary Fire Department
<http://yorkvillagefire.co>