**Helpline Volunteer Recruitment Location Ideas (in no particular order)**

*To my knowledge the following locations do not charge a fee to list volunteer opportunities.*

*Some locations may be better suited for phone only (non-accompaniment) helpline volunteers.*

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| **LOCATION** | **BRIEF DESCRIPTION** | **CONTACT INFO** | **ADVERTISING IDEAS/OTHER** |
| Libraries | In many towns, public libraries are the hub of the community and provide various services and resources to residents. Community clubs such as chess clubs and book clubs sometimes meet at libraries too. | Maine Public Libraries [Directory](https://www.maine.gov/msl/libs/directories/public.shtml) | Fliers or brochures in cafes, on info boards, etc.  May have a section on their website for community volunteer opportunities |
| Local Colleges and Universities | Students, staff, and faculty may be looking for ways to get more involved in the community.  Keep in mind that relying too heavily on students who may not be available year-round can be a strain on staff and other volunteers. | [List](https://www.maine.gov/portal/education/colleges.html) of Public Colleges & Universities and Private Colleges in Maine | May have student groups that are willing to help spread the word  Fliers or brochures in various locations  College TV and radio stations may be places to consider as well |
| Local Adult Education | People are already here looking for classes. Why not advocate training? | Search locations [here](https://maineadulted.org/) | Community class fliers, local websites |
| Local United Way | VolunteerME websites for each United Way in Maine | United Ways of Maine [Volunteer page](https://www.unitedwaysofmaine.org/volunteer/) |  |
| Volunteermatch.org | “A place where non-profit organizations and those looking to volunteer find each other.” | [Website](https://www.volunteermatch.org/) |  |
| JustServe.org | “JustServe is a service to help link community volunteer needs with volunteers.” | [Website](https://www.justserve.org/) |  |
| AARP  Create the Good | Create an account and post a volunteer listing | [Website](https://createthegood.aarp.org/) | People 50+ may have more time and lots of great experience to bring to your agency |
| Points of Light Engage | “Points of Light Engage pulls volunteer opportunities from sites around the web to provide the most comprehensive database of volunteer opportunities around the world. Individuals can search for volunteer projects, nonprofits can post and manage event sign-ups.” | [Website](https://engage.pointsoflight.org/) | Some ME SA centers are already listed |
| Catchafire | “We are a network of volunteers, nonprofits, and funders working together to solve urgent problems and lift up communities.” | [Website](https://www.catchafire.org/) |  |
| idealist | Create an account and post a volunteer listing | [Volunteer section of website](https://www.idealist.org/en/volunteer?q=) | Searches idealist listings as well as listings on VolunteerMatch, Points of Light, AARP and DoSomething |
| Local Cable Access/Community TV | Call or email your local station to ask how they can help you spread the word about volunteer opportunities | Search for local information | Some cable access stations have programs where folks interview local community organizations. |
| Local Radio Stations | Call or email your local station to ask how they can help you spread the word about volunteer opportunities | Search for local information | Sometimes stations will have free or reduced rate spots for non-profits and may even be willing to have you do a brief interview on air. |

And don’t forget about……..

* The staff lounge/break areas at schools, hospitals, and other business
* Info boards at grocery stores
* Info/community boards at the Post Office (smaller towns in particular may have these)
* Your center’s website and social media
* Newspapers (print and online options)
* Tabling events
* Gyms and fitness centers
* Town websites
* Downtown Association websites
* And so many more places!!!!