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Here's How You Can Plug Into Your Community and Make a Difference

We all need others at certain times in our lives. This world is complex, and navigating it alone will only make our days more difficult and less fulfilling. If you're at a point in your life where you can help residents in your community lead healthier, happier lives, then getting out there and

starting is the first step! Below, the town of [Lincoln, NH](#) offers some practical tips and resources to help you launch into the enriching work of benefitting your community!

Partner With Local Organizations and Groups

Perhaps the easiest way to get your feet wet in community service is to find a local organization or group that shares your values. Then, figure out how you can contribute!

- See if your neighborhood has any [nonprofit organizations that you can volunteer with](#) every month. You will likely find many different options, from helping animals to the elderly, and helping local residents to international support efforts. Find something you're passionate about and dive in.
- If you can't volunteer your time, consider committing to monthly donations at a [reputable organization or charity](#). It's important that you research the organization you're interested in before committing to regular donations. Although it's sad, some people create organizations that look reputable, but the money goes to questionable locations.

Go Your Own Way

You can also make a significant impact on the lives of community members by acting on your own! You don't have to be or work with a nonprofit to make a difference. Consider ways that you can make an impact in the lives around you.

- Start mentoring youth in your community. American Family Insurance notes that you can [help adolescents and young adults](#) navigate challenges and build a promising future for themselves. Many schools have after school programs that rely on volunteers, too.
- Help [older adults maintain a healthy lifestyle](#) and safe living environment in your community. Look into organizations that are helping seniors in your community. Churches and religious organizations are often great places to start. Or if you have a friend or neighbor who needs help, offer to assist with yard work, drive them to appointments, or take walks around the neighborhood together.
- Connect single mothers in the area with financial resources, [childcare services, and other assistance](#).

Use Your Entrepreneurial Spirit

If you're a business-minded person, you can put your talents to use by starting a nonprofit organization! People like you who notice a need and create a solution are invaluable to at risk populations. If you see a problem, do something about it!

- Galaxy Digital explains how to take time to [conduct a needs analysis in your community](#) and put your ideas into a solid business plan. Make sure that you can clearly identify this need exists and that your nonprofit addresses it, so that you can secure funding and get additional supporters.

- If you wish, you can launch your own limited liability company, which offers you certain legal protections and tax benefits. To save some time and hassle, you can launch your [New Hampshire LLC](#) using an online formation service rather than trying to take care of all the paperwork yourself.
- Establish a board of [directors to support your mission](#) and values as you strategize your next steps. Your board is an incredibly important resource for your nonprofit, so choose wisely. Ideally, your board will consist of people who are passionate about your cause and are well connected in the community.

Everyone needs help at some point. If you are ready to get involved in improving the lives of your neighbors, your first step is to find out where (and who) you can help the most. Consider the tips and resources above, including how to set up an LLC, as you get a plan in place for helping your community. Along with benefiting the lives of others, plugging into your community will add fulfillment and purpose to your daily routine!

[Lincoln, NH](#) is a town in Grafton County, New Hampshire, United States It is the second largest town by area in New Hampshire. The population was 1,662 at the 2010 census. If you have any questions, please call 603-745-2757.