



## Career Coach: Something special for volunteers

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Many working parents are doing what they can this summer to keep their kids from wasting time in front of the TV.

There are plenty of terrific — and free — alternatives. With jobs harder to find, one great idea for many high school and college kids on break is to volunteer. Endless possibilities can be found at [dosomething.org](http://dosomething.org).

Do Something helps volunteers make a difference, empowering a generation of doers — nearly 12 million kids in 2008.

The organization gives young people easy ways to get involved in more than 80 causes and issues, and offers two \$500 seed grants every week to young people wanting to get their project or cause off the ground.

Five amazing young people who saw a problem in the world and tried to tackle it were honored recently at a Do Something award show at the [Apollo Theater](#) in [Harlem](#).

Grand prize winner [Maggie Doyne](#), 22, of Mendham, [N.J.](#), walked away with a \$100,000 grant to further her work with orphans in [Nepal](#). In her acceptance speech, Doyne insisted, “I’m just a girl from New Jersey, ...” but it isn’t every girl who accomplishes what she has.

Doyne used her life savings of \$5,000 to buy a plot of land in Nepal, which has an estimated 1 million orphans, and build a children’s home for 26 kids. The home has helped find families for roughly 800 children. With the \$100,000 grant, Doyne plans to construct a school.

“A week ago, nobody had heard of Maggie Doyne,” said [Nancy Lublin](#), Do Something’s CEO who also has the title at the organization of chief old person. “We’re hoping in a few months she will be more famous than [Paris Hilton](#).”

Make helping your child help others your summer project, and theirs. You may find yourself involved in something that lasts far beyond the lazy days of summer.

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