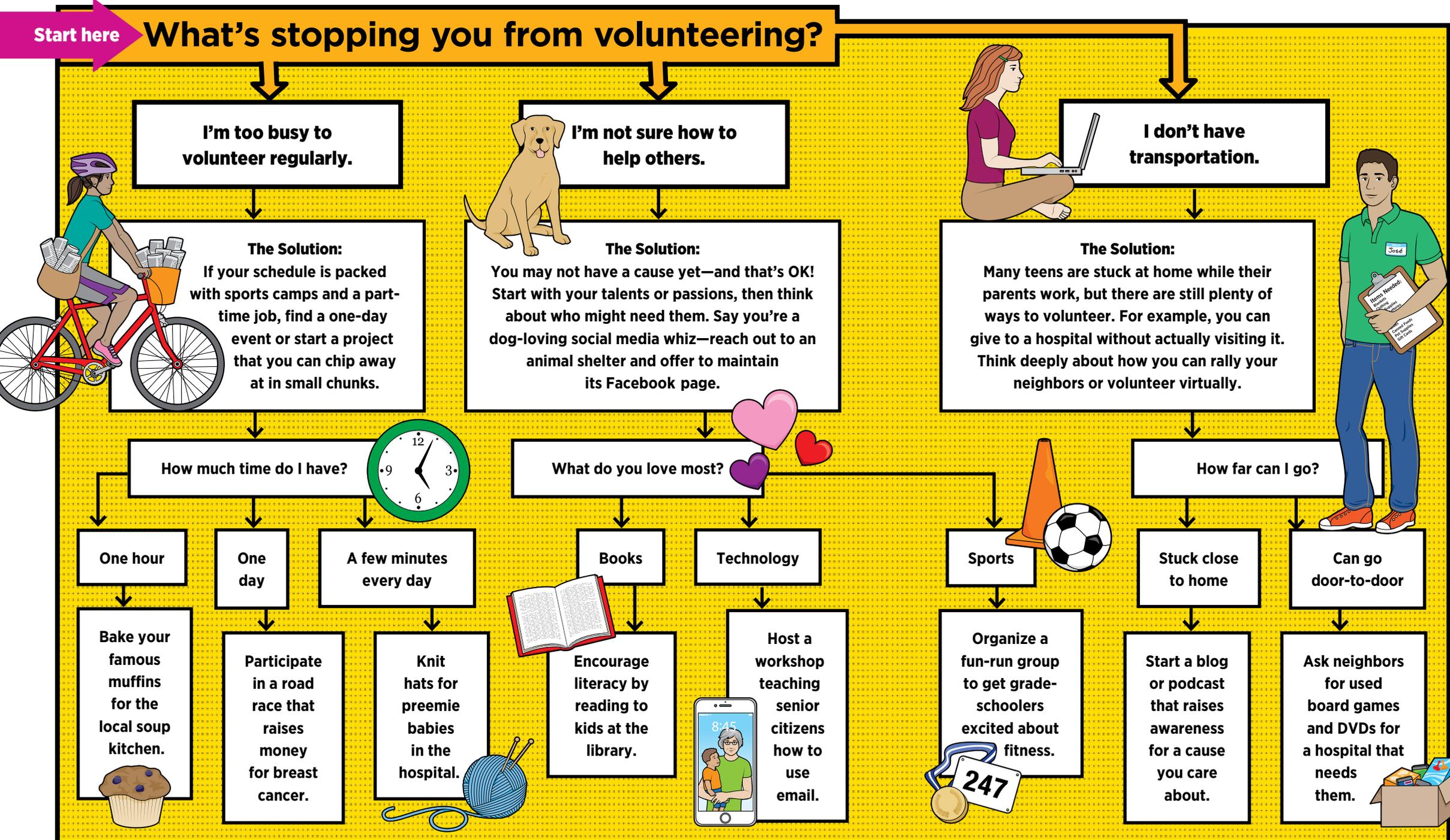


# The Summer of Change

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THERE'S ALWAYS A WAY TO GIVE BACK—AND THIS CHART WILL HELP YOU FIND YOUR PERFECT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY (NO MORE EXCUSES!).

**Start here** What's stopping you from volunteering?



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## “I DID IT!”

Get inspired by these creative ways to make a difference.



“My mom and I used to be homeless, so now whenever I have spare time, I help others in that position by making soap in my kitchen. I either give it directly to shelters, or I sell it and donate the proceeds. At this point, I've donated more than 10,500 soaps and raised almost \$2,000!”

—Donovan Smith, 13, New Mexico



“I've been playing the trumpet since I was 9, so when I found out that most veterans' funerals have an audio recording of 'Taps' instead of a live performance, I contacted a local funeral home and offered to volunteer. The first funeral I played was for a homeless veteran—it was life-changing.”

—Katie Prior, 16, Oklahoma



“By setting up recycling drives in my community, I've collected more than 27,000 pairs of used jeans. They become insulation for homes that are rebuilding after natural disasters.”

—Erik Hansen, 16, Ohio