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Volunteering is good for everyone involved – the person volunteering and the organization where they are volunteering. People are either voluntary or involuntary volunteers. Voluntary volunteers decide themselves to help support a cause with their free work. Those who are involuntary volunteers have the decision made for them by someone else to work for a cause without being paid. Courts can require that people volunteer, as well as parents or teachers.

If you are old enough, you should volunteer to support a cause. It could be feeding the homeless, playing with the children in a homeless shelter, visiting with people who have been hospitalized for a long period of time or assisting at an animal shelter. There are many groups to choose from that may be doing work that you believe in. If you simply can't find a cause to support, then you could consider starting your own organization.

Karina visits Loving Arms Cat Shelter faithfully every Saturday morning to volunteer. "Good morning Beth!" she said as she entered the building. "It's good to see you again Karina." Beth was an older woman who volunteers every day as the receptionist. "Where is Linda?" Karina was eager to get started. She missed the cats. Whenever she had a difficult week at school or at home with her brothers, she looked forward to spending time in the kitten room. In there, all of her frustrations melt away. "Linda is home sick today. You can just go ahead and get started" said Beth. "Okay. See you later" Karina said over her shoulder, already entering the back of the warehouse, which was converted to have ten rooms to house about 200 cats. Karina knew the routine. First, she needed to clean the room, then provide food and clean water for the cats. She could use any time in between or remaining time to give them plenty of love and attention to help them socialize better with people. The cats who are more sociable have the best chance of being adopted into a loving home. "Karina, report to the front of the building, your mother is here" blared Beth's voice over the loud speaker. The announcement indicated that Karina's four hours of volunteer work was complete. "See you next week Beth," she said as she left the building. "It was a pleasure having you help us today." Beth always said that to every volunteer as they left.

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What is the author's purpose for the second paragraph? to persuade

What is the author's purpose for the third paragraph? to entertain