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# Effortless networking

Many people will choose a volunteer outing as their first event with the Rochester Young Professionals group, said RYP volunteer coordinator Teresa Gianni. It's easier to strike up a conversation with a new person when you're in a group of friendly faces working together for a good cause, "as opposed to standing around trying to come up with something to talk about."

On Thursday evening, a group of RYP members sorted donations at Foodlink, a regional food bank that redistributes 10 million pounds of food annually. Tasks included inspecting packages for broken seams and making sure that food wasn't past its expiration date.

Each month RYP members typically offer volunteer assistance to Foodlink and one other organization. Other volunteer activities have included the city's Clean Sweep program and sorting materials at InterVol and the Monroe County Recycling Center. For information on future events, go to www.rochesteryoungprofessionals.org or look for the group on Facebook.

Timothy Scott, a supervisor of volunteers at Foodlink, said he appreciated the help. "When the volunteers come in groups, they seem to have a great time," he said. "That's great for us because they're more likely to come back." ❑

— *Erica Bryant*

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**Timothy Scott, volunteer supervisor at Foodlink, shows members of Rochester Young Professionals how to sort food. Volunteers have a great time, Scott says.**

## Going to be networking?

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