



## **Carlyle Suites: Giving back to the community**

*Hotel refunds half your stay for your community service, or donates it to the nonprofit of your choice through September 12.*

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Carlyle Suites has an unusual way to sweeten a visitor's stay: Making guests feel great (and keeping their wallets fuller) by donating time or money to a volunteer organization. Book a stay with the Serve America and Stay in DC package through Sept. 12 and the hotel will donate half of your room rate to a community service organization of your choice. Rather be the do-gooder yourself? Carlyle offers a 50 percent refund (yes, money back in your pocket), if you volunteer five hours of your time.

We love this. Visit [volunteermatch.org](http://volunteermatch.org) and choose who you'd like to sponsor, or volunteer for. Call up the hotel and let them know the organization's name and URL, or complete this form and send it to [ServeAmerica@CarlyleSuites.com](mailto:ServeAmerica@CarlyleSuites.com).



To ensure that the hotel will heed your request, just give them at least 72 hours notice before your arrival.

If you want to be the good Samaritan, complete your volunteer time at least 3 months before or after your arrival date at the hotel. Of course, there's a bit more paperwork involved in this one: A verification letter from the organization explaining what you did, when, and how long, and a copy of the organization's 501(c)3 certificate. Send it all over to [ServeAmerica@CarlyleSuites.com](mailto:ServeAmerica@CarlyleSuites.com).