



Preparing People to Lead Extraordinary Lives

LOYOLA
UNIVERSITY
CHICAGO

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES



"Today our prime educational objective
must be to form

persons for others;

people who will live not for themselves but for God,
people who cannot even conceive of love of God
which does not include love for
the least of their neighbor."

~ Pedro Arrupe, S.J.
Feast of Ignatius Loyola
July 31, 1973

OUR MISSION

**We are Chicago's Jesuit Catholic University -
a diverse community seeking God in all things
and working to expand knowledge
in the service of humanity
through learning, justice and faith.**



The Community Service Program of Loyola University Chicago's Ministry department encourages students, staff and faculty to live out the above quote from the University mission statement. Service is a means by which all involved benefit. This includes those providing the service, those receiving the service, the local community, and the university which sponsors the service program. For students, service can be both an important social activity and an educational opportunity. Studies show that people who participate in regular service involving personal contact show a greater appreciation and ability to work with others, along with improved self-esteem and confidence.

As a community of "persons for others", Loyolans are invited to become involved with the agencies listed in this booklet. Opportunities are available for individuals and groups to make regular service commitments or one-time service projects. Whichever agency you contact, please be clear as to what type of commitment you can make and always inform them if you need to change your schedule.

For more information on Community Service and
volunteer opportunities please contact:

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Hunger Week

Hunger Week at Loyola is directed toward two goals:
to heighten awareness of the world hunger crisis, and to
raise funds for projects directly serving the hungry.

Students, faculty, staff, alumni, and neighbors get involved
in this worthwhile endeavor every fall.

The Loyola community hosts a variety of events
that address hunger and homelessness here in Chicago
and also examine the cultural and
economic causes of hunger worldwide.

The purpose of this effort is to realize the extent and
the impact of poverty worldwide and
in our neighborhoods.

A wide variety of fundraising activities are
also planned and Hunger Week's goals attempt
to mobilize the efforts of all toward
the eventual elimination of the staggering imbalance
of the world's resources.

Thousands of dollars have been raised each year.

All of the Loyola community is encouraged to get involved.
Student organizations have hosted a Social Class Dinner,
Sleep Out, Fasting Opportunity, Guatemalan Java Jam,
Hunger Heroics, 5K, and other activities in the past. If you or a
student group is interested in becoming a part of working
towards eliminating hunger contact:

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Mundelein Center - Suite 200
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nchmela@luc.edu

Loyola4Chicago

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In addition to providing contacts for individuals, Loyola University Ministry offers students the opportunity to do community service in teams, and to reflect on their service experience in the light the Jesuit ideal of “faith that does justice” through the program Loyola4Chicago. Students involved in this program commit to volunteering for 4 hours/week at the same service site throughout the academic year.

Service teams meet once a month to talk about their experience, analyze the social systems impacting the lives of the people they work with, and foster a commitment to creating a more just society.

Post-Graduate Service Opportunities

There are many opportunities for service that await you *after* graduation, too. University Ministry can provide more information about applying to full-time service programs like the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, Peace Corps, LU-CHOICE and others.

To join Loyola4Chicago and for more information on these two programs contact:

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*The day will come when,
after harnessing the ether, the winds, the tides, gravitation,
we shall harness for God the energies of love.
And on that day,
for the second time in the history of the world,
we will have discovered fire.*

- M.Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S.J.
1881 - 1955

, ~COMMUNITY CENTERS ,

BREAKTHROUGH URBAN MINISTRIES

Scott Ruth

5243 N. Ashland, Chicago, IL 60640

773.989.4382 ext. 271

www.breakthroughministries.com

Help is needed in the Youth Outreach Program as a coach for basketball, soccer, and baseball, and as a tutor. Volunteers can also work with the Homeless Services by providing meals, and with the Bridge of Hope program in the RV street outreach helping women in prostitution.

CABRINI CONNECTIONS

Laura Dieckman

800 W. Huron, Chicago, IL 60622

312.492.9614

tutormentor2@earthlink.net

Cabrini Connections seeks to engage workplace adults in structured activities that make a life-changing difference for youth living in economically and educationally disadvantaged neighborhoods. Administrative and organizational positions are available.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CHICAGO

Dorey Kuhn

126 N. Des Plaines, Chicago, IL 60661

312.655.7322

A variety of volunteer opportunities are available in over 200 programs that serve children, families, seniors and people whose basic human needs are unmet. Catholic Charities serves all people regardless of religion, nationality, race, social and/or economic background.

CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Marne Bariso

1601 N. Clark St, Chicago, IL 60614

312.642.4600

Volunteers can give guided tours, work in the curatorial and administrative departments, and work with the public school children.

Alternative Break Immersions

Over spring and summer breaks, University Ministry sponsors community service trips to nine U.S. and three international destinations. ABI's give students the opportunity to do justice, build community, keep faith and live simply through a process of service, education, reflection and prayer.

For more information, or to apply for a trip contact:

Patrick Eccles

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Mundelein Center - Suite 200

773.508.2205

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Loyola Companions

Loyola Companions is a peer ministry group in the first year residences. Companions work with the Residence Hall Chaplains to develop community, do service, seek justice, and build faith. They offer opportunities to get involved with University Ministry, faith sharing groups, weekly volunteering at service sites, and other on-going activities throughout campus. If you are interested in putting your faith into action by being a Loyola Companion contact:

Shannon Green

Loyola University Ministry
Simpson LLC

773.508.7004

sgreen3@luc.edu

MERCY HOME FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Mary Ann Pilet

1140 W. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60607

312.738.7552

volunteer@mercyhome.org

There are several structured ways for people to volunteer at Mercy Home for Boys & Girls: as a Friends First mentor working with children in the community, as a tutor for the young people who live at Mercy Home, as a Special Events Volunteer to help with Mercy Home's fundraising events, or as a MercyWorks volunteer who commits to a year of service in our MercyWorks program.

URBAN INITIATIVES

Jim Dower, Dan Isherwood

1231 W. Lill Ave, Chicago, IL 60614

773.761.7578

urbaninitiatives@hotmail.com

A youth soccer program for children in Chicago's Cabrini Green schools, Urban Initiatives looks to provide kids with a fun yet structured program that focuses on developing its participants as students and community members. The program requires students to meet certain academic and behavioral standards in order to participate; students are also taught about nutrition and are provided with a healthy snack at each practice. No soccer experience is necessary to volunteer, and volunteers can work their way up to a paid position.

GENESIS HOUSE

Valerie Lewis

[west] 2815 W. 5th Avenue, Chicago, IL 60612

[south] 1434 W. 51st Street, Chicago, IL 60609

773.533.5600

gg@genesishouse.org

Genesis House offers hospitality to women caught in the system of prostitution, provides an environment where they can make a free choice regarding their lifestyle and assists those who choose to leave prostitution by offering them appropriate services and support. Volunteers are needed to conduct GED tutoring, work in groups discussing grief, loss, and trauma, clerical work, fundraising, and organizing field trips.

HOWARD AREA COMMUNITY CENTER

Bonnie Wagner

7648 N. Paulina, Chicago, IL 60626

773.262.6622

Volunteers are needed to provide a network of services including emergency food assistance, tutoring programs for children and adults, and working with senior citizens.

JANE ADDAMS RESOURCE CORPORATION (JARC)

Cindy Larson

4432 N. Ravenswood, 2nd Floor, Chicago, IL 60640

773.728.9769 ext. 64

www.jane-addams.org

cindyl@jane-addams.org

JARC promotes strong communities, businesses and households to ensure that people who work do not live in poverty. Two volunteer opportunities are available: adult learning tutor (basic reading, writing, math, & GED preparation), and a computer class instructor/teacher's aide (Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, & Web design).

MIDWEST WORKERS ASSOCIATION

Jennifer Dixon

5152 S. Halsted Street, Chicago, IL 60609

773.285.0485

Volunteers are needed to canvas low-income neighborhoods, assist low income members with volunteer doctor and dentist appointments, assist in food drives and administrative and clerical work.

NATIONAL INTERFAITH COMMITTEE FOR WORKER JUSTICE

Mike Beckman

1020 W. Bryn Mawr, 4th Floor, Chicago, IL 60660

773.728.8400

mbeckman@nicwj.org www.nicwj.org

The National Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice is a network of people of faith that calls upon our religious values in order to educate, organize and mobilize the religious community in the United States on issues and campaigns that will improve wages, benefits and working conditions for workers, especially low-wage workers. The NICWJ needs help with administrative work. The Chicago Interfaith Committee also needs volunteers to help with worker advocacy (Spanish helpful).

NATIONAL STUDENT PARTNERSHIPS

Crispina Ojeda

4750 N. Sheridan Road, Suite 371, Chicago, IL 60640

773.303.0700

NSP operates a national network of drop-in resource centers, staffed by student volunteers from area colleges and universities, that provide immediate research and problem-solving services to community residents in need of assistance finding sustainable employment, social services, and/or educational opportunities. NSP volunteers are trained to work one-on-one with clients to provide intensive on-site and referral services, thereby connecting individuals to the full range of personal, civic, social, and business opportunities available to them.

THE NIGHT MINISTRY

Gail Bernhoff

4711 N. Ravenswood, Chicago, IL 60640

773.784.9000 ext. 216

gailb@thenightministry.org

Volunteers are trained to work with the people on the nighttime streets of Chicago, or do general office work and pack toiletries during daytime hours.

SARAH'S CIRCLE

Ella Phillips

4750 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL 60640

773.728.1991

Sarah's Circle is a drop-in center for homeless and low-income women. Women and men are needed to volunteer with preparing and serving meals, giving out clothing and toiletries, assisting with recreation and socializing with the guests and clients.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

Rhonda Lofton

28 E. Jackson, Suite 1800, Chicago, IL 60604

312.427.0637

www.bbbschgo.org

As a Big Brother or Sister, you're not expected to spend a lot of money on entertainment and gifts, but you are expected to have the dedication and commitment to form a lasting and consistent friendship with your Little Brother or Sister.

CHICAGO YOUTH CENTERS LOWER NORTH CENTER

Marion Coleman

104 S. Michigan Avenue - 14th floor, Chicago, IL 60603

312.795.3500 ext. 438

Volunteers are needed to assist in educational and recreational activities with children from the Cabrini Green neighborhood in after-school programs.

CHRISTOPHER HOUSE

Erin Place

2507 N. Greenview Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614

773.472.1083 ext. 3067

Christopher House needs volunteer support with Child Care, School-Age Tutoring, Literacy Tutoring, and Day Care Classroom Aide programs.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor Goldstein

1500 W. Elmdale Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660

www.churchonelmdale.org

The Church offers tutoring to neighborhood children on Mondays at 6:30 p.m., and runs community after school youth programs on Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. with a weekly meal at 6:00 p.m. and worship at 7:00 p.m.

INSPIRED YOUTH SINGERS

Beth Palmer

1020 W. Bryn Mawr Avenue, Chicago, IL

773.561.4759

bethstruckpalmer@yahoo.com

Volunteers needed to assist with the children's choir rehearsal - Mondays 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

INSPIRED YOUTH TUTORING PROGRAM

Beth Palmer

1226 W. Ainslie Street, Chicago, IL

773.561.4759

inspiredyouth@yahoo.com

bethstruckpalmer@yahoo.com

Volunteers needed to help with homework, extra reading and arithmetic.

Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. volunteers will work with 5th-8th graders,

Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. 1st- 4th graders, and

Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - noon children of various ages.

, **YOUTH** ,

BEACON STREET GALLERY AND PERFORMANCE COMPANY

4131 N. Broadway Avenue, Chicago, IL 60613

312.212.1323

www.beaconstr.org

Volunteer arts assistants will help lead artists with the daily activity, which may include painting, mosaic, writing, sculpting, dancing, etc. Assistants participate in an ongoing training program. Students in the after school program need help with their general academics as well as Illinois state requirements. Assistants will be required to keep logs of their activities, participate in meetings with program staff and teachers as needed and parent workshops and/ or family events throughout the school year. The program runs from 2:30 p.m. -5:30 p.m., a minimum of three hours a week is required.

BEST BUDDIES

Emilie Lewis

350 N. Orleans Street, Suite 678, Chicago, IL 60654

312.828.9313

www.bestbuddies.org

A non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of people with intellectual disabilities by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships and integrated employment.

SU CASA

Elizabeth Prado

5045 S. Laflin St, Chicago, IL 60609

773.376.9263

Su Casa is a Catholic-Worker House in Chicago that needs help with long-term house management and ESL tutors.

ST. IGNATIUS PARISH

David Heimann - Youth Ministry Kathy Morris - Food Pantry

6559 N. Glenwood Ave, Chicago, IL 60626

773.764.5936

Help with teaching religious education (Spanish helpful) and with the food pantry to fill orders, stock shelves and pick-up orders at the Food Depository.

THE WOMEN'S CENTER

Katie Reidy

5116 N. Cicero Avenue, Chicago, IL 60630

773.794.8807

The Women's Center serves as a specialized crisis pregnancy resource for women and teens offering free and confidential counseling. Help by being a Parish Coordinator, doing administrative work, sorting through donations, or by working on special projects.

, **ELDERLY** ,

COUNCIL FOR JEWISH ELDERLY

Ann L. Schumann

3003 W. Touhy Street, Chicago, IL 60645

847.929.3064

Volunteers are needed for a variety of activities: home delivery of meals; visiting; escorting; arts & crafts activities; leading/assisting group activities; and clerical tasks.

H.O.M.E. (Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly)

Mike Wren

5414 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago, IL 60647

773.430.7954

H.O.M.E. organizes monthly painting projects in Chicago Housing Authority senior buildings. Other service opportunities include delivering hot meals to seniors on weekends, organizing/assisting with programs at H.O.M.E.'s intergenerational residences in Rogers Park, and advocating for decent housing for the elderly.

LITTLE BROTHERS - FRIENDS OF THE ELDERLY

Christine Bertrand

355 N. Ashland Avenue, Chicago, IL 60607-1019

312.455.1000

Opportunities include visiting in person or by phone, planning holiday and birthday parties, and driving seniors to appointments. Internships available in photography, public relations, volunteer management and administration.

ST. GERTRUDE PARISH HEART TO HEART PROGRAM

Mary Ann Collins

6214 N. Glenwood Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660

773.973.5464

Volunteers needed to visit, drive, or shop for the elderly in the Edgewater neighborhood who have little or no contact with family. Weekly, monthly or one time opportunities are available.

THE ADMIRAL AT THE LAKE

Beth Welch

909 W. Foster Avenue, Chicago, IL 60640

773.654.5156

Volunteers needed to spend time with residents in assisted living and the health center. They prefer a commitment of once a week or month.

, ~ ENVIRONMENT / ANIMALS ,

THE CHICAGO ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

Cindy Vasquez

2430 N. Cannon Drive, Chicago, IL 60614

773.755.5141

www.cvasquez@naturemuseum.org

Assist with the education programs, maintaining gardens, staff the butterfly lab, and administrative work at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum.

LINCOLN PARK ZOO

Roberta Goncalzes

2001 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60614

312.742.2124

www.lpzoo.org

Teach children about zoo animals, nutrition and conservation; gardening projects, the gift shop, information center, clerical work, and the zoo library.

, ~ TUTORING ,

CENTRO ROMERO YOUTH PROGRAM

Doris Cabrera

6216 N. Clark, Chicago, IL 60660

773.508.5300

literacy@luc.edu

After school tutoring and mentoring program that serves students in grades 1-8. Volunteers may help organize Friday "Leadership Classes" for Jr. High youth. Students skilled in the areas of dance, yoga, aerobics, computers, and music desired.

CHINESE MUTUAL AID

Linh Pham

1016 W. Argyle Street, Chicago, IL 60640

773.506.7474

Volunteers needed Monday to Thursday, from 3:30 to 5:00, for a reading program for children from kindergarten to 3rd grade.

LIGHT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Megan Shortall

7045 N. Western, Chicago, IL 60640

773.262.7070

llutheranchurch@mcloedusa.net

Volunteers needed from 3:00- 5:00 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays to help grade school students with homework and supervise activities.

LOYOLA COMMUNITY LITERACY CENTER

Alan Frantzen

6576 N. Sheridan Road., Chicago, IL 60626

773.508.2330

Help provide twice-weekly instruction in basic reading, writing, and math skills to adults in the local community. Call for information on orientation and times for volunteering.

PROVIDENCE FAMILY SERVICES

Sister Dorothy

1540 N. Monticello Avenue., Chicago, IL 60651

773.235.8264

Volunteers needed to help elementary school students with their homework in an after school program. Monday - Friday from 2:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

HOUSE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER

Elicia Mendoza
773.935.3434

House of the Good Shepherd is a not-for-profit shelter program offered by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd for women with children or pregnant women who are survivors of domestic violence. The shelter's services are offered to all eligible women and their children without regard to religion, racial or ethnic origin.

NORTH SIDE HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Anthony Messina
835 W. Addison Avenue, Chicago, IL 60613
773.327.1389

Volunteers are needed at the overnight shelter to help prepare and serve meals and to interact with the guests.

R.E.S.T.

Keri Aosved
941 W. Lawrence Avenue, 4th Floor, (P.O. Box 408307),
Chicago, IL 60640
773.784.0909

In shelters for men and women, volunteers can work either evening shifts (9:00-11:00pm) or overnight shifts (9:00pm-7:00am) or serve meals (6:30am - 8:00 am and 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm) daily. They also need help in the office and with day programs.

See also: H.O.M.E., page 3

, ~ THEATER ,

LINKS HALL

3435 N. Sheffield Avenue, Chicago, IL 60657
773.281.0824
www.linkshall.org

Links Hall relies heavily upon volunteer support to offer the Chicago community the best in alternative dance, performance, and music. Volunteers are needed for marketing and flyer distribution, administrative assistance, cleaning and maintenance, assistance in the box office, and ushering. Internships are also available.

, ~ HUNGER RELIEF ,

BREAD FOR THE WORLD

Mariah Priggen
205 W. Monroe Avenue, Chicago, IL 60606
312.629.9529

A nationwide Christian movement that seeks justice for the world's hungry people by lobbying our nation's decision makers. Volunteers are needed to help with telephoning and speaking to community organizations.

CARE FOR REAL

Tom Robb
6044 N. Broadway Avenue, Chicago, IL 60640
773.769.6182

Perform client intake responsibilities along with unloading, packing, and giving out food and clothing in the mornings.

GOOD NEWS SOUP KITCHEN

Melissa Rios
7649 N. Paulina Street, Chicago, IL 60626
773.262.2297 ext. 23

Volunteers are needed each day afternoons from 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. to help prepare food, set-up, serve and clean-up.

GREATER CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY

Bessie Rastkoff
4100 W. Ann Lurie Place, Chicago, IL 60632
773.843.2600
www.chicagofoodbank.org

As Cook County's food bank, the depository obtains more than 43 million pounds of food each year. Fifty percent of the food must be inspected or sorted and packaged before it can be distributed to 600 member soup kitchens, food pantries and shelters. Volunteers needed 6 days a week to sort and repackage food and help out at special events.

IGNATIAN SERVICES

Kathy Morris
6559 N. Glenwood Avenue, Chicago, IL 60626
773.764.5936

Volunteers needed in the parish food pantry to fill orders, stock shelves and pick up orders at the Food Depository. Volunteers needed for short-term neighborhood projects such as a fall coat drive, Thanksgiving Dinner and the Adopt-a-Family program at Christmas.

INSPIRATION CAFÉ

Neil McNamara

4554 N. Broadway, Suite 207, Chicago, IL 60640

773.878.0981 ext 213

volunteer@inspirationcorp.org www.inspirationcafe.org

A not-for-profit organization that provides restaurant-style meals, housing, job training, case management and other services to homeless men and women in a therapeutic community of dignity and respect. Volunteers are needed to help cook and serve meals in the café. Help is also needed with the job training program and the healthy living program.

See also: Howard Area Community Center, page 2 Vital Bridges, page 7

, ~HIV / A.I.D.S. ,

AIDSCARE

Carla Wold

315 W. Barry Avenue, Chicago, IL 60657

cwold@aidschicago.org

773.935.4663, ext. 148

Opportunities to work with people with HIV and AIDS including a companion program and domestic assistance. Training and orientation is offered. Help is also needed with educational programming and office support.

VITAL BRIDGES

Mary Carlson

348 N. Ashland Avenue, Chicago, IL 60657

312.948.2789

Assisting more than 2,400 people impacted by HIV/ AIDS to improve their health and build self-sufficiency. They offer case management, food and nutrition counseling, housing assistance and prevention education at six sites, so that clients can access high quality, professional help. Help needed to work in food pantries, administrative tasks and special events.

, ~HOSPICE / RESPITE ,

ST. FRANCIS HOSPICE

Sandy Rowe

444 N. Northwest, Suite 145, Park Ridge, IL 60068

847.685.9900

Volunteers provide support to hospice patients and their families.

BREAKTHROUGH HOMELESS SERVICE CENTER

Scott Ruth

5243 N. Ashland Avenue, Chicago, IL 60640

773.989.4382 ext. 271

www.breakthroughministries.com

While the ministry focuses on the homeless, there is a wide range of activities and volunteers are depended on to give of their time, gifts, and resources to help make this a successful ministry. Homeless, hunger, and youth work available.

CHICAGO COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS

Andrew Haas-Roche

1325 S. Wabash Avenue, Chicago, IL 60605

312.435.4548

The Chicago Coalition for the Homeless organizes and advocates to prevent and end homelessness based on our belief that housing is a human right in a just society. Volunteers are needed to work at a weekly farmer's market, conduct surveys, and assist at various charity events such as the golf outing.

CONNECTIONS FOR THE HOMELESS

Cynthia Webster

2010 Dewey Street, Evanston, IL 60201

847.475.7070 ext. 127

Volunteers are needed to assist with emergency and transitional shelter for homeless adults. Opportunities include serving meals, assisting with the overnight shelter and the office.

FRANCISCAN OUTREACH ASSOCIATION

Reverend Manny Borg

1645 W. LeMoyne Street, Chicago, IL 60622

773.278.6724

mail@franoutreach.org

The Franciscan Outreach Association works with the underprivileged population of Chicago to assist in emergency housing and food as well as providing case management services. Help is needed in both the overnight shelter, the soup kitchen, and with case management and administrative office work.

NEUMANN ASSOCIATION

Colleen Rosa
5547 N. Ravenswood Avenue, Chicago, IL 60626
773.506.3027
crosa@vcna.org

The mission of Neumann Association is to integrate individuals with disabilities and other life issues into the community and enrich their quality of life with choice and independence. They have volunteer opportunities working directly with individuals with disabilities, providing recreational support and educational instruction. They also have opportunities in administrative services, clerical, volunteer, special events and computer/technical skills.

SPRED

Julie Hess
6214 N. Glenwood, Chicago, IL 60626
773.680.9225

SPRED is faith-formation for persons with special needs (developmental disabilities, autism, cerebral palsy, Down Syndrome, seizure disorders, learning disabilities, and other genetic disorders) offering a one-on-one relationship with volunteers 21 and over. No experience required.

See also: Best Buddies, page 15

, ~ SHELTERS / HOUSING ADVOCACY ,

BETHEL NEW LIFE

Marsha Turner
4950 W. Thomas Street, Chicago, IL 60651
773.473.7870
www.bethelnewlife.org

A faith based community development program located on Chicago's west side that focuses on community building and economic development, home ownership, and strengthening and empowering families. Programs include: support of the cultural arts, employment, housing and economic development, family support, senior services, and community development.

, ~ HOSPITALS ,

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

Christine Jeffries
2160 S. First Avenue, Maywood, IL 60153
708.216.3794

Volunteer opportunities include working with bingo, cancer registry, child life program, clerical office work, pastoral care, patient hosting, patient library, in-house radio station, tutoring, special events, and families in the waiting room.

ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL OF EVANSTON

Janet Jackson
355 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, IL 60202
847.316.2346

Assist staff with a variety of duties including clerical support, public information and direct patient care. Volunteers also act as patient representatives and emergency room greeters. Flexible times available.

LAWNDALE CHRISTIAN HEALTH CENTER

Karen Poulsen
3860 W. Ogden Avenue, Chicago, IL 60623
hr@lawndale.org

LCHC offers volunteer opportunities in administration, office, and maintenance work, as well as chances to shadow medical assistants, nurses and providers. They require a resume and cover letter stating starting day, days and times available to volunteer, last day, and work desired. Day projects are also available.

, ~ IMMIGRANTS / REFUGEES ,

BOSNIAN-HERZOGOVINIAN AMERICAN CENTER

Jasmina Pojskic
1257 W. Devon Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660
773.274.0044

Volunteers can help newly arrived individuals and families with household setup, English and citizenship classes, children's programs, cultural maintenance and development.

CAMBODIAN ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS

Kampha Seth

2831 W. Lawrence Avenue, Chicago, IL 60625

773.878.7090

cai@cambodian-association.org

The Cambodian Association of Illinois works to enable refugees and immigrants from Cambodia residing in Illinois, especially those in metropolitan Chicago, to become self-sufficient, productive participants in U.S. society while preserving and enhancing their cultural heritage and their sense of belonging to a community. Volunteers are needed to work in the children's program and in administrative and clerical positions.

PAN-AFRICAN ASSOCIATION

Kelley Johnson

6163 N. Broadway Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660

773.381.9723

www.panafricanassociation.org

keljohnson@sbcglobal.net

A mutual aid association serving African refugees and immigrants, typically from war-torn countries. Their mission is to serve, empower and promote the interests of all refugees and immigrants of African descent. Pan-African Association provides economic, adjustment, and cultural programs in order to assist individuals in achieving self-reliance and successful integration into American society. Volunteer functions include tutoring clients in English, teaching computer skills, assisting clients in adjusting to life in Chicago and assisting staff in event planning and office support.

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM

Dorey Kuhn

Catholic Charities, 126 N. Des Plaines Road, Chicago, IL 60661

312.655.7332

Volunteers are needed to tutor refugee children and teach English as a second language. Other opportunities are also available, such as packing boxes of food and food collection drives.

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES

Cheryl Nester-Detweiler, Susanne Donaghue

719 Main Street, Evanston, IL 60202

847.733.8258

tenthousandvillages.com

Provides vital fair income to Third World people by marketing their handicrafts and telling their stories in North America. Volunteers are needed to work as sales associates 4-8 hours a month, greeting people, conducting inventory, unpacking, especially around Christmas.

VOICES IN THE WILDERNESS

Laurie Hafbrook

1460 W. Carmen Avenue, Chicago, IL 60640

773.784.8065

www.vitw.org

An NGO dedicated to helping the people of Iraq in rebuilding their lives after two wars, 12 years of U.N. imposed economic sanctions, and a vicious regime. Volunteers needed to conduct database work, research, office work, and help at events.

WORLD RELIEF

3507 W. Lawrence Avenue, Suite 208, Chicago, IL 60625

773.583.9191

Volunteers can tutor a refugee in English through a weekly home visit; assist in adult English classes; provide a "Good Neighbor Kit" of household items to a newly arrived family; befriend a family and orient them to Chicago.

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CLEARBROOK

Nanci Chesek

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Direct care opportunities for adults and children with disabilities available. Additional help with their resale shop and special events needed.

MISERICORDIA, HEART OF MERCY CENTER

Theresa Rooney

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Volunteer to work in the "Best Buddies" program, or assist with educational and recreational activities at this home for children and adults with varying levels of mental and physical disabilities.