Community Partner Descriptions and Contact Information

360 Communities

360 Communities delivers a full circle of support to families through its strong network of programs and resources. 360 Communities provides hope and support to more than 14,000 individuals each year with 11 programs in over 40 locations, including a network of five food shelves, two domestic violence shelters two resource centers and three programs that support school success from birth through graduation.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: Enrich your life as you improve the lives of others in your community! More than 1,000 volunteers donate their time, energy and talent in support of 360 Communities every year. Our volunteers recieve a rich and rewarding experience as they engage their neighbors, contribute to the sustained success of our communities and spread hope by sharing their talents, skills, and gifts. Some of our volunteer opportunities include volunteering at our Burnsville Resource Center, one of our five food shelves, or at our Eagan or Hastings Lewis House. Volunteers must commit to 100 hours of service; this can be over any length of time. We offer internships to those who would like to complete their 100 hours within a semester.

Contact: Sue Lewis, 952-985-4017, slewis@360communities.org

Allina Health Hospice

At Allina Health Hospice we believe that the end of life can be a meaningful time for patients and their loved ones. We provided necessary physical, emotional and spiritual support to patients, either at home or in a home-like setting. The services we offer include volunteers to provide companionship and support in many areas. Volunteers are the heart of Allina's hospice program. We are always in need of people to volunteer their time and talents to provide companionship and support to hospice patients and their families.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: Volunteers visit patients in private homes and residential care facilities. They provide companionship, respite for the family, help with errands or transportation, play board games, read to patients, provide a listening ear and a friendly presence. Other duties may include helping with life reviews, memoirs, walks, meal preparation, haircuts, letter writing or phone calls. We are also looking for certified volunteers to provide massage and pet therapy. Ten hours of free training, flexibility, ongoing support and education are provided. More information is available for prospective volunteers at allina.com/hospice; please click on "volunteer opportunities."

Contact: Karen Naus, 612-262-7583, Karen.Naus@allina.com
American Red Cross--Blood Services

Info being added.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities:

Info being added.

Contact: Panghous Moua 651-291-3360 panghous.moua2@redcross.org

Amherst H. Wilder Foundation

The Amherst H. Wilder Foundation is a nonprofit organization that works to enrich the St. Paul community by delivering high quality programs, conducting research that inspires action, and developing the future leaders of our community. For more information about the Wilder Foundation, see http://www.wilder.org. Within the Wilder Community Center for Aging, Wilder Foundation’s Adult Day Health program improves the quality of life for older adults with disabilities and/or memory loss and their families by providing a daily schedule of socialization, creative arts, and recreational engagement. Participants have access to health, nutritional and social services through our program. The center is located at 650 Marshall Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55104 and is open Monday–Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: Wilder - Fall Spring Semester Service-Learning

Community-Based Learning Initiatives in Aging Services are broad community efforts aimed at creating awareness about the challenges of aging and caregiving and the social and economic impact it will have on Minnesota. The primary role of the Wilder Community Center for Aging Community-Based Learner is to learn empathy by engaging with older adults with disabilities and/or memory loss and their families, by serving in programs of socialization, creative arts, exercise and recreational engagement. This experience will teach students how to drive social and economic change by leading with empathy. Students will be assigned 2-3 clients to follow and document their interaction throughout the semester. Once students have served 30 hours of service, they will be asked to choose a topic of interest, design an activity and lead a group of program participants through the exercise. Sharing the Wilder Community-Based Learning experience with others will foster positive social and economic change for our aging and caregiving community.

Contact: Austine Vaughn 651-280-2460 austine.vaughn@wilder.org
**Amicus**

Amicus is a Minnesota not-for-profit organization with over 44 years of experience in improving public safety by helping inmates and ex-offenders through positive relationship-building, restorative justice practices and individualized transition services. Through innovative programming, Amicus helps inmates and ex-offenders reshape their lives, reach their goals, and make successful transitions from prison into the community. All of the Amicus programs are relationship-based, community-driven, culturally specific and outcome-oriented.

**Volunteer/Service Opportunities:** Please contact us for possible volunteer/service opportunities.

Contact: Jill Barnes 612-877-4254, jill.barnes@voamn.org

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**Anaphylaxis & Food Allergy Association of MN (AFAA)**

The Anaphylaxis and Food Allergy Association of Minnesota (AFAA) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose mission is to educate, advocate, and to support those with food allergies. AFAA's motto is: Taking the Fear out of Food Allergies. Of the more than 200,000 Minnesotans have food allergies, 55,000 are school children. AFAA has a long record of advocacy success since its beginnings in 2001 and it continues to offer many support programs and numerous events. AFAA is a volunteer-run organization: it has no paid staff members or paid board members. More than 350 volunteers implement AFAA’s many programs and projects each year, including AFAA’s Executive Director, who has donated over a decade of full-time pro-bono work to the organization. AFAA’s volunteers have “moved mountains” in the words of one state agency official, often while on a shoestring budget. The talents and passion of its members are key to its successful programs and events.

**Volunteer/Service Opportunities:** AFAA utilizes event-day and planning volunteers for these events: Booth Outreach Program (staffing tables and booths and handing out literature), Food Allergy Awareness Walk, AFAA Summer Camp, State Fair Conference & Expo, Halloween Allergy-Free Zone, Concert/Silent Auction

Contact: Nona Narvaez 651-644-5937 info@minnesotafoodallergy.org
The Arc Greater Twin Cities

The Arc's mission is to secure for all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families the opportunity to realize their goals of where and how they live, learn, work and play. The Arc provides one-on-one advocacy for people with disabilities and their families to help them navigate any life obstacles.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: The Arc offers several types of volunteer opportunities: 1) at Arc's Value Village Thrift Stores and Donation Centers; 2) at The Arc in roles such as leading support and sibling groups; 3) for special events such as The Arc Gala and annual golf tournament.

Contact: Molly Lindblad 952-915-3652 mollylindblad@thearcgtc.org

Big Brothers Big Sisters

For over 90 years, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities has lifted up individuals and communities by befriending and encouraging the kids in our neighborhoods and schools. Children matched with Big Brothers or Big Sisters (mentors) realize their full potential as they grow in self-confidence, adopt wiser decision-making skills, perform better in academics and discover a brighter future. A Little Brother or Sister leads an engaged life because a caring and consistent adult chooses to engage them with friendship and guidance. Currently 675 children are waiting for a mentor. They are waiting for someone just like you. To find out how you can make a real difference in the life of a child contact us!

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: Mentors (minimum one-year commitment), Internships in Match Support, Marketing, Recruitment, Everyday Advocate Volunteer Team Members

Contact: 651-789-2447, thinkbig@bigtwincities.org

Bloomington Public Schools E12 Volunteer Connection

Bloomington Public School E12 Volunteer Connection places student & community volunteers in learning environments to support our students success. Our goal is to support the successful development of E12 learners through innovative programming and a caring network of volunteers. We welcome service learning students who want to assist young learners while gaining classroom and/or tutor experience to further their career.
Volunteer/Service Opportunities:  • Classroom Assistant (Assist teachers in the classroom by working with students one on one or in small groups with reading or math)  • Homework Connection (Help students with homework, math facts, and literacy activities at this after school program, Mondays and Wednesdays: Westwood, Indian Mounds, and Washburn Elementary Schools, Tuesdays and Thursdays: Oak Grove and Olson Elementary, and Oak Grove Middle School; Homework Connection meets from 3-4 pm in the elementary schools and 2:15-4:00 in the middle school)  • Family Homework Connection at Oxboro Library (Be a part of the Family Homework Connection’s inaugural year! Assist students and their families with homework at Oxboro Library, Tuesdays, 6-8 pm)  • Reading Buddies (Meet with students one on one weekly to work on reading skills while building positive adult relationships at Westwood Elementary);  • Rocking Readers (Read one on one to Kindergarteners at Valley View Elementary each week)  • One on One Tutor (Meet with a struggling student weekly for one on one help)  • Volunteer with Students with Special Needs (Assist special need students in the classroom)  • ESL Tutors (Work one on one with an English Language Learner during the school day or after-school)  

Contact: Sue Martell 952-681-6293 smartell@isd271.org

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. More and more children in the Twin Cities are left at home with no adult care or supervision. Thankfully, the Boys & Girls Clubs offer a safe place for them to learn, grow and have fun. We are open after school, Monday through Friday from 2:30pm - 9:00pm. We serve youth ages Kindergarten through 18 years old. We are a year-round program. During any non-school days (summer or school holidays) we are open from 9:00am - 5:30pm.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: Homework help, Youth mentor, Coaching, Program assistant, Social Rec. (physical education, yoga, arts, preforming arts, cooking, teen program areas). We also need volunteers for working with our Kids Feeding Kids program; assisting our STARS program - working with K-2nd grade on their reading and math skills and to stay at grade level; and in our program - Career and college exploration. All volunteers who work with our youth do need to complete a background check.

Contact: Diana Adamson, 651-221-0330, dadamson@bgc-tc.org

Bridging
Make a positive and lasting impact on your community today! Through the effective reuse of donated items, Bridging improves lives by providing quality furniture and household goods to those transitioning out of homelessness and poverty. Bridging serves over 75 households each week, 230 individuals, who are given a sense of dignity and stability as they rebuild their lives. Everything volunteers do at Bridging impacts our ability to efficiently and effectively serve families in need. Since 1987, volunteers have played central roles in fulfilling the Bridging mission. It is our goal that you have a meaningful and rewarding experience at Bridging. Visit Bridging.org for more program details and a complete list of our donation needs.

**Volunteer/Service Opportunities**

Contact: Dave Rannow, 952-460-3750 dave.rannow@bridging.org

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**Camp Fire Minnesota**

Camp Fire Minnesota provides the opportunity for all youth to find their spark, lift their voice, and discover who they are. Camp Fire works in collaboration with other community-based groups to offer enrichment programs for youth when and where they need them. Camp Fire is inclusive and welcoming to all children, youth, and adults. Camp Fire's Out-of-School time programs provide youth with safe, supportive environments where they have the opportunity to get homework help, try new activities, and learn skills that they will carry with them for a lifetime. At Camp Fire, we encourage youth to find their spark, lift their voice, and discover who they are. Camp Fire Minnesota partners with local, community-based organizations and schools to bring youth high-quality enrichment programs. We work to break social and economic barriers so young people can have access to important support and programs where they live and learn. By reducing and eliminating these barriers, Camp Fire is able to provide youth in our programs with nationally recognized, cutting-edge curriculum, helping young people thrive and light the fire within. Out-of-school time programs are located throughout the metro area. Each program includes 10-15 youth who learn in a small-group setting. They are guided by a trained club leader who uses Camp Fire's nationally-developed curriculum, which includes hands-on activities that build youth assets while boosting their self-confidence to successfully navigate their world.

**Volunteer/Service Opportunities:** Volunteer Literacy Tutor: Assist Club Leaders during academic time as well as group activities for youth clubs (ages 5-12 years old) in affordable housing communities. Location: At this time, we are recruiting for 18 of our club sites located in St. Paul, North St. Paul, Mahtomedi, Minnetonka, Oakdale, Edina, and Minneapolis. Time Commitment: Flexible! Volunteers can commit as little as 1 hour per week or as much as 6 hours per week. Training & Support Provided: A training session will be available for volunteers before their session begins. The Volunteer & Literacy AmeriCorps*VISTA will be in direct contact with volunteers and available to them at all times. Weekly check-ins occur every Friday via email. Benefits: • Helping kids rise to their full potential in literacy, learning and life! •
Resume Builder! • Letters of Recommendation to long term volunteers! • Work with youth in your area! • Upward mobility with Campfire Minnesota! You can impact the lives of youth in your own community by working to improve literacy skills, tutoring in all school subjects, and serving as a mentor. Develop meaningful, long-lasting relationships and expand your own skill sets by volunteering with Camp Fire Minnesota today! Click here for site locations.

Contact: Marlais Brand, (612)246-3891, MarlaisB@campfiremn.org

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CAP Agency

Our mission is to assist and empower people to achieve social and economic wellbeing by providing services in partnership with our communities. Each year our programs touch the lives of more than 50,000 individuals, transforming the future for our communities. The vision of CAP/Community Action Partnership of Scott Carver Dakota counties is to create a strong community with healthy individuals and families, quality education, safe and affordable housing and work that dignifies.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: With our 23 programs, the variety of service needs are very diverse. Please visit our website to see the many opportunities that exist: www.capagency.org. To apply, click our volunteer tab to download and complete the volunteer application. Someone from the CAP Agency will then contact you about your potential Community-Based Learning opportunity.

Contact: Jamie Gonzales, 952-496-2125, volunteer@capagency.org

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Carpenter Nature Center

The mission of Carpenter Nature Center (CNC) is to foster appreciation and inspire stewardship of the natural world by acquiring and preserving land and wildlife habitat, providing quality environmental education, conservation practices and enjoyable outdoor experiences for visitors of all ages and capabilities. Professional staff conduct quality environmental education programs year round, focusing on learning through hands-on experiences in the "outdoor classroom." CNC is open daily from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm for visitors to explore several miles of hiking trails that wind through a variety of habitats along the St. Croix River and also to explore the Visitor Center which displays live reptiles, amphibians and unreleasable birds of prey.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: Volunteer opportunities are available in several areas of the Nature Center operations including animal care, naturalist assistant, maintenance and grounds
keeping, gardening, office work, Visitor Center greeter, and assisting with special events and weekend programs.

Contact: Alan Maloney, 651-437-4359, alan@carpenternaturecenter.org

Catholic Charities of St. Paul and Minneapolis

Catholic Charities of St. Paul and Minneapolis strengthens families and works to end poverty and homelessness in the Twin Cities. With programs for children, families and adults most in need, Catholic Charities annually helps 32,000 people, regardless of faith. We couldn’t do it without our dedicated volunteers and donors.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: Extended Hours Program (Dorothy Day Center), 7pm-10pm seven days per week. Students must sign up in groups of 4-5 students, and the group leader will contact the Volunteer Information line via online volunteer inquiry to set up dates. To set up this service opportunity, the group leader (only) will go to the following website: http://www.cctwincities.org/, and click on volunteer, then fill out group volunteer inquiry form. Indicate in comments section that you are from Inver Hills and want to do the Extended Hours program as well as the names and emails of the other participants. Book well in advance (not all dates are available). Note, individual students must find a group.

Contact: 612-204-8435 volunteer@cctwincities.org

CLUES - Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio

CLUES offers behavioral health and human services to Latino and diverse communities in Minnesota, including: Mental Health Services, Chemical Health Services, Aging Well Services, Family Enrichment Services, Economic Advancement Services (Employment, Education, and Financial Empowerment), and Community Health Worker Services. We employ a fully bilingual and multicultural staff in order to deliver culturally and linguistically appropriate services in a nurturing environment where clients and families can overcome some of life’s most challenging issues.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: Volunteers and interns are an integral part of CLUES’ framework and strategy in serving our clients. We are currently recruiting volunteers to serve in our Educational Enrichment Services, Employment, Chemical Health, Coordinated Care, Finance, Marketing, Family Enrichment, Financial Empowerment, Youth in Action (YA!), and
Aging Well Departments. For the most up-to-date volunteer opportunities, visit our website: www.clues.org.

Contact: Caitlin Brickman, 651-379-4220, cbrickman@clues.org

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**Community Child Care Center**

Community Child Care Center’s mission statement is to provide an environment “where every child feels love and success every day.” We support our mission by providing a learning environment that focuses on acceptance and encouragement of children. We teach children to value themselves and others by embracing their differences. At CCCC the children will experience growth in cognitive and physical development, but just as importantly, they will develop the ability to succeed socially and emotionally. Our goal is to prepare children for school, but also to help them develop the ability to be successful friends, family members, employees and citizens.

**Volunteer/Service Opportunities:** Volunteers at our center can interact with the children in a variety of ways. They can spend time holding babies, chasing toddlers, reading to preschoolers or helping school age children with their homework. Each age group requires a different skill and provides an opportunity for volunteers to learn about child development. The activities volunteers do is based on their abilities and individual learning needs along with the needs of the center. Often we could use a volunteer for one on one interaction for a special child; or we'd love to have someone who is excited to lead a large group activity such as music, dance science or dramatic play. The opportunities available are as diverse as the children.

Contact: Lynn Heibel Hoskins 612-861-4303 ccccenter7@aol.com

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**Conway-Battle Creek Living at Home/Block Nurse Program**

Our mission is to enable older adults to continue living in their own homes, in this neighborhood, as they advance in age. We are building a new model of community health, as part of a network of 39 Living At Home Programs which are unique to Minnesota. Whether you are seeking services for a loved one in this area, interested in volunteering, or just wanting to learn more about our community, CBC Seniors is glad to connect you.

**Volunteer/Service Opportunities:** Phone calls to check on seniors, Friendly visits, Other socialization, Light house keeping, Dog walking, Grocery shopping/Help shopping in general, Data entry, General office duties, Seasonal chores.
Cookie Cart

Cookie Cart provides teens with lasting and meaningful work, life and leadership skills through experience and training in an urban nonprofit bakery. History: Cookie Cart was started by Sister Jean Thuerauf in the early 1980s as an informal after-school program to counteract gang recruitment in North Minneapolis. Sister Jean would invite kids into her home to bake cookies and help with homework. Kids took their fresh baked cookies out onto neighborhood streets to earn pocket money. In 1988, Cookie Cart formally registered as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and has evolved into a thriving commercial bakery and youth development program, providing thousands of first paid jobs to North Minneapolis teens. Programs: Through experience in the bakery and four classroom programs, Cookie Cart teaches teens transferable employment skills to ensure their success in future careers. In 2012, Cookie Cart provided 140 North Minneapolis teens with their first paying job.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities

Contact: Meggie McCauley 612.843.1947 info@cookiecart.org

Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute

Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute, a division of Allina Health, is the upper midwest's destination center for the medically complex rehabilitation population. Our goal is to maximize the quality of life for people of all ages and all abilities. We help people achieve health and wellness by offering excellent services, innovative programs, ground-breaking research and barrier-shattering advocacy. Our Vision: We are guided by our vision that one day all people will live, work, learn and play in a community based on abilities, not disabilities. We have a number of volunteer opportunities that offer experience working in a medical setting as well as a number of sports and recreation, and health/wellness opportunities for clients in community settings.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: Please view our website at http://akn.allina.com/csl/skri/index.htm / or call us at 612-775-2728 for more information.

Contact: 612-775-2728, CKRIVolunteerservice@allina.com
Dakota County Community Corrections

We work with offenders both juvenile and adult to help them be successful in the community by promoting change and holding them accountable. We do groups and case plans and meet with offenders on a regular basis. We also staff a juvenile day treatment and a locked facility.

**Volunteer/Service Opportunities:** We track a significant amount of information in order to make sure what we are doing is working. Service learners help with this tracking or other projects we may have. Service-Learnings are also able to provide extra supervision for youth doing court-ordered service work in the community. (Please note that these spots fill up quickly.) Finally, we also have placements for Circle Group Members. Please see PDF hyperlink for more information.

Contact: Ruth Fonstad, 952-891-7151, ruth.fonstad@co.dakota.mn.us

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Dakota City Heritage Village

Dakota City Heritage Village connects modern generations to the life and agricultural heritage of early twentieth century rural Dakota County through education and historical interpretation. We have events throughout the year for the general public to see how people lived and worked long ago. We have tours for groups, usually elementary school children but also senior citizens, day care centers, home schools, etc., where people can interact with volunteers and learn about daily life in the early 1900s. Children can come to 4 days of summer day camp and be immersed in the history of the period. Our volunteers dress in period costumes and help the public step back in time to learn about the past.

**Volunteer/Service Opportunities:** There are a variety of volunteer opportunities with Dakota City. We have events scheduled throughout the year where we need people for a 4-hour shift to be in our buildings and give information about the building or help with an activity. There could be an hour training meeting prior to the event for volunteers to attend. We have on-going tours in the village where we need trained volunteers in costumes to be guides or demonstrators on a semi-regular basis for 4 hours at a time. There is mandatory 2-hour training for tour volunteers. Sometimes we have light office work (filing, computer entry, etc.) for volunteers to do.

Contact: Alisa Peterson 651-460-8050 education@dakotacity.org

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Dakota County Historical Society

DCHS works with donors & partners to collect, preserve, promote and present the history of Dakota County to more than 90,000 people a year. The Dakota County Historical Society has
been serving the people of Dakota County and Minnesota for 74 years. The Society operates the Lawshe Memorial Museum and Research Library in South St. Paul, the LeDuc Historic Estate in Hastings, and presents programming at other sites county-wide including local government centers, libraries, and the Burnsville Performing Arts Center. In 2011 the Society presented ARTitecture at the Burnsville Performing Arts Center, From the Front IV: Vietnam at the Lawshe Memorial Museum, and Modern Interpretations of Historic Designs II (the results of an international design competition) at the LeDuc Historic Estate. The Society publishes a widely respected history magazine, Over the Years, published three times annually. DCHS also maintains an artifact collection containing more than 16,000 3D objects, an image collection of more than 20,000 pieces, online research databases containing more than 500,000 searchable records, and a staffed research library that assists thousands of individuals annually. Our Mission: Collect, Preserve, Promote & Present the History of Dakota County. Our Vision: DCHS shall be a leading partner in the preservation of historic sites, artifacts, and documents, in and pertaining to Dakota County. DCHS shall also play a leading role in promoting and presenting the history of Dakota County.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: Research, Writing, Reception/House Hosting, Educational Program Delivery, Program Planning, Carpentry/Painting, Exhibit Development, Collections Cataloging, Photography, Oral History Collection, Archives

Contact: Christine Nordin, 651-552-7548, christine.nordin@co.dakota.mn.us

Dakota Woodlands Homeless shelter

Dakota Woodlands provides shelter for homeless families in Dakota County. The facility has the ability to shelter 22 families at a time. Families are welcome to stay as long as they need to in order to move from homelessness to homes of their own. The average length of stay is about 2 months. Dakota Woodlands creates an individualized plan for each family, addressing budgeting, parenting and several other life skills in classes taught by staff and volunteers.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: We need help with: childcare in the playroom, pick up and delivery of donations, organizing the kitchen/pantry, sorting donations, painting and odd jobs, mowing and lawn maintenance.

Contact: Patty Kelley, 651-456-9110, volunteer@dakotawoodlands.org

DARTS
DARTS creates connections that enrich aging. We believe in positive aging and take a full-circle approach by meeting the needs of older adults while also supporting their desire to be active in community life. We provide practical services in the home (house cleaning, yard chores, grocery shopping and errands), answer questions through an information hotline, keep people mobile with accessible ride services, and support family caregivers of elders with resources, coaching, and education. We engage all ages in volunteering and in moving passion to action. DARTS is committed to helping individuals, groups, and communities meet their vision of aging excellence.

**Volunteer/Service Opportunities**

Contact: 651.455.1560, volunteering@darts1.org

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**Dodge Nature Center**

Thomas Irvine Dodge Nature Center is an environmental education and habitat restoration organization located on 322 acres in the heart of West St. Paul and Mendota Heights. Founded in 1967 by Olivia Irvine Dodge, the organization was one of the first nature centers in the state of Minnesota, and is recognized nationally as a leader in environmental education. Our generous volunteers have helped Dodge Nature Center educate thousands of children each year and operate at the highest possible level. Volunteers have the opportunity to teach classes, lead hikes through the Nature Center, restore prairies, help with farm chores, plant trees, maintain trails, take photographs, assist in the office and much more.

**Volunteer/Service Opportunities:** We always need help with Special Activities! Assist in the many aspects of our festivals, including Rock the Barn/Farm Festival, Halloween Extravaganza, Winter Frosty Fun Festival, Earth Day, Pancake Breakfast, and Spring Garden Project. Interested? Check out hyperlink for more information about dates and times, and contact kbauer@dodgenaturecenter.org to inquire or visit our website. You can also follow us on Facebook to be notified of pop-up volunteer opportunities.

Contact: Kim Bauer, 651-455-4531, kbauer@dodgenaturecenter.org

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**East Side Learning Center**

ESLC was founded by the School Sisters of Notre Dame in 2001 as a community partner for addressing gaps in success for St. Paul children. Our mission is "unlocking each child's potential through the foundation of reading". We provide one-on-one literacy tutoring four days a week to
K-4th grade children, and the results have been astonishing. Teachers and administrators at schools where we tutor have been incredibly supportive because they see first-hand the difference one-on-one attention from a caring adult can make to a child's confidence and reading ability. This year we are at four schools on the East Side of St. Paul: John A. Johnson Achievement Plus Elementary, Saint Paul Music Academy, Community of Peace Academy, and HOPE Community Academy.

**Volunteer/Service Opportunities:** Make a difference in the life of a child - become a literacy tutor today! Tutoring is offered Monday through Thursday 7:50 am - 5pm. Successful tutors have the following qualities: proficient in English (spoken and written), like working with kids, adaptable to change, access to reliable and consistent transportation, and punctuality. Minimum time requirement: 1 hour a week for a semester. To apply, please go here: [http://www.eastsidelearningcenter.org/volunteer/volunteer-application-form](http://www.eastsidelearningcenter.org/volunteer/volunteer-application-form)

Contact: Kristina Scherber, 651-793-7364, [Kristina.Scherber@spps.org](mailto:Kristina.Scherber@spps.org)

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**Emma's Place**

Emma's Place, located in Maplewood, has 13 townhouse units and provides permanent affordable supportive housing for single-parent families with three or more children who were formerly homeless. The goal is to provide a stable place for families to improve their lives through work and being contributors to the community. We provide supportive housing services and case management to parents of Emma's place, as well as family services that include a structured after-school programming, homework help, 1:1 tutoring, partner programming (GirlScouts, BoyScouts, FreeArts etc.). We partner with other organizations, the 622 school district, and volunteers to make our programming and opportunities possible for Emma's Place residents.

**Volunteer/Service Opportunities**: Structured after school programming for Kindergarten – 12th grade youth living occurs every Monday – Thursday within the times of 3:30 p.m.– 7:30 p.m. and includes partnering with community organizations such as 4H, Free Arts, Boy/Girl Scouts, and the ISD 622 District (*occasional Friday & Saturday activities take place; however is TBA). Volunteer opportunities focus on youth development, group facilitation, education, and community building. Individuals looking to gain experience working with youth grades K-12 as well as interested in building skills to develop/facilitate programming, tutor in subjects such as Reading and Math, and building positive relationships are encouraged to inquire about possible opportunities.

Contact: Lucille Prinsen, (651) 251-2627, [lprinsen@emmanorton.org](mailto:lprinsen@emmanorton.org)

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FamilyMeans

FamilyMeans is a private nonprofit that has been serving Washington County residents for 50 years. It was also voted one of the Top 100 places to work in 2013. FamilyMeans supports the community with programs in Caregiver Support, Community Programs for children and teens, Mental Health and Grief Services, Consumer Credit Services and Employees Assistance Services. FamilyMeans strengthens communities by strengthening families. Definition of a Family: A family consists of two or more people, whether living together or apart, related by blood, marriage, adoption or commitment to care for one another.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: FamilyMeans welcomes Inver Hills Interns and Community-Based Learning students to learn and share in the following areas: (1) Caregiver Support where volunteers provide a break for a caregiver caring for a child with a disability. The volunteer would be there for companionship and supervision and does not provide any medical care and or daily living cares. Diagnoses range from speech delays, learning delays, cognitive issues, Autism, Down Syndrome, and other needs. Volunteer spend 2-4 hours in the home providing a break for the caregiver. Volunteers learn about the caregiver role, disabilities respite, helping skills, advocacy, community building, barriers, boundaries, private nonprofits and Human Services. (2) Volunteers are also needed for FamilyMeans Community Enrichment Programs that are located at Cimarron in Lake Elmo and Landfall. Both locations have a year round children's and teens' programs that provide youth with an afterschool activity base. Volunteers work one on one with children as well as in a group. Volunteers learn about children, their needs, diversity, engaging children, role modeling, boundaries, helping skills and community needs, strengths and community building. Volunteers are also placed with a FamilyMeans staff member. Interns may do both programs during the same internship with a minimum of 3 month commitment. For more information please contact Dianne Vierling FamilyMeans Volunteer Coordinator at 651-789-4055 or dvierling@familymeans.org.

Contact: Dianne Vierling , 651-439-4840 , dvierling@familymeans.org

The Family Partnership

The Family Partnership is one of the oldest nonprofit organizations in the Twin Cities and since 1878, has helped more than one million of our community’s most vulnerable children and families. Through counseling, education programs and advocacy, they support families in need and empower them to solve problems. Over 1600 volunteers support more than 100 staff to advance its mission of building b families, vital communities and capable children. The organization served 20,000 people last year at their 6 office locations, including 3 therapeutic preschools, and more than 100 schools, food shelves, jails, transitional housing complexes,
churches, and community centers throughout the metro. To learn more, visit www.TheFamilyPartnership.org.

**Volunteer/Service Opportunities**

Contact: Michelle Edgerton, 612-341-1612, medgerton@thefamilypartnership.org

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**The Family Place**

The Family Place is a day center for homeless children and their parents. Approximately 60 - 70% of the guests are actually children that are staying at the center together with their parents. The children can range in age from two day old newborns up through teenagers. Most people are not aware of the fact that in Minnesota homeless children outnumber homeless adult males but that fact becomes quite obvious when volunteering at The Family Place. The Family Place has volunteer opportunities for both individuals and small groups. The organization is located in downtown St. Paul close to bus routes and also has free parking available. Volunteer opportunities are available seven days a week from 9 AM – 5 PM.

**Volunteer/Service Opportunities:** Individual volunteers assist in the children's enrichment program. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old and commit to spending at least two -- three hours per week in the same timeslot for at least one month. The children's area focuses on enriching the educational experience of the children that are staying with the organization. The day room is set up similar to a Montessori classroom and includes many of the same teaching aids. Volunteers that interact with the children are frequently engaged with games/craft activities or read with children. Opportunities for groups are available on weekends. On weekends small teams provide/serve meals for up to 40 individuals that are guests at the day center. The commitment is for the team to provide the food, prepare the meal, serve it, and also dine with our guests.

Contact: Margaret Lovejoy, 651-225-9354, mlovejoy@famplace.org

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**Fraser**

Fraser provides a range of services for children, adolescents, adults, and families in the Twin Cities. Our offerings include early childhood services, autism evaluations and services, mental health services, neuropsychology, rehabilitation, products and information to serve more than 60 types of disabilities and disorders.
Volunteer/Service Opportunities: Current service/volunteer opportunities can be found on our website at www.fraser.org/volunteer.

Contact: 612-798-8337, Volunteer@Fraser.org

Free Arts Minnesota

Free Arts Minnesota inspires hope and builds self-esteem for youth who have experienced poverty, homelessness, abuse and mental illness, using the healing powers of artistic expression and caring adult mentors. This unique combination of educational arts and mentoring helps foster the self-confidence and resiliency these youth need to realize their full potential. In 1997, Free Arts began serving youth in residential treatment centers, domestic violence shelters, and therapeutic preschools based on the theory that art and positive relationships with adults are not a luxury but a necessity for abused, neglected and at-risk youth. Today, Free Arts Minnesota partners with 28 social service agencies and reaches over 4,000 youth across the greater metro area each year.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: We train volunteers to be Mentors in teams of 4-6 who meet with groups of youth at one of our 28 partner agencies across the metro and surrounding suburbs. Mentors facilitate a weekly, one hour session of creative arts activities to these youth. Mentors can select their preferred age group (3-18 years old), time of day, and location for their mentorship experience. Mentors lead projects for children that incorporate painting, writing, dance, drama, music, photography, and other art media. We strive to offer children opportunities to develop healthy relationships with adults, increase their sense of self-esteem, and learn new ways to communicate through artistic expression. Because the youth we serve often have instability in their lives, we strive to provide them with mentors committed to the program for one year. Training, curriculum, art supplies, and on-going support of the mentor experience is provided by Free Arts Minnesota Staff.

Contact: Deandra Bieneman, 612-824-2787, deandra@freeartsminnesota.org

Friends in Need Food Shelf

The Friends in Need Food Shelf serves Cottage Grove, Newport, St. Paul Park and Grey Cloud Island. Last year we helped 37,000 people with food and toiletry items. We also have a School Supply Giveaway, a Thanksgiving Basket Giveaway and a Christmas Adoption Program. We are open to the public on Tuesdays by appointments.
**Volunteer/Service Opportunities:** We can use new volunteers on Tuesdays to stock shelves, repackage diapers, give out vegetables, etc. We can handle individual volunteers on Tuesdays during the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. (We can't use groups of people as our regular volunteers are quite busy and it's hard to incorporate too many new people at one time.)

Contact: Michelle Rageth, 651-458-0730, [Rageth@usfamily.net](mailto:Rageth@usfamily.net)

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**Friends of the Mississippi River**

Everyone loves the Mighty Mississippi, but it can be difficult to know what you can do to help protect and restore it. This is where Friends of the Mississippi River comes in. As a leading citizen organization, FMR works to protect and enhance the Mississippi River and its watershed in the Twin Cities metro area. We believe the tremendous ecological, cultural, scenic and recreational values of the river must be carefully tended. We seek to accomplish this through three interrelated programs: Land Conservation, Watershed Protection, and River Corridor Stewardship. Each engages citizens in a variety of activities, including hands-on volunteer and educational events. FMR has the privilege of working with three to five thousand people a year in hands-on habitat restoration, water quality and education activities. We appreciate your desire to pitch in for this great but imperiled river and strive to make your experience both rewarding and convenient. FMR events are typically: • two to three hours in length and conveniently scheduled, • all-supplies-provided and • led by engaging professionals in their field. To ensure adequate supplies and a quality experience, most are limited-capacity with preregistration required and early registration encouraged and appreciated. However, there are no application forms — it typically takes a quick email or phone call to sign up — and you need only commit to the event or activity of interest.

**Volunteer/Service Opportunities:** We host 2-3-hour volunteer and educational events on weekday evenings and Saturday mornings. Most take place spring-fall and are listed at [http://fmr.org/participate/events](http://fmr.org/participate/events). Please note that you do not need to do anything special to sign up for a regular event, the directions on how to register are listed in the calendar listing. For groups of 15 or more, we primarily organize service outings in St. Paul marking storm drains with educational water-quality messages, [http://www.fmr.org/participate/events/stenciling_2013](http://www.fmr.org/participate/events/stenciling_2013). For students or teachers with many hours to contribute, please see our service learning resource pages: [http://fmr.org/participate/ongoing/servetheriver_overview](http://fmr.org/participate/ongoing/servetheriver_overview).

Contact: FMR Outreach & Volunteer Coordinator Sue Rich, 651-222-2193, x14, [srich@fmr.org](mailto:srich@fmr.org)
Garlough Environmental Magnet School

Garlough Environmental Magnet School is an elementary (K - grade four) school in District 197 working in partnership with Dodge Nature Center. Over the past 7 years our program has brought local, state, national and international recognition and visitors to our school and district. We have twice been named the number one new and emerging magnet school in the country. Our school is very diverse with approximately 50% of our students speaking Spanish as their first language. We also have the highest percentage of students living in poverty of all Dakota Cty schools. We welcome IHCC students who have a calling to make a difference in the lives of our students. We welcome students committing to as few as 10 hours on a regular schedule (ie: 1 hour once a week) or classes working on an innovative project. Our school is focused on nature-based learning and is full of living creatures (in addition to humans) to enrich our daily learning experiences.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: Student tutors, Classroom volunteers, Clerical opportunities, Art, Science, Environmental Ed. Almost anything can be accommodated.

Contact: Sue Powell 651-403-8100 susan.powell@isd197.org

Good Samaritan Society

Good Samaritan Society – Inver Grove Heights is dedicated to providing a caring, homelike and Christian environment for residents needing long-term skilled nursing care or short-term rehabilitation and transitional care. We strive to provide care that enables each resident to achieve his or her highest level of physical, mental and spiritual functioning. Our physical, occupational and speech therapy, family-style dining, therapeutic programs and quality care all support the mission we embrace that “In Christ’s Love, Everyone Is Someone.” Our Mission: To share God’s love in word and deed by providing shelter and supportive services to older persons and others in need, believing that “In Christ’s Love, Everyone Is Someone.”

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: Our volunteer opportunities include group centered resident activities and/or 1:1 visits with seniors who are in both long term care and short term stay units.

Contact: Brooklyn Thieme, 651-289-0687, bthieme@good-sam.com

Goodwill/Easter Seals Minnesota
The mission of Goodwill/Easter Seals is to assist people with barriers to education, employment, and independence in achieving their goals. We prepare people for work. We offer a variety of employment, education, and independence services such as job prep, skills training, job placement, family strengthening and support, mental health, and medical equipment loan services.

**Volunteer/Service Opportunities**

Contact: Sara Triplett, 651-379-5824, striplet@goodwilleasterseals.org

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**Great River Greening**

Great River Greening works to secure the legacy of Minnesota lands and waters through community-based restoration, stewardship, and partnership. Since we started our work in 1995, we have engaged over 30,000 volunteers in projects on both public and private land that conserve critical land habitat and affect water quality. By mobilizing and educating citizens to restore woods, prairies, and other natural resources in their communities, we are building a community of individuals who will be good stewards of these natural areas in the future.

**Volunteer/Service Opportunities:** We host public volunteer events on Saturday mornings every spring and fall. At each of these events we need: Restoration Volunteers, Set-up/Registration Volunteers, and Lunch/Clean-Up Volunteers. In addition, for those looking for a more in-depth leadership experience, we also have volunteer positions available for Volunteer Managers to lead a group of 10-15 volunteers in restoration efforts (these positions require more than a one-time commitment). We also need Volunteer Photographers for our events as well as our landscapes. Please visit our website to see our current volunteer opportunities: [http://www.greatrivergreening.org/volunteer/](http://www.greatrivergreening.org/volunteer/)

Contact: Jen Kader, 651-665-9500 x11, jkader@greatrivergreening.org

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**Guadalupe Alternative Programs**

Guadalupe Alternative Programs serves communities challenged by transition and poverty through education and enrichment, social and emotional support, and training that leads to employment. Our services include an accredited high school diploma program (grades 9-12), a young adults (ages 19-24) program offering an adult diploma or a GED track, training opportunities in the building trades, information technology, and health careers, an adult basic education program in the evenings, as well as on-site day care facilities.
**Volunteer/Service Opportunities:** Classroom assistance & tutoring. Please contact us for other possible volunteer/service opportunities.

Contact: Jody Nelson, 612-581-9811, jnelson@gapschool.org

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**Helping Paws, Inc.**

Helping Paws, Inc's mission is to further the independence of individuals with physical disabilities through the use of service dogs. Our foster home trainers take an 8-week-old Labrador Retriever or Golden Retriever puppy into their homes for 2 – 2 ½ years. Under the guidance of Helping Paws staff, a foster home trainer attends class weekly in Hopkins, and trains the dog to become a service dog for an individual with physical disabilities.

**Volunteer/Service Opportunities:** Foster home trainer. There is also potential for shorter-term volunteer projects dependent on need and individual's skill-set.

Contact: Maureen Kleckner, 952-988-9359, mkleckner@helpingpaws.org

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**Hennepin County Environmental Services**

WHEP trains citizen volunteers to monitor their local wetlands. The data is then used by cities in wetland management plans, setback determinations, and for long term monitoring. In addition, the program offers a great environmental education opportunity for the community.

**Volunteer/Service Opportunities:** Both individual and group opportunities are available for wetland monitoring.

Contact: 612-348-9900 volunteer@hennepin.us

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**Hennepin County Medical Center**

Hennepin County Medical Center is Minnesota’s premier Level 1 Adult Trauma Center and Level 1 Pediatric Trauma Center with many nationally recognized programs and specialties. HCMC is a recognized system of primary care clinics and retail clinics located throughout
Hennepin County, as well as an essential teaching hospital for doctors who go on to practice throughout the state. HCMC is a safety net hospital providing care for low-income, the uninsured and vulnerable populations. We are committed to provide the best possible care to every patient we serve today. And we are always dedicated to our search for new ways to improve; to the care we will provide tomorrow; to educate health care providers for the future; and to ensure access to healthcare for all.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: Assist with a new initiative involving Electronic Health Records, in which HCMC is implementing computer kiosks in 7 locations around the hospital to help patients use the online health portal, "MyChart." MyChart allows patients to access their medical records online, as well as make appointments, message their doctor, and refill prescriptions, among many other wonderful features. HCMC needs volunteers at our downtown Minneapolis site, our Whittier Clinic, and our Brooklyn Center Clinic. *We will reimburse our volunteers for parking or bus fare* Minimum requirement is 60 hours total for college students - typically a 1-4 hour shift per week. Volunteering at HCMC lends a unique and valuable experience which offers a diverse, cultured community. We look forward to hearing from you!

Contact: Lisa Miller, (612) 873-2512, lisa.miller@hcmed.org

Hmong American Partnership

Hmong American Partnership (HAP) is a non-profit community development and social service agency that provide critical services and support to more than 5,000 community members within Minnesota each year. Our mission is to "empower the community to embrace the strengths of our cultures while achieving our potential" with the vision to "reach out to the world with profound social, economic and education transformation."

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: Can be found at http://www.hmong.org/page17444350.aspx

Contact: 651-495-9160 , volunteer@hmong.org

Hmong American Partnership -- Adult Day Services Unit

HAP's adult daycare provides our cherished Elders with activities and opportunities to improve their health and well-being. We offer a rich curriculum including daily gentle exercise, entertainment, arts and crafts, intergenerational activities, current events discussions, lectures by guest speakers and field and shopping trips. HAP welcomes refugee and immigrant Elders from the Hmong, Karen, Vietnamese and Somali communities. Too often refugee and immigrant
Elders become isolated because of language barriers and poor health. HAP’s Adult Daycare Center provides a safe place where Elders can meet with old friends and make new ones. Activities are designed to engage Elders to help their mental and physical health. Elders enjoy guest speakers presenting on a variety of topics, field trips, shopping trips, games and many other activities. A physical therapist visits regularly to help Elders customize exercise plans that are right for them. Ethnic meals are prepared fresh every day for each of the ethnic groups attending the Center. Healthy, tasty Hmong, Karen, Vietnamese and Somali entrees and snacks are served. A nutritionist consults with the HAP cook regularly to make sure all meals are nutritious and appropriate for specific health needs and conditions. In addition to daily activities and events, HAP staff help Elders with their daily living needs, such as translating letters, paying bills, scheduling appointments and transportation. We realize that Elders need help with tasks that they are not able to do themselves. We are committed to helping Elders in this way. Other special services are arranged with area clinics so that Elders can receive regular blood pressure and cholesterol screenings, flu shots, and other needed preventative care.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: This organization only works with whole classes of students at this time. Individual volunteers cannot be accommodated.

Contact: 651-495-9160, volunteer@hmong.org

Hospice Advantage

Hospice Advantage is a Medicare, Medicaid Certified program providing superior end-of-life care services. Hospice Advantage was started to better serve the needs of terminally ill patients in the US. Our mission at Hospice Advantage is to provide care, comfort, and compassion to the whole family. We provide the best end-of-life care through an interdisciplinary team that supports patients and families in their home, nursing home or residential facility. Support services include nurse case management, social service, chaplain service, volunteer service, and home health aides. Volunteers are able to help with office projects or work directly with the patients and their families.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: Office Volunteer- Helps with the organization of the office through filing, answering phones, and data entry. Direct Patient Volunteer- Provides support for the hospice patient and their family through visitation, reading, letter writing, playing games, listening to music, etc. Pet therapy Volunteer- Bring their certified or trained pet to visit patients in their home or nursing facility.

Contact: Ashley McArdle, 952-898-1022, amcardle@hospiceadvantage.com
IHCC Metro State Community Garden

The IHCC Metro State Interdisciplinary Community Garden was established to create a highly experiential, innovative educational practice that solves real world problems in our communities. Students diverse in religion, educational background, SES, ethnicity, and age apply concepts they are learning in their classes as they work collaboratively with community members to increase the limited supply of fresh produce needed at local food shelves. The garden provides opportunities for students to understand academic content in a practical and applied setting with faculty members. Students from both Inver Hills Community College and Metro State University work together, thus establishing MnSCU as a valuable part of their community, both in terms of giving back as well as providing a sense of belongingness. In the year since the garden was established, we have created partnerships with ten MnSCU institutions, non-profit organizations, and for-profit companies. The garden is currently located on approximately 0.5 acres behind the Heritage Hall. It extends from the north end of the athletic fields north to the tree line, with additional space to the east where tools are kept, and to the service road, where trees are planted and the irrigation lines have been set. The Garden has four zones that serve to enhance the educational and engagement benefits at IHCC and Metro State Universities: Zone 1: 50 10' X 10' Individual Plots to be gardened by students and community members for personal food consumption Zone 2: 55-Tree Apple Orchard planted in the 2012 growing season Zone 3: 50 seat ADA – Accessible outdoor classroom, to be ready for use in Spring 2013. Zone 4: Community Gardening area in which all produce is donated to nonprofit entities and food shelves. 2012 yield = 1511 pounds.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: *assisting with all aspects of gardening, from cultivating to planting, to harvesting. *assisting with behind the scenes organization, such as tracking community gardeners *assisting in training of gardeners *transporting produce to food shelves and homeless shelters *helping with presentations about the garden *and more

Contact: Kristin Digiulio 651-450-3272 kdigiul@inverhills.edu

ImpactLives

ImpactLives combines transformational leadership development, education and service learning experiences with humanitarian works. Our vision is to transform lives of people and communities in the United States and around the world by providing leadership training and experiences to increase self-awareness that results in effective leadership. We "transform communities one life at a time" through leadership development, immersive cross-cultural training and experiences, and sustainable social innovation and humanitarian efforts.

We have intermittent volunteer opportunities to assist with various service learning events in schools, corporations and faith-based organizations. We also have occasional volunteer opportunities in our office and warehouse (St. Louis Park, MN).
Independent School District 197 - School Age Care Program

School-Age Care (SAC) programs offer childcare that creates a safe, warm environment where children feel secure and respected. We have three SAC programs: Extra Innings: School-year program for children in grades kindergarten-four (before and after school); Encore: School-year program for children in grades five-eight (before and after school); SAC Summer Camp: Summer program for children entering grades kindergarten-eight. We provide a stimulating environment for fun and adventure! Children will be encouraged to try new things and to develop positive relationships with peers and staff. We promote an atmosphere of trust and respect and strive to assist children in building self-esteem!

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: Assist a child. Become a tutor/mentor all while having fun: study time, gym time, art/crafts, cooking projects, service learning and much more. Share skills, talents, and abilities with students in our after school program; Assist staff in various projects and activities; Serve as a positive role model and mentor for students. Qualifications: Comfortable working with children; Willing to adhere to program rules, policies, and to maintain confidentiality. Volunteer Benefits: Development and growth of leadership, teaching, and mentoring skills; Orientation, training and documentation of volunteer work. Time Commitment: minimum of one day/week, 2:00-5:30 pm Mon - Fri. (Elementary Programs) or 3:30-5:30 pm Mon - Fri. (Middle School Program). Mentors/Tutors are especially needed during the quiet study period Monday through Thursdays. The time commitment is flexible to fit the volunteer’s availability! Note: There is also an opportunity from 8-4 p.m. in June/July/August for Summer Programming. Age Requirement: Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age.

Contact: Amanda Shadoin, 763-331-5996, ashadoin@tridistrictce.org

Inver Grove Heights Community Schools

Inver Grove Heights is proud to have a school system that is competitive in academic test scores and known for being student-focused. The goal of the Inver Grove Heights Community Schools is to meet the needs and desires of both students and parents. The district includes three elementary schools, a middle school and a high school.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: The Inver Grove Heights Community Schools has a variety of community volunteers who help create a positive learning environment and assist students so that they can work toward reaching their fullest potential. We have opportunities available at
each of our five schools in grades K-12. If you are interested in volunteering please view our volunteer opportunities sheet and complete a Volunteer Corps application. The application and more information can be found on our website at www.invergrove.k12.mn.us/volunteer_corps.

Contact: Annie Platek, 651-306-7866, aplatek@tridistrictce.org

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**Inver Grove Heights ISD 199 Early Learning**

Inver Grove Heights Early Learning Program is a place where each family is welcome and each child is engaged in meaningful and joyful learning that leads to success in school and life. Our mission is to provide all district preschool children, (age birth to five), with culturally responsive, developmentally appropriate, and standards aligned instruction and support in their place of care so they will enter kindergarten with the skills to be successful in school. Through TriDistrict Community Education, we work in partnership with parents, childcare providers and educators. Programs include: • Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) designed for parents and children to enjoy time together and to give parents the opportunity to learn from each other and parent educators about their child's growth and development. • Community Preschool is where 3-5 year-olds enjoy playful, guided learning that will help them grow and interact with the world around them as they prepare for kindergarten. • Early Childhood Screening is used to identify potential health or developmental problems and promote positive child health and developmental outcomes. • Links to Literacy helps childcare providers engage in activities with children that will increase school readiness. • Academy of Powerful Parents brings parents and educators together in understanding how young children learn and how together we can transition children to kindergarten with knowledge and confidence.

**Volunteer/Service Opportunities:** Inver Grove Heights Early Learning program is seeking volunteers to support children, families and staff. Help children by reading (in English or other home languages), organizing or helping with skill-building activities (literacy, math, music, dance, gross motor, social interaction, art, science, etc.), and demonstrating a skill such as playing an instrument or how to brush teeth. Support families by providing childcare while parents attend adult learning opportunities, demonstrating skills important to parenting, and helping with family literacy and math nights. Other ways to support the program include helping with technology (putting stories on iPads or iPods), helping create calendars, flyers and newsletters, assembling learning materials, helping to align and map curriculum, interpreting, translating, making phone calls, helping with forms, assisting at registration, and assisting with preschool screening.

Contact: Lora Lambert, 651-306-7861, Lora.Lambert@isd199.org

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**Joyce Preschool**
The mission of Joyce Preschool is to provide children from diverse ethnic, linguistic, and economic backgrounds with developmentally and culturally appropriate preparation for success in school and lifelong learning. This mission is achieved through providing quality early childhood education and family support in a dual immersion setting. Our program provides the crucial bridge to success in K-12 education. Our focus areas are school readiness, second language acquisition and cultural appreciation, and parent involvement and support.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: There are tons of ways to help out at Joyce! (1) In the classroom: Joyce wants you to come play, read, and have fun! We have open opportunities to volunteer with the kids Monday through Thursday. Times we are in need of volunteers include: 8:00 - 9:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., 1:15 - 4:15 p.m. and 4:15 - 5:30 p.m. Examples of classroom activities include: Reading books to the children, Sharing a musical instrument, Helping with art projects, Leading a small group game (i.e. Bingo, Go Fish, etc.), Science activities, General assistance in the classroom (playing with children in the dramatic play areas and with table toys). (2) Event Planning! Holiday Fiesta: Our first planning meeting for Holiday Fiesta will be on Friday, October 4. A great opportunity for new parents and volunteers to jump right in and get to know the Joyce community. Vino.Arte.Comunidad. 2014: Our first committee meeting for Vino.Arte.Comunidad. 2014 is happening Tuesday, October 8. If you’re interested in helping plan an evening of fun, food and wine, contact Laura Tompkins at laura.tompkins@joycepreschool.org, or call her at the Joyce main office at 612-823-2447. (3) In the school office: Help by making photocopies, preparing materials for the classroom, making phone calls, answering the doorbell, translating, and assisting with data entry and school mailings. Please contact Sandra Lepez, our volunteer coordinator, at sandra@joycepreschool.org or 612-823-2447 with questions, to schedule a time to volunteer, or for more information.

Contact: Sandra Lepez, 612-823-2447, sandra@joycepreschool.org

Kids 'n Kinship

Kids 'n Kinship is a high impact volunteer mentoring program serving Apple Valley, Eagan, Farmington, Burnsville, Lakeville and Farmington, Minnesota. Youth are matched with a positive adult role model volunteer (an individual, couple or family), who spends time with them on a weekly basis, for a minimum of one year. The children come from families who often are struggling with poverty, mental health issues or other crises. Most of the children in our program are from single parent families and some are parented by their grandparents or other relative. We also have a terrific school base mentor program where the volunteer meets with the student at school during the year, then the match does community activities in the summer.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: Adult mentor to a child - minimum age 21
Lifeworks Services, Inc.

Lifeworks Services is a nonprofit organization that helps people with disabilities live fuller lives that are integrated into the flow of community experience. Through employment at area businesses, social enrichment opportunities, and customized support services, Lifeworks provides the tools clients need to build the lives they want to live. For more than 40 years, we have collaborated with employers, volunteers, and government agencies to create expanded opportunities for people with disabilities.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: Inver Hills students can lead groups to discuss social skills and participate in role playing opportunities, play board or computer games, pursue personal interests with individuals such as travel, crafts, reading, current events, sports or art. Work one to one with individuals on the computer developing writing skills. Your service learning will make a difference in someone’s life. Students will not be left alone with clients and will be supervised by Lifeworks staff at all times.

Contact: Emily Giannobile or Emma Rohrer 651-454-2732 egiannobile@lifeworks.org

The Link - Evening Reporting Center

The Evening Reporting Center (ERC) provides structured, positive year-round activities to youth ages 14-18 in Hennepin County who are in the juvenile justice system, as part of Hennepin County’s Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative. The Link’s services are designed to build each youth’s assets during after school hours and on Saturdays, when most youth crimes occur. Activities focus on improving conflict resolution, leadership skills, independent living skills, academic support, positive recreation, job skills and social/emotional skills. The purpose of the ERC is to intervene, address and prevent future delinquent behavior, court involvement and out-of-home placement.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: A potential volunteer would facilitate a weekly life skill group of their choosing... A short list of the cognitive and experiential groups we currently do are listed here: Anger management and conflict resolution skills, Alcohol and drug abuse education, Computer literacy, Employment and job skills, Health and hygiene education, Homework assistance/tutoring, Life skills development, Off-site cultural and educational experiences, Recreation, Pregnancy prevention, and STD/STI education. This list is not exhaustive for the
groups we do and we welcome creative service-learning groups that a students suggests and has a comprehensive plan in which to engage our young people.

Contact: Carla Kress 612-871-0748 ckress@thelinkmn.org

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**Loaves and Fishes**

Loaves and Fishes is a nonprofit agency filling a basic need by serving those who are hungry. Over 4,000 volunteers work on serving teams to purchase, prepare and serve the evening meal to approximately 1,500 guests each weeknight at 12 dining sites throughout the Twin Cities metro area.

**Volunteer/Service Opportunities:** We need help setting up, cleaning up, and serving food to clients each evening at our site locations. In addition, there are opportunities at one location for setting up and serving lunch. Interested volunteers can call or email Allie Andersen, who coordinates volunteers for all site locations.

Contact: Carly Quintus, 612-326-3673, volunteer@loavesandfishesmn.org

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**Memorial Blood Centers**

Mission: To help save lives by providing blood and biomedical services. What this means to you: Through effective outreach to donors, continual development of biomedical expertise, and brand-building partnerships with blood drive sponsors, health care facilities, and global medical providers, Memorial Blood Centers connects those who need blood with those generous volunteers who give, and delivers the highest level of technical expertise and laboratory testing services to customers around the world.

**Volunteer/Service Opportunities:** You can find our current opportunities here: http://www.mbc.org/Support-MBC/Volunteer/Volunteer-Opportunities

Contact: Phil Losacker, 651-332-7228, plosacker@mbc.org

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**Minnesota Children's Museum**
Minnesota Children's Museum provides playful, interactive learning experiences for children and families that promote curiosity, imagination and problem-solving to encourage lifelong learning and success in life. Families visit the Museum to explore our seven galleries and participate in a variety of activities. We rely on volunteers, interns and service-learners to accomplish much of our organization's work. In fact, about 1,400 people volunteer with us each year. It's a fun way to make a difference for young children and their families.


Contact: Kate Errickson 651-225-6087 volunteers@mcm.org

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**Minnesota Department of Revenue**

The Outreach and Education staff works in partnership with the Internal Revenue Service, DEED, AARP, AccountAbility Minnesota, state and local agencies, and other organizations to provide tax education and tax assistance. Tax education is focused on helping citizens, tax professionals, and businesses obtain the services and information they need to meet their or their clients’ tax obligations and to be informed about the revenue system. Other activities supported by Outreach and Education include Military Reintegration Training, Pre-Retirement Presentations for state and federal agencies, Non-Resident Alien Program, overseeing the Volunteer Taxpayer Assistance Grant, among many other activities. Community outreach and education specifically focuses on assisting low-income and minority communities get the information they need to meet their filing obligations and take advantage of tax benefits available to them. Focal topics include: filing requirements, taxable income, ITIN application process (if applicable), K12 education credit and income subtraction, Child and Dependent Care Credit, Working Family Credit.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities

Contact: Kerrin Lee, 651-556-3052, Kerrin.Lee@state.mn.us

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**Minnesota Historical Society**

The Minnesota Historical Society is a dynamic and widely recognized educational organization that is a trusted resource for history. It is highly valued for its historical resources, educational impact, service, advocacy and leadership. The vision of the Society is to maximize the power of personal and community stories and shared history to enrich and transform lives. Established in 1849, the Society collects, preserves and tells the story of Minnesota's past through museum exhibits, libraries and collections, historic sites, educational programs and book publishing. Using the power of history to transform lives, the Society preserves our past, shares our state's
stories and connects people with history. The Minnesota History Center is home to the Minnesota Historical Society's vast collections of Minnesota artifacts. In an expansive underground storage areas, the Society protects a wealth of history in many forms—photos, letters, maps, books, state records, battle flags, paintings, Prince's suit from Purple rain and so much more. The Society also preserves its historic sites and works with history and heritage organizations on preservation projects. The Society shares its rich resources, collections, and knowledge of history with the public through its sites, programs, exhibits, library, websites and publications. The Society invites the public to explore history through diverse exhibits and programs at the Minnesota History Center. Through its 26 historic sites and museums, the Society connect members and the public to history where it happened. The public can learn about the Dred Scott decision at Historic Fort Snelling; climb inside the Split Rock Lighthouse and see the lake through the eyes of the lighthouse keeper from the early 20th Century; and experience Minneapolis' explosive flour milling history at Mill City Museum.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: Many of our volunteers are engaged in providing direct service to visitors while others are help behind-the-scenes. If you have specific skills you'd like to share, let's discuss how they might fit into the Society's work. Some ongoing volunteer opportunities and current openings can be explored on our website at: www.mnhs.org/about/volunteers. Time commitment and required skills vary greatly between volunteer positions and the Society's 26 historic site locations. The Minnesota History Center, James J. Hill House, the State Capitol, Alexander Ramsey House, Historic Fort Snelling, and Sibley House are located in or near St. Paul. Mill City Museum is located in Minneapolis. A complete list of sites can be found at: visitmnhistory.org.

Contact: Karen Kendall, 651-259-3187, karen.kendall@mnhs.org

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Minnesota Literacy Council
Our team serves Minnesotans of all ages — from 3-year-olds mastering their ABCs to grandparents determined to get their GED. We are able to reach nearly 90,000 children and adults each year thanks in great part to the more than 2,000 volunteers and 115 national service members we train annually. Our literacy-rich preschools and summer reading programs start Minnesota’s youngest readers off on the right foot. Free English, GED preparation and job-readiness classes prepare adults for post-secondary education and careers. Support in program best practices, educational technology, volunteer training and national service hosting strengthens hundreds of literacy programs across Minnesota.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities

Contact: Liam Shramko 651-645-2277 Ext. 245 lshramko@mnliteracy.org

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Neighborhood House

Regardless of where a participant is in their life’s journey, Neighborhood House provides the tools needed to move from “survive to thrive,” working to help break the cycle of poverty through four main programs: basic needs, youth leadership, adult and family education, and community building. Program services include two of the most multicultural food shelves in the area, distributing over 2,500 pounds of food daily to nearly 12,000 families each year. The food shelves are closely connected to the Family Centers, which provide housing support and other basic needs to help families find stability. Additionally, we offer programs in youth, adult, and family education and leadership that provide the skills needed to pursue higher education goals, gain employment, and become self-sufficient, thriving members of our community. Our participants are immigrants, refugees and long-term residents facing challenging situations. Of the approximately 15,000 people we serve each year, more than 90% live at or below the poverty level, over 90% are minority, and roughly 75% speak a native language other than English at home.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities

Contact: Anders Ringdahl-Mayland, 651-789-2524, ARMayland@neighb.org

The Open Door

The mission of the Open Door Pantry is to serve those in need and to eliminate hunger in Dakota County. The Open Door Pantry provides food support, community resource referral and community gardens for those in need. Every week volunteers are busy answering phones, meeting and listening to clients, and greeting them as they come to the Pantry in Eagan and Lakeville. They conduct intake appointments, stock shelves, shop with clients, and keep the Pantries in tip-top shape.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: To sign up for a service-learning or volunteer experience with The Open Door, please contact Joan (Benefits Screener) or John (Food Shopper or Pantry Stocker).

Contact: Pam Murphy, pamm@eaganrc.org

Opportunity Partners
Opportunity Partners supports choices for people with disabilities through innovative services and strategic collaborations, assisting those we serve to live, learn and work - adding value to their lives and communities. We support 1,900 adults with disabilities throughout Hennepin, Sherburne and Dakota counties in vocational (work) and residential (housing) programs. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to enrich the lives of the people that we support.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: Please contact Liz Burgard at eburgard@opportunities.org for the most up-to-date volunteer opportunities.

Contact: 952-912-7454, volunteers@opportunities.org

Paul and Sheila Wellstone Elementary

Welcome to Paul & Sheila Wellstone Elementary! Our students learn to read, write, speak and listen in both Spanish and English. English-only instruction is also available in our historic sunlit building, named for the late Senator Paul Wellstone and his wife Sheila. Our goal is to educate students proficient in language that expresses knowledge, opinions, and creative ideas that can change and benefit the community.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: Tutoring K-5 students in reading and or math. Hours: M - F 9:45 - 4:00, M and W 4:00 - 5:45

Contact: Nancy Hendrickson, 651-744-2378, Nancy.Hendrickson@spps.org

The Phoenix Residence, Inc.

The Phoenix Residence (PRI) provides person-centered, quality living experiences for individuals with disabilities. We currently provide services for 100 adults in 19 homes located in Dakota, Ramsey, and Washington County. Individuals are self-directed in all activities of daily living. Supports we provide are individualized and tailored to the specific needs of each person within their home and community.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: Make a difference in the lives of adults with disabilities! The Phoenix Residence is currently looking for caring individuals who would like to participate in daily living activities with individuals we serve. Activities include playing games, socializing and companionship, community outings, review programming, meal planning/preparation, and other tasks as assigned. We are asking for a 30 hour commitment.

Contact: Rachel Keonigs, 651-227-7655 x 107, rkoenigs@phoenixresidence.org
Planned Parenthood Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota

Since 1928, Planned Parenthood Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota has been the leading provider and protector of reproductive health in our region. We are a dynamic organization whose mission is grounded in mainstream values. Each year, 64,000 people turn to Planned Parenthood as their local provider of confidential, affordable health care services and comprehensive sexuality education. We support women and men of all ages to make responsible choices and plan their futures.

**Volunteer/Service Opportunities:** View current openings at [http://www/ppmns.org/](http://www.ppms.org/), or give us a call at 612-821-6113 or e-mail volunteers@ppmns.org for more information.

Contact: Nikki Miller, 612-821-6113, volunteers@ppmns.org

Positive Alternatives

Positive Alternatives, Inc., is a private non-profit, community-based, multi-service organization serving youth and families in Wisconsin. Through a continuum of family and strength-based services, Positive Alternatives strives to equip at-risk youth and young adults with the social, emotional and developmental skills needed to flourish. Positive Alternatives Inc. manages two group homes: Alpha House-Menomonie and Alpha House-River Falls. Both of the homes are eight bed co-ed group foster homes and are State Licensed by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services. Both houses are governed by Wisconsin Administrative Code HFS57. The homes provide structure, safety, and accountability to youth in need of alternate care. Both homes offer the same services including: Long term, short term, 72-hour holds, respite, and crisis placements.

**Volunteer/Service Opportunities:** Volunteer Resident Counselors are trained just as paid resident counselors are. Typically volunteer resident counselors are the first to be considered when there is a need for resident counselors. These staff are members of a care team responsible for maintaining a safe, supervised and structured living environment for our adolescent clients. Resident Counselors promote improved social, developmental, educational and physical functioning of the group home residents and provide direct care, supervision and counseling to the youth. Qualifications: High School Diploma or GED, must be at least 21 years old, one year of related experience or equivalent combination of education and experience. Relevant majors include social work, psychology, human development, criminal justice, counseling, sociology or related fields. This position is great for someone who is working toward a degree in a related field, has a degree and is looking for experience, or someone looking for experience to get into grad school. We have a very flexible work schedule to accommodate your own schedule and a resident counselor can work anywhere from 8-36 hours a week.
Project for Pride in Living

Project for Pride in Living (PPL) is a non-profit dedicated to helping low-income families achieve self-sufficiency through housing, employment, family services and education. We have been serving the Twin Cities including St Paul, Minneapolis and New Hope since 1972. We work with volunteers of all ages and experience in a variety of programs, from large group projects to 1:1 youth mentoring. Volunteers are essential in helping us achieve our mission. We are currently looking for students interested in working with our after-school tutoring programs, which help kids increase their literacy skills while having fun!

Volunteer/Service Opportunities

Contact: Caitlin Dougherty 612-455-5108 Caitlin.Dougherty@ppl-inc.org

Red Pine Elementary School

Red Pine Elementary School is a kindergarten-5th grade school with approximately 950 students serving the communities of Eagan, Inver Grove Heights, Rosemount and Coates. Red Pine was the first school in ISD 196 to receive the Minnesota School of Excellence Award as determined by MESPA and MDE. Red Pine is a leader in providing a healthy school environment for children and families and the first school to receive the Dakota County Public Health Community Service Award. Red Pine believes in "A Quest for the Best" for all students and members of our community.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: Opportunities include student and/or teacher support in classrooms as well as clerical support.

Contact: Gary Anger, 651-423-7870, gary.anger@district196.org

Richfield Dual Language School
Our Vision: In partnership with our families and the community, the vision of the Richfield Dual Language School is to prepare all students to become lifelong learners and leaders in their local and global communities who successfully meet or exceed grade level expectations in English and Spanish through an education built on the foundations of bilingualism, strength of diversity, academic rigor, critical-thinking, and mutual respect. Nuestra Visión: Trabajando junto con nuestras familias y comunidad, la visión de la Escuela de Inmersión Dual de Richfield es la de preparar a todos los alumnos para aprender de manera continua y a ser líderes de su comunidad local y global que cumplan o excedan con éxito las expectativas de su grado en inglés y en español a través de una educación basada en el bilingüismo, la fuerza de la diversidad, el rigor académico, el pensamiento crítico y el respeto mutuo.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities

Contact: Lizzet Contreras 612-798-6704 lizzet.contreras@richfield.k12.mn.us

Riverview Elementary's Tutoring Program

Riverview Elementary's Tutoring Program focuses on quality academic tutoring with students needing additional support to achieve proficiency in math and literacy. We utilize one-on-one and small group tutoring models to improve student success. Riverview is located on the West Side of Saint Paul and is a diverse elementary school, which currently serves around 400 students. Each grade (K-5) has separate English and Dual Immersion (taught primarily in Spanish) classrooms. This is the third year that Riverview will have a tutoring program, continuing to support the needs of students needing extra academic support and guidance.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: Tutoring occurs during the school day from 9:00am to 3:00pm. We seek tutors proficient in English and Spanish. Tutors keep accurate records of each tutoring session, tracking student progress. A Riverview Tutor position requires a one-hour per week minimum commitment to tutor students in reading or math. In return, tutors will receive orientation, training, and excellent support.

Contact: 651-293-8665

Saint Ambrose of Woodbury Early Childhood Education Center

The Saint Ambrose of Woodbury Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC) is a non-profit program created as an outreach of Saint Ambrose of Woodbury Catholic Church. The ECEC provides care for families of Woodbury and the neighboring communities. At the Saint Ambrose
ECEC, we are dedicated to supporting families by providing a safe, nurturing, Christian early childhood education program that fosters active, age-appropriate spiritual, intellectual, emotional, social, and physical development. We recognize the partnership between parents, children, staff and parishioners in providing for the development of children 8 weeks to 5 years as they learn and grow together. As a community, we support families - as the primary caregivers to their children - by providing developmentally appropriate experiences that promote responsibility, respect and healthy relationships.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: Classroom help such as making copies, tracing, cutting, coloring, preparing projects, reading stories, playing and interacting with the children. Filing items such as My Day notes, newsletters, book flyers, etc.

Contact: Anne Huber 651-768-3032 anne.huber@saintambroseofwoodbury.org

Saint Paul Public Library

The Saint Paul Public Library connects the people of Saint Paul with the imperative and the joy of learning through a lifetime. We are a cornerstone of a thriving city: welcoming people of all ages and cultures; strengthening neighborhoods and learning networks; and inspiring all with the world of ideas. Volunteers play a vital role in our community programming, helping children and adults achieve their educational, professional, and personal goals each day.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities

Contact: Wendy Neurer, 651-325-4205 , wendy.neurer@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Saint Paul Public Schools Foundation

The mission of the Saint Paul Public Schools Foundation is to rally the investments of time and resources to support academic success in the Saint Paul Public Schools. The Saint Paul Public Schools Foundation’s Tutoring Partnership for Academic Excellence partners with 19 community organizations and 8 schools to provide high quality academic support for Saint Paul students through volunteer tutors. We help place community volunteers with tutoring programs throughout the city. We provide support to our Tutoring Partners and tutors to help ensure that our students are receiving high quality, effective tutoring.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: The Foundation connects interested volunteers with our Tutoring Partners. Based on tutor availability, interests, location, and transportation needs we
work to partner tutors with a tutoring program that works best for them. This may be tutoring in Saint Paul Schools during the day or after school with a community based program. To see our tutoring locations, please click on the blue "Volunteer/Service Opportunities" link in this posting.

Contact: Paige Jaworski, 651-325-4205

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The Salvation Army

We infuse hopes into the lives of the hopeless, instill meaning and significance in those who think they're valueless, and give to those in desperate need of daily necessities. This is not just our purpose, it's our passion. Through various programs we are able to provide these necessities. These programs include: Basic Needs, Counseling, Disaster Relief, Housing, Rehabilitation, and Youth Services. Within each of these programs listed, we have individual programs to assist our clients. Some examples include: feeding programs, food pantries, thrift stores, housing assistance, rent assistance, utility bill assistance, medical assistance, transportation assistance as well as our Seasonal programs.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: The Salvation Army offers a wide array of opportunities from meal serving, blood pressure checks, tutors/mentors, internships and many more. To view a listing of current volunteer opportunities please visit salvationarmynorth.org. We also love to find opportunities that fit your interests. If you do not see an opportunity that works well for you please contact Jennie at 651-746-3426 to find an opportunity that fits your needs. We do have opportunities available 7 days a week, but have limited opportunities available evenings and weekends.

Contact: Jennie Connors, 651-746-3426, jennie_connors@usc.salvationarmy.org

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Sandcastle Child Care

Sandcastle Child Care provides care for children 6 weeks through school age. For more information please see our website is www.sf-sj.org.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: We can provide Child Care experience for volunteers with children 6 weeks through school age. Volunteers duties will include assisting the Teachers with task such as playing with children, helping children with self-help skills and curriculum activities. Volunteers should be able to lift babies and toddler size children.

Contact: Wendy Jackson or Jennifer Franta 651-293-3945 sandcastle@sf-sj.org
Second Harvest Heartland

Second Harvest Heartland works to reinvent hunger relief through leadership and innovation. As the Upper Midwest’s largest hunger relief organization, our goal is not only to help our hungry neighbors today, but to provide the means for everyone to be fed tomorrow. We’re known for distributing great amounts of food quickly and efficiently; in 2011 alone, we collected, warehoused and distributed more than 76 million pounds of food. Volunteers help us at our two warehouse locations to sort, pack and label donated and rescued food. Volunteers also distribute groceries to students at elementary schools throughout the Twin Cities.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities

Contact: Jane Shade 651-282-0901 volunteer@2harvest.org

South Suburban Adult Basic Education

South Suburban Adult Basic Education is a consortium sponsored by the Community Education Departments of South St. Paul, West St. Paul, and Inver Grove Heights school districts. SSABE is part of a state wide system that provides basic education for adults ages 16 and over, not currently enrolled in secondary school. Since 1975, SSABE has provided skill-building classes and services at sites throughout Northern Dakota County.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: English Language Tutor: Classes occur weekday mornings and evenings. Tutor will serve as a classroom assistant, small group facilitator, or one-to-one tutor depending on the instructor and projects of the day. / GED Tutor: Classes occur weekday mornings, afternoons, and evenings. Tutor will serve as a classroom assistant, small group facilitator, or one-to-one tutor depending on the instructor and projects of the day. / Administrative Assistant: Assistant will help with various office tasks, such as organizing, making copies, etc. Office is open from 8 am to 4 pm. / Weekend Conversation Circles: We are currently looking for interested volunteers to help developing a Saturday morning conversation circle period for our English Language Learning students in order to provide them with more practice developing communication skills.

Contact: Linda Jacobs-Buse, 651-457-9441, lwagner@sspps.org

South Washington County ECFE
ECFE is a Minnesota State funded, educational program for families with children from birth to 5 (not yet in kindergarten). The mission of Early Childhood Family Education is to strengthen families through the education and support of all parents and to help parents provide the best possible environment for the healthy growth and development of their children. In District 833, ECFE sets the stage for parent involvement and children's success in K-12 education and builds community by connecting parents of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. Classes include early education experiences for children and parenting resources, education, and discussion. Classes are taught by Minnesota State licensed early childhood teachers and licensed parent educators.

**Volunteer/Service Opportunities:** Volunteers are welcome to participate by working side by side with our early childhood and parent education staff in the classroom. Some possible activities they would be involved with would include playing with children, reading to children, helping to set up the classroom activities, and working with small groups of preschool children.

Contact: Jessica Johnson 651-425-6630 jjohnson21@sowashco.k12.mn.us

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**Spartan Kids' Care**

The mission of Spartan Kids' Care is to provide a quality program that ensures a safe, cooperative, student led environment that serves the diverse needs of the school while striving through continuous improvement to foster the development of our youth as service leaders in the Inver Grove Heights community.

**Volunteer/Service Opportunities:** Work with school age care children on a weekly basis and on non-school day field trips.

Contact: Tad Hagen, 651-306-7504, thagen@tridistrictce.org

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**Spark-Y Youth Action Labs**

Spark-Y’s mission is to Empower youth with knowledge, job preparation, and life success skills through hands-on sustainable education. We hold the vision of a future filled with sustainable leaders, who use their knowledge and experience to create solutions in the face of diverse challenges. Spark-Y Youth Action Labs is a 501(c)3 non-profit, providing sustainable education for youth through local Twin Cities high schools and partner organizations. To impart knowledge and empowerment, we utilize hands-on sustainable and urban agriculture systems including: aquaponics, vermi-composting, algae cultivation, and mushroom cultivation. Coursework consists of students learning through experience to construct and build our systems as a team; followed by study rich curriculum covering diverse subject matter demonstrated by the projects.
Volunteer/Service Opportunities: *Two Alternative Opportunities to becoming an Spark-Y Operations Team Member* 1.) Become a part of the Spark Youth Education Team by participating in classroom activities and helping facilitate the hands-on learning that takes place when we construct sustainable projects within schools. Learn tools for communicating the cutting edge sustainable technology while experiencing the process of the functioning systems themselves. 2.) Be on the Action Lab Team and assist in caring for the functioning sustainable urban agriculture methods being implemented. ALSO: there is room for an entrepreneurially spirited who understands the importance of these methods to be spread in the community to find and promote innovative ways of profit generation for the organization. All candidates will be given an interview process, and for either route chosen, there will be an orientation offered. We look forward to hearing from you.

Contact:Curtis Wilson, 952-288-7193, curtis@spark-Y.org

St. Croix Hospice

St. Croix Hospice has a mission to provide the highest quality hospice services to patients and families with a life-limiting illness. We will raise the standard of quality care provided to the patients and families that we serve by our commitment to the growth and development of the team. St. Croix Hospice has been in existence for approximately three years and has steadily grown to encompass five offices serving the metrogreater metro area and western Wisconsin. As a hospice we work within an interdisciplinary team, which includes nurses, aides, social workers, chaplains, volunteers, music therapists, massage therapists, and PT, OT and Speech Therapists; all who strive to provide the highest quality of care for our patients and families.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: 1. Hospice Companion Volunteers: Become a friend to a hospice patient and bring joy to their lives. Hospice Companions visit patients on a regular basis and provide companionship, support and comfort through their presence. As a volunteer you would be matched up with 1 or more patients and make at least one visit a week for an hour. This is a very rewarding and meaningful opportunity and experience. 2. Certified Pet Therapy Companion Volunteers: Pet therapy has been shown to reduce physical and emotional pain in terminally-ill patients while also bring them joy. Certified Pet Therapy Companion Volunteers (along with their certified pet therapy animal) are matched with 1 or more patients and make at least one visit a week for an hour. These visits provide companionship, pet therapy support and comfort to patients and families. 3. Vigil Volunteers: These individuals are specially trained to sit with patients and/or families at the very last days, hours, etc. of their life. Vigil volunteers provide comfort, support and calm during a difficult time.

Contact :Danielle Marchel, 651-735-3656, dmarchel@stcroixhospice.com
St. John Neumann Catholic Church

Parish Health Ministry at St. John Neumann is a ministry connecting spiritual, emotional and physical needs of the parish with the community. One of the ministry objectives is to assess the needs of our faith community. The ministry does this by providing blood pressure screening to parishioners on the second weekend of every month. We take blood pressures after each of the weekend masses, record the reading for the person and offer education regarding blood pressure both in English and Spanish. The ministry members include RNs, MDs, EMTs who do take blood pressures. SJN has a large Hispanic community that attends mass at 7pm on Saturdays and we are present to service this population as well. Speaking Spanish is not required as most parishioners have an English speaking person with them.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: Blood pressure screenings are the second Saturday from 6-7pm and Sunday from 9-9:20 am, 11-11:20 am, 1-1:20 pm and 7-7:20 pm every month except for July. BP cuffs and stethoscopes are provided. Student volunteers are always working with 1 or 2 ministry members. For service hours, the 1 hour Saturday evening time works best.

Contact: steve grass 651.209.8588 Steve.Grass@sjn.org

Step Academy

STEP is a 6-12 charter school located in Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota, that promotes early college education through ensuring that all students achieve academic excellence, obtain college credit while in high school, are fully motivated and prepared to successfully matriculate in college, and graduate with the critical knowledge and skills required for employment in scientific, technical, and other skilled careers.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: We welcome volunteers to help both in the classroom, and with one-on-one and/or small group interventions with students to ensure learning mastery. We are looking for compassionate and dedicated volunteers.

Contact: Dawn Madland,612-269-2287,dawn@stepacademymn.com

Store to Door
Store To Door, a non-profit organization, shops for and delivers groceries and prescriptions every two weeks to aging and homebound seniors in the metropolitan seven-county area of Minneapolis and St. Paul. It is the only non-profit in Minnesota to focus exclusively on grocery delivery. We provide the service to over 1,500 people who want to remain independent despite their age, health, mobility or disability. Our service helps to make it possible for elderly people from all income levels to age in place in their homes after they are no longer able to shop and bring home their own groceries. Our Vision Supporting a community where people age with dignity. Our Mission: Enhancing opportunities for aging adults to live independently.

**Volunteer/Service Opportunities**

Contact: Carolyn, 651-642-1892, carolyn@storetodoor.org

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**TriDistrict Community Education - Access Project**

Access Project is a program of TriDistrict Community Education. We offer classes designed especially for adults with cognitive and/or developmental disabilities.

**Volunteer/Service Opportunities:** We offer many classes, trips, and events throughout the year and we are always looking for volunteers to attend these activities to engage participants and assist the instructor or lead staff at the event. You can visit our website to see our current offerings here: [https://tridistrict.thatscommunityed.com/courses/courses-adult/access-project-adult-with-disabilities](https://tridistrict.thatscommunityed.com/courses/courses-adult/access-project-adult-with-disabilities) / Please contact Beth Graft at 651-403-8317 or [accessproject@tridistrictce.org](mailto:accessproject@tridistrictce.org) if you would like more information about an activity or would like to volunteer.

Contact: Angie Martinez Grande, 651-403-8312, amartinez@tridistrictce.org

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**Tubman**

Tubman helps women, children and families struggling with relationship violence, substance abuse and mental health. Throughout the Twin Cities, Tubman provides safe shelter, legal services, counseling, elder care resources, youth programming and community education while guiding and sustaining individuals and families on the journey from chaos and fear to healing and restoration.

**Volunteer/Service Opportunities**

Contact: Joanie Braun, 612-767-6680, volunteer@tubman.org
Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity

Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity's mission is to eliminate poverty housing from the Twin Cities and to make decent, affordable shelter for all people a matter of conscience. We’re best known for our Homeownership program where volunteers build and rehab simple, quality homes in partnership with low-income families and the community. We sell the homes with affordable, zero percent interest mortgages, making a 30-year commitment to each new homeowner and to the community in which they live. We also preserve homeownership by helping low-income homeowners repair and maintain their homes through our A Brush with Kindness program and by assisting families living in the City of Minneapolis who are facing foreclosure or who have fallen behind in their mortgage payments through our Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention program. Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity brings people together to create and preserve homeownership in our neighborhoods, to partner with hard-working, low-income families to be successful homeowners, and to inspire action that promotes affordable housing for everyone in our community.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities

Contact: Volunteer Coordinator 612-305-7114 volunteer@tchabitat.org

Vietnamese Social Services

VSS provides social services and English language classes for immigrants and refugees. Our primary clients are Vietnamese, Karen (ethnic group from Burma), and Somali. We have Elders day programs, employment services, healthcare outreach, youth development, Karen resettlement, and adult English language learning. We are conveniently located on bus routes 16, 50, and 94 Express.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: Our primary need is for classroom volunteers in our pre-literacy English class. These classes meet Mon-Fri, 9:30-12 p.m. Other programs are offered at different times: youth programming (8-4 p.m., M-F), and health programming (Saturdays). For these other programs, it's best to be able to speak either Karen/Burmese or Vietnamese.

Contact: Peter Nguyen, 651-641-8904, peter@vssmn.org
**Vineyard Community Services**

Our mission is to serve families and individuals in times of need. We encourage with words that create hope and with deeds that bring joy. Fruit of the Vine Food Shelf the hunger relief program of Vineyard Community Services has food distributions throughout the week. Vineyard Community Services has additional relief assistance programs to help those in need or crisis: a homeless hot meal program weekly in St. Paul, eligibility screening and application assistance to public work support programs, Free Dental Clinic, Simply Good Eating (educate and train our Neighbors to select and prepare healthy meals for themselves and families), Job Services, Community Gardening, Homebound Delivery, Senior Service Program (dedicated to providing services that enable area seniors to remain independent and to continue living in their own homes), energy assistance. VCS is committed to build friendships and perpetuate compassion within our communities, one life at a time.

**Volunteer/Service Opportunities:** Sorting and Packaging Food / Food Shelf Distribution / Administrative Projects / Outreach Support / Nutrition Support / Service Metrics Statistical Development / IT projects.

Contact: Brian Geraty, 952-595-5980 x106, brian@fotvburnsville.org

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**Wildlife Rehabilitation Center of Minnesota**

WRC is an emergency wildlife hospital, treating more than 8,800 orphaned, sick, and injured animals last year from more than 170 different species.

**Volunteer/Service Opportunities:** Between September and April, service learning volunteers may join one of our animal care crews. You will be part of a four to eight-member crew that feeds and cares for adult animals. If you are a spring/summer service learning student (May-September), you could help on one of our nurseries (mammal, avian, or waterfowl), caring for babies that have been abandoned.

Contact: Liz Cross, 651-486-9410, liz@wrcmn.org

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**WomenVenture**

WomenVenture is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to helping women achieve economic success. We support women-owned businesses and women entrepreneurs with education, one-on-one consultation, working capital and access to microloans through all stages
of business. In turn, our clients establish and grow viable businesses, create jobs for themselves and their neighbors, and propel the local economy through the generation of revenue and tax dollars. 2013 is our 35th year.

Volunteer/Service Opportunities: Finance - accounting (need to have minimal accounting knowledge); marketing; prospect research for fund development; data entry; clerical - general office help; customer services.

Contact: Laura Euller 612-224-9558 leuller@womenventure.org

YMCA

The Y is a cause-driven organization that is for youth development, for healthy living and for social responsibility. That’s because a strong community can only be achieved when we invest in our kids, our health and our neighbors. The Y is community centered. For nearly 160 years, we’ve been listening and responding to our communities. The Y brings people together. We connect people of all ages and backgrounds to bridge the gaps in community needs. The Y nurtures potential. We believe that everyone should have the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive. The Y has local presence and global reach. We mobilize local communities to effect lasting, meaningful change.

Please use the following link for a list of volunteer/service-learning opportunities and our volunteer application: Volunteer/Service Opportunities

Contact: Teri Grube, 651-259-1462, teri.grube@ymcatwincities.org

YWCA St. Paul

YWCA St. Paul is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. Through programs and services in Housing and Supportive Services, Youth Development, Health & Wellness and Skills for Life and Work, YWCA St. Paul changes minds, bodies and lives.


Contact: 651-265-0701, volunteer@ywcaofstpaul.org