

Chicago (and South suburbs) Volunteer Opportunities

Ministry to Women

Bethany Christian Services (adoption)

11717 S. Halsted,
Chicago, IL 60628
773-264-0200

www.bethany.org/chicago

Contact: 1-800-Bethany

Opportunity: Praying for specific needs
Providing temporary care for infants while birthparents make their final decision
Planning and working at fundraising events
Transporting clients
Assisting with ongoing clerical tasks in our office
Joining Bethany's Board of Directors
Becoming a Bethany Champion for Children
Raising money for Bethany
Researching community resources for families in need
Educating your church and community about Bethany's ministry to children
Sharing your Bethany story

Birthright

11235 S. Western, Chicago, IL 60643 773-223-0305
310 N. Hammes Ave., Joliet, IL 60432 815-725-3411
608 S. Washington Ave. Nperville, IL 60565 630-355-9888

www.birthright.org

Contact: any of the above phone numbers

Opportunities: Providing emotional support and practical help
Handle phone calls
Help women who come to the office for help
Sorting and distributing maternity clothes
Cleaning the office
Administrative work
Gardening
Experienced volunteers can make presentations to school and community groups

PASS (Pregnancy Aid South Suburbs)

3116 Ridge Rd. Lansing, IL 60438 708-418-5309
613 E. 162nd St., South Holland, IL 60473 708-331-7733
17214 S. Oak Park, Tinley Park, IL 60477 708-614-9777

Contact: 800-340-7277

Opportunities: to be discussed

Southside Pregnancy Center

5450 W. 95th St.,

Oak Lawn, IL 60453
708-346-9070
www.southsidepregnancy.org
www.uhaveoptions.org

Contact: 888-WEHELP4

Opportunities: to be discussed

Crisis Center for South Suburbia

Locations: Berwyn, Hickory Hills, Summit, Western Springs, Ill.
708-429-SAFE
www.crisisctr.org

Contacts: Lisa Blair (708) 429-7255 ext. 124

Opportunities: Childcare
Clerical/Office
Community Outreach
Handyperson
Hotline
House Management
Neat Repeat Resale
Special Projects
Special Events

Pillars

providing 24 hour domestic violence hotline and 24 hr. sexual assault hotline
various locations
www.pillarscommunity.org

Contacts: Tracy Hough at though@pillarscommunity.org or 708.995.3516

Opportunities: Mentoring
Providing Meals
Resale Shop
Special events planning
Reception/Clerical work
Sexual Assault Advocate

South Suburban Family Shelter

P. O. Box 937
Homewood, IL 60430
708-335-3028
www.ssfs1.org

Contact: Vicki - 708-794-2140 x 303

Opportunities: Resale Shop
Clerical Work

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Cook County Child Care Resource

YWCA South Suburban Center
320 W. 202nd St.,
Chicago Heights, 60411
708-754-0486
www.ywca.org

Contact: info@ywca.org or 708-754-0486

Opportunities:

Safe Families

6601 W. College Dr. Ste.207
Palos Heights, IL 60463
708-770-7415
www.safe-families.org

Contact: (South Suburb) Melissa Dykema mfdykema@bethany.org

Opportunities: Host Families – willingness to open homes to children in Crises
Provide Resources i.e. items for children
Professional Services i.e. Doctors, Dentists, Hair-care services, Handymen and House Cleaners
Respite Care - Temporary care of children to relieve Volunteer Families
Support Groups Prayer and encouragement to Volunteer and Biological Families
Mentors to Biological Families addressing circumstances that led to Crises
Case Coaches - Facilitate the relationship between Biological and Volunteer Safe Family during a placement

PLOWS Council on Aging

Palos, Lemont, Oak Lawn, Worth area
7808 College Dr., Palos Heights, 60463
708-361-0219
www.plows.org

Contact: 708-361-0219

Opportunities: Home Delivered Meals - Volunteers in the home delivered meals program deliver prepared food to clients living in Alsip, parts of Bridgeview, Evergreen Park, Merrionette Park, Chicago Ridge, Hickory Hills, and Worth. Drivers are asked to be available one morning a week, Monday through Friday. You must be able to walk up flights of stairs in some cases in order to reach the client's apartment or home. You must have your own car with insurance and a good driving record.
Fundraising Opportunities - Volunteers may work from their home or at the PLOWS office to solicit advertisements by telephone. Some Ad Book volunteers also visit area businesses in person to request support for the agency. Flexible scheduling makes this a perfect position for persons who are very busy.
Advocacy - Assistance with many Federal and State applications for benefits that pay for utilities, medications, food, etc. Advocacy volunteers need to be available 3-4 hours weekly.

Providence Life Services

18601 N. N. Creek Dr.
Tinley Park, IL 6047
708-342-8100

www.providenceliveservices.com

Contact: 708-342-8100

Opportunities: Whether you decide to give an hour a day or an hour a month, you can make a difference at Providence Life Services. Some interact directly with residents; others work behind the scenes. Some follow a planned schedule; others drop in to spontaneously bless people.
Application on line.

Ministry to Youth

Bridge Teen Center

15555 S. 71st Ct.
Orland Park, IL 60462
708-532-0500
www.thebridgecenter.org

Contact: Chuck Dobeck - 708-532-0500

Opportunities: Facility Volunteer – answer phones, give tours, file, data entry, prepare mailings etc.
Program Volunteer – lead a program such as; teach an art class, lead a parent seminar, conduct a music lesson, help plan events etc.
Bridge Volunteer – build relationships with students, as an encourager, listener or role model.
Mentor: - a 2 year commitment to become a mentor, this experience is entirely relational.

Immigrant Services

Refugee One

4753 N. Broadway, Suite 401
Chicago, IL 60640
773-989-5647
www.refugeeone.org

Contact: info@refugeeone.org or (773) 989-5647

Opportunities: In Home Tutoring - provide help refugee youth with school work
Mentoring - offer assistance to adult refugees regarding life skills
Job Readiness - help refugees with job search, applications and interviewing skills
Case Management - accompany refugees to and from various appointments

Inner City Services

Bottomless Closet

435 N. Wells St.
Chicago 60610
312-527-9664
www.bottomlesscloset.org

Contact: 312-527-9664

Opportunities: Personal interaction - you will act as a personal shopper and help each client select to complete three outfits. In order that our clients look their very best, you will advise, coach, discuss body types and what works best for that particular client and offer advice on make-up. Tuesday through Friday from 10am to 2pm
Clothing intake: Every 2nd Sat. of the month. Please call and we will let you know if there are opportunities available.
Showroom Management – stocking and maintaining the appearance of the Bottomless Closet showroom making sure than each item is of the very best quality and suitable for our clients.
Office Skills - Light bookkeeping work, phones to be answered, database updates to be completed, letters to write, papers to file, projects to be managed and clients to be contacted reminding them of their appointments

Morning Store Mission

350 E. Washington St.
Joliet, IL 60432
815-722-5780
www.morningstarmission.org

Contact: 815-722-5780

Opportunities Job Coaches – Assist with resumes, job searches, interview skills; access to computers, phones, copier, and address to receive mail
Office Help -- answering phones, computer work, record keeping and filing, assist with mailing
Grounds keeper
Sort donated clothing
Drivers to pick up donations

Cornerstone Services:

800 Black Rd.
Joliet, IL 60435
815-774-6667
www.cornerstoneservices.org

Contact: 815-741-5191

Opportunities: Craft Leader – facilitate arts and crafts with senior women as well as preparing materials for craft projects
Computer Coach – help consumers become computer savvy
Drop In Center Helper – assist staff with leisure time activities for adults with disabilities, This also includes story-telling, leading a bingo tournament, reading a story, helping with money counting skills, musical contributions or sing-alongs.
Literacy Volunteers – help adults with disabilities improve basic reading and math skills
Mobility Training – assist client in learning use walks/wheelchairs/canes more effectively
Musical volunteer – share your musical talent. Lead adults with disabilities with age-appropriate tunes. Introduce individuals to various musical instruments.

Health & Wellness Services

Elim Christian Services

13020 Central Ave.
Palos Heights, IL 60463
708-389-0555
www.elimcs.org

Contact: Joanne Pappas - jpappas@elimcs.org

Opportunities: Behavior team visual supports - making token boards, file folder games, task strips visuals that are used with teaching appropriate behaviors.
Arts/crafts assistance - helping classrooms with projects during their art class and classroom crafts
Reading - to students in the classrooms.
Literacy center help - organizing books into baskets, straightening bookshelves, basic library supports. Dismantle a book and rebuild it into a laminated interactive book etc.
Preparation of classroom material - cutting, copying, and laminating items for classroom use.
Maintenance of materials folder - periodic checking of Velcro folders/binders.

Garden Center for the Handicapped

8333 S. Austin,
Burbank, IL 60459
708-636-0054

www.gardencenterservices.org

Contact: 708-636-0054

Opportunities: Archivist: maintain art catalog and digital gallery; digitally photograph artwork; digitally edit and color correct images
Media Specialist: specialize in audio, multimedia, photography, printmaking, sculpture, or video; work directly with artists on art projects in their media of specialty; be able to commit to a project, create a proposal, keep a timeline, and document the process.
Art Prep and Exhibitions: prepare and maintain supplies of supports (canvasses, board, paper, cloth etc.); prepare artwork for exhibitions; find new venues and curate exhibitions; be able to lift 50 lbs. and work with small power tools.
Art Assistant: provide documentation on each project in process each day; directly supervise and take responsibility for assigned artists in various capacities.

Trinity Services

100 North Gougar Rd
Joliet, IL 60432
815-485-6197

www.trinity-services.org

Contact: Sherry Ladislas

Opportunities: Volunteers in all programs are welcome, either to work directly with individuals with disabilities or support the agency in other ways. Volunteer postings are listed on the website

OASIS for the Visually Impaired

15401 West Avenue #2 NE
Orland Park, IL 60462
708-460-6573

www.oasisvision.org

Contact: Joe & Jim Kuster

Opportunities: drive participants to meetings
serve/assist at meetings
provide simple administrative support.

Thrift Stores

Morning Star Missions

2221 W. Jefferson St.
Joliet 60435
815-725-6702

Bibles for Missions Store

15605 71st Ct.,
Orland Park, 60462
708-614-6972
(proceeds benefit The Bible League)

Good Will Store

7400 W. 159th St.,
Orland Park, 60462
708-429-9030

Habitat Restore

180 W. Joe Orr Rd.
Chicago Heights
www.hfhchgosouth.org

Neat Repeats

9020 W. 159th,
Orland Park 60462
708-364-7605
(proceeds benefit Crisis Center—domestic violence)

7026 111th St.
Worth, 60482
708-361-6860

Pass It On Thrift Shop

5435 W.127th St.,
Crestwood, 60445
708-824-0433
(proceeds benefit Southwest Chicago Christian Schools)

Restoration Ministries Resale Shop

14950 Dixie Hwy
Harvey
708-333-6822

Roseland Community Thrift Store

33 E. 111th Pl.,
Chicago, 60628
773-468-0262

Salvation Army Thrift Stores

8847 S. Harlem,
Bridgeview, 60455
708-233-0949

8732 S. Cicero,
Oak Lawn, 60453
708-425-6064

Contact: call each particular store for information

Opportunities: all thrift stores require volunteers who will sort donated items, help customers and/or work on the check out counter.

Food Programs

Children's Hunger Fund

17450 Palmer Blvd.
Hazel Crest, IL 60429
708-799-5822
www.chfus.org

Contact: volunteermw@childrenshungerfund.org

Opportunities: Assembly Line Filling - Food Paks, bagging beans and pasta, or wrapping toys. Families, school groups, churches, and other organizations help CHF keep our costs low and process donated products quickly. More volunteering info on the web site.

Greater Chicago Food Depository

4100 West Ann Lurie Place
Chicago, IL 60632
773-247-3663
www.Chicagosfoodbank.org

Contact: 773-247-3663

Opportunities: Individuals as well as groups needed at the food depository, the pantry or soup kitchen
- call or check the web site for more information.

Together We Cope

17010S. Oak Park
Tinley Park, IL 60477
708-633-5040
www.togetherwecope.org

Contact: 708-633-5040

Opportunities: Filling bags of food in the pantry
Sorting clothes in the resale shop "Sensible Resale Shoppe"

Other

Operation Blessing (Disaster Relief)

4330 Midlothian Turnpike
Midlothian, IL 60445
708-597-6326
www.opblessing.org

Contact: 708-597-6326

Opportunities: Pantry Workers - Sort and shelve incoming food and prepare packages for families
Drivers – Drive our trucks to pick up food at various area locations

South Suburban PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) (Housing Service)

North Tier: 9000 Ridgeland

Oak Lawn

708-754-4357

South Tier: 414 W. Lincoln Hwy

Chicago Heights 60411

708-754-7357

www.sspads.org

Contact: the phone numbers listed or fill in an application on the web site

Opportunities: many opportunities available for shelter workers and meal teams. Churches involved are Immanuel CRC, Calvin CRC, & Living Springs

General Services for Individuals and Families

Catholic Charities

www.catholiccharities.net

721 N. LaSalle

Chicago, IL 60654

312-655-7700

Lake County Services

671 South Lewis

Waukegan, IL 60085

North Region

1717 Rand Rd.

Des Plaines, IL 60016

Northwest

1717 Rand Rd.

Des Plaines, IL 60016

Southwest Region

7000 W. 111th Street Suite 101

Worth, IL 60482

708-430-0428

South Region

16100 Seton Dr

South Holland, IL 60473

708-333-8379

West Region

1400 S. Austin Boulevard

Cicero, IL 608

Contact: 312-655-7322

Opportunities: Food - Assist at suppers (5 locations) by serving dinner, soliciting donations;
Provide a meal to the young moms participating in the MAPP program at St. James in Maywood, residents at Cookes Manor Hines, or families living in interim housing;
Organize food drives;
Package food to be distributed to the hungry;
Screen clients for food stamps.
Basic Human Needs - Work in clothing rooms and food pantries;
Assist at our health fairs;
Assemble survival packs;
Support Services - Assist various programs in computer data entry, answering telephones and filing, reception tasks and help with mailings
Special Events - Serve on planning committees for holiday parties and special event
Serving Children - Read to children at one of our many residences and at our WIC sites;
Assist in the Early Childhood Development (ECD) programs;
Tutor refugee children;
Babysit children during "house" meetings or classes for parents;
Serving Families - Take interim housing residents shopping;
Mentor refugee families;
Locate apartments and furniture for refugee families in need of interim housing;
Literacy program for adults
Serving Seniors - Visit with seniors at our nursing home, supportive living facility, or senior day care programs;
Assist with special events at senior buildings and senior day care (birthday parties, picnics, and field trips);
Deliver food packages and meals to seniors' homes;
Provide transportation;
Collect craft items and teach crafts.