ALVERNO VOLUNTEER GUIDE

Use your power...

...lend a hand!
Before you begin...

The “why” question: Why do you want to find a volunteer service opportunity? What specifically are you trying to get from this experience? Having well thought-out motives will help you to narrow down which service opportunities will be the most appropriate for you or your organization.

Care about the cause: When looking for a volunteer opportunity, try to find a cause that is important to you, something that you can be passionate about. It can be based on personal life experiences, the life experiences of friends or family members, or just something you’re really interested in learning more about.

Think outside the box: Challenge yourself! Finding an experience that will be meaningful to you personally is important, but that doesn’t mean you should only look for causes that you have experience with. Sometimes, getting outside of your comfort zone to do something you’ve never tried can be very rewarding!

Have an open mind: Engaging in community service can (and hopefully will!) bring you into contact with people and experiences that are completely new and unfamiliar to you. Be open minded about the people you meet, and expect that every life and every life experience can broaden your horizons.

Time and Commitment: Think carefully before you choose a community service project/organization about time—both the time you are able to give, and the time that the organization will need from a potential volunteer. Be honest and upfront with an organization about how much time you will have available, and then be true to your word. Whether you have a lot of time to give or very little, there is an experience waiting for you, you just have to find the right one!

One-time service vs. Ongoing service: Some organizations will be looking specifically for volunteers to assist with one major project or event, such as a charity walk or neighborhood clean-up day. These kinds of commitments will typically just be for a day or two, maybe lasting all or most of the day. Other organizations may be looking for ongoing volunteers, such as an after-school tutor or mentor program. The time commitment needed for an ongoing volunteer may be one to a few hours a week over several weeks, months, or more.

Group vs. Individual service: Some opportunities may be better suited for individuals than for groups, so read the organization information carefully. If you are unsure or have doubts, contact the organization and ask!

*Unselfish and noble actions are the most radiant pages in the biography of souls.* ~David Thomas
Once you’ve found the right opportunity...

Some organizations may have a formal application and review process before accepting new volunteers, others may have a less formal volunteer process—follow the necessary steps to get on-board with your chosen organization(s).

Don’t stop here! If you’re concerned about a cause that no organization in this guide seems to be tackling, do some research, and see if you can find one that does. If not, start your own!

Some do’s and don’ts of volunteer service:

Do the work for it to be a valuable experience—as the old saying goes, you’ll get out of this experience what you put into it. Work to be a part of the organization, prove to be someone that can be relied upon, and have an enriching experience...and as often as you can, think of ways that could you could incorporate real-life practice of the 8 abilities.

Do make sure you’re prepared—do whatever it is the organization requires of you or your group to be the most helpful and prepared for the experience, including trainings, volunteer workshops, or filling out required paperwork.

Do be persistent—organizations in need of volunteers and volunteer coordinators are often very busy and may take some time to follow up with you or your group. Be persistent, and expect to need to make contact a couple of times to arrange a volunteer opportunity.

Don’t be a “no show”—if you say you’ll be there, be there.

Don’t be inflexible—you’ve done your research, so you should know what you’re getting into, but sometimes the needs of an organization change without much notice. If you show up and are asked to do something you didn’t expect to do, try to go with the flow. If it turns out to really not be what you’re looking for, express that in a professional manner to the organization, and look for a more fitting experience.

Don’t expect to start at the top—when you’re new to volunteering with an organization, you may not have your top choice of responsibilities...work your way up!

Questions?

Contact: Leticia Kelley, Assistant Director of Student Activities & Leadership
Department of Student Activities & Leadership, AF 202A
Email: leticia.kelley@alverno.edu or studentactivities@alverno.edu
Phone.: 414.382.6459
Charity Walks, Runs, & Rides:

AIDS Walk Wisconsin
Typically held in September or October, on Summerfest grounds.
|Contact: Cliff Heise, cliff.heise@arcw.org, 414-225-1543 www.aidswalkwis.org, FB: www.facebook.com/aidswalkwis

Alzheimer’s Association Memory Walk
Typically held in early October, location varies.
|Contact: Kendra Albers, kendra.albers@alz.org, 414.479.8800 http://www.alz.org/walk/

American Heart Association Heart Walk
Typically held in October at Veterans Park.
|Contact: Nate Nelson, nate.nelson@heart.org, 414-227-1451 http://heartwalk.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=446253

Briggs & Al’s Run & Walk For Children’s Hospital
Oldest run/walk in Wisconsin. Typically held in September or October.

Dylan’s Run for Autism
Typically held in September, in conjunction with the Indian Summer festival at the Summerfest grounds.

Komen Race for the Cure
Typically held in September near the lakefront.
|Contact: KomenSE.Volunteers@yahoo.com, 414-389-4888 http://www.komensoutheastwi.org/komen-race-for-the-cure/volunteer/

UNCF Walk for Education (United Negro College Fund)
Typically held in July, location varies.
|Contact: Gloria J. Ricks, gloria.ricks@uncf.org, 414-372-6700, give.uncf.org/MilwaukeeWalkRun

Walk to Cure Diabetes (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation)
Typically held in September, location varies.
|Contact: Andrea Urban, aurban@jdrf.org, 414-534-4673, http://www2.jdrf.org/site/PageServer?pageName=walk_homepage

Walk A Mile In My Shoes (The Guest House)
Typically held in late April/early May, start: 1216 N.13th Street
|Contact: Renee Pasciak, 414.345.3240
Admission Possible Milwaukee
Admission Possible strives to help low-income students apply, get accepted, and complete their college degree. Potential volunteer opportunities include general office work, helping with programs and students, and external relations. **Individual opportunities**
| Contact: Kate Lundeen, Executive Director, Kate@AdmissionPossible.org, 414.220.9450 |
| http://www.admissionpossible.org/ways_to_volunteer_3.html |
| FB: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Admission-Possible/112656538755718 |

Agape Community Center
The Agape Community Center is located in and focuses on the communities of the northwest side of Milwaukee. It serves area youth, families, seniors, and adults in need of any number of services, including education, social services, recreational services, and health and wellness programs. Volunteer opportunities may include assisting as a tutor with the after-school program, assisting with maintenance, housekeeping, gardening, or special events, or helping with the meal program. **Individual and group opportunities**
| Contact: Al Luzi, Director of Development, aluzi@agape-center.org, 414-464-4440 |
| http://www.agape-center.org/Agape/Home/MakeADifference/VolunteerOpportunities.nws |
| FB: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Agape-Community-Center/164266756928473 |

Alliance for the Great Lakes
This Midwestern alliance helps preserve and restore beaches and the Great Lakes. Opportunities in Milwaukee involve their Adopt-a-Beach program as well as being a policy advocate and helping with special events. **Individual and group opportunities**
| Contact: Frances Canonizado, Alliance Outreach Coordinator, fcanonizado@greatlakes.org |
| http://www.greatlakes.org/volunteer |
| FB: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Alliance-for-the-Great-Lakes/45869714108 |

American Red Cross in Southeastern Wisconsin
The American Red Cross is the largest service organization in the United States. They provide relief to victims of disasters and help people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. Volunteer opportunities in the area can be found on their website. **Individual and possible group opportunities**
| Website: https://www.redcrossinsewis.org/get-involved |
| FB: http://www.facebook.com/RedCross.SoutheastWI |

Arcos Milwaukee
Arcos provides low-income high school students with leadership development training. Its program and curriculum emphasizes a global awareness and giving back to one’s community while preparing students to travel aboard. Arcos strives to teach young people the skills to change and provide them with the opportunity to apply those skills. Volunteer opportunities are available to help support the program. **Individual opportunities**
| Website: http://www.arcosmke.com/?page_id=124#volunteer |
| FB: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Arcos-Milwaukee/171010816261332 |

* I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher’s mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back. ~Maya Angelou
Artists Working in Education (AWE, inc.)

AWE provides interactive and creative art experiences to Milwaukee area children through schools, community centers, parks, and neighborhood and community events. AWE is looking for artists to volunteer as instructors for these art programs. **Individual opportunities**

|Contact: Renee Ottoson, Program Outreach Specialist, reanna@awe-inc.org, 414-933-3877

Aurora Sinai Medical Center & Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center

Volunteers with either the Aurora Sinai Medical Center or the Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center may have patient contact, such as escorting discharged patients or distributing dietary menus. Other opportunities may include facility tours, working at the information desk, or assisting with light clerical work. Visit the link below to fill out a volunteer interest form. **Individual opportunities**

|Website: http://www.aurorahealthcare.org/facilities/more/shared/volunteer.asp?ID=0012
FB: http://www.facebook.com/auroravolunteers

Badger Association for the Blind

The Badger Association for the Blind is an organization that helps blind and visually impaired individuals in Southeastern Wisconsin to find personal, economic, and social independence. Possible volunteer opportunities may include driving clients (in a Badger Association vehicle) to events or appointments, assisting with special events, acting as an instructional aide, or helping with office work. **Individual and group opportunities**

|Contact: info@badgerassoc.org, 414-615-0103, http://www.badgerassoc.org/programs/volunteer
FB: http://www.facebook.com/badgerassociation

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Milwaukee seeks to connect children and adult volunteers through meaningful, one-to-one mentoring relationships. Flexible schedules are available, but the minimum commitment is one year, and volunteer consistency is crucial. **Individual opportunities**


Child Development Center of St. Joseph

Based on the South-Side, the Child Development Center of St. Joseph is a not-for-profit, community-based child-development organization with a Christian-oriented mission and values set. Opportunities for volunteers may include assisting with child care, tutoring, working on facility improvements, or assisting staff with any number of tasks. **Individual and group opportunities**


How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world. ~Anne Frank
Clement Manor
Clement Manor, sponsored by the School Sisters of St. Francis, is a retirement community dedicated to promoting the healthy aging of its clients. Volunteer opportunities may include escorting residents to activities and outings, assisting with the gift shop, delivering mail, and many others.

*Individual and possible group opportunities*

| Contact: Lori Mielke, [http://www.clementmanor.com/volunteer](http://www.clementmanor.com/volunteer), 414-546-7386 |

CORE/El Centro
Located near the Southside of Milwaukee, CORE/El Centro is a bilingual natural healing center that embraces all people, with a particular focus on serving those of low income. Possible volunteer opportunities may include classroom translators (English-Spanish), outreach material translation (English-Spanish), children’s activity assistants, office assistants, and many more. *Individual and group opportunities*

| Contact: Jillian Holy, Volunteer Program Coordinator, [jillianh@core-elcentro.org](mailto:jillianh@core-elcentro.org), 414-384-2673, ext. 12, [http://www.core-elcentro.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=65&Itemid=46](http://www.core-elcentro.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=65&Itemid=46) |

DanceCircus Ltd.
DanceCircus provides exciting and original ways to express emotion and creativity. They provide dance instruction for children, youth, and adults and put together dance programs and blended theatre. Potential volunteer opportunities include helping with dance concerts, community projects, and programs in schools. *Individual opportunities*


Dominican Center for Women, Inc.
The Dominican Center for Women, Inc., which was organized by two Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters, is an organization that works with the community to relieve poverty and provide education and support services. Contact the center for current volunteer opportunities. *Individual and group opportunities*

| Contact: dominicancenterforwomen@gmail.com, 414-444-9930, [www.dominican-center.org](http://www.dominican-center.org) |

Friends of Hank Aaron Trail
A 10-mile trail along the Menomonee River provides recreation and fitness opportunities for bicyclists, runners, walkers, and skaters. Volunteers play a large role in maintaining the trail and making improvements. Volunteer opportunities include continuous restoration, litter pick-up, and help with special events. *Individual and possible group opportunities*

| Contact: Melissa Cook, Trail Manager, Melissa.cook@wisconsin.gov or fohastvolunteer@gmail.com, 414-263-8559 [http://www.hankaaronstatetrail.org/volunteer-opportunities.html](http://www.hankaaronstatetrail.org/volunteer-opportunities.html) |

Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast
Mission: “Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.” Be a part of this mission by volunteering with the Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast, helping with special events, camps, or troop leadership. *Individual and possible group opportunities*

| Contact: Sherry Williams, Director of Volunteer Development, swilliams@gswise.org, 414-443-3935 or Diane Clemens, Manager Volunteer Development, dclemens@gswise.org, 414-443-3957 [http://www.gswise.org/Volunteers/Volunteer-Opportunities.aspx](http://www.gswise.org/Volunteers/Volunteer-Opportunities.aspx) |
**Goodwill Industries- SE Wisconsin**

Goodwill is a national organization that provides training, employment opportunities, and supportive services to people with disabilities or disadvantages who seek greater independence. Volunteer opportunities include activity assistants, tutors, cooking instructors, music enrichment assistants, assisting with vintage fashion shows, and many more. *Individual and possible group opportunities*


**Grand Avenue Club**

The Grand Avenue Club strives to provide Milwaukee County adults who have experience mental illness with a variety of opportunities so that they may live lives that are vocationally productive and socially satisfying. Volunteer opportunities may include tutoring, assisting in the re-sale shop, or other opportunities. *Individual and possible group opportunities*


**Groundwork Milwaukee**

Groundwork Milwaukee strives to bring about the sustained regeneration, improvement, and management of the physical environment by bringing together local people, businesses, government, and other organizations on projects to improve quality of life. There are six project areas volunteers can get involved in: land, brownfields, education, business relations, youth, and community relations in addition to specific community projects in the Milwaukee area. *Individual and possible group opportunities*

| Contact: groundworkjon@gmail.com, 414.763.9947 http://www.groundworkmke.org/index.html |

**Growing Power/Community Food Center**

Growing Power is a national organization that supports people and communities by helping to provide equal access to healthy, safe and affordable food. A variety of volunteer opportunities exist, ranging from assisting with farming/growing, to possibly assisting with office tasks. *Individual and group opportunities*

| Contact: Karen Parker, Co-Director, karen@growingpower.org, 414-527-1546, http://www.growingpower.org/volunteer.htm, FB: http://www.facebook.com/growingpower |

**Guest House**

The Guest House provides invaluable services, support, and hope to homeless men in the Milwaukee area, through programs, emergency shelter, and transitional housing. Volunteers may help prepare meals at the house, help with seasonal yard work, prepare for monthly birthday party celebrations, or assist with celebrations of success. *Individual and group opportunities*


**Happy Endings No-Kill Shelter**

Happy Endings provides shelter for feral, stray, abused or neglected cats, with a humane no-kill policy. It is completely run by volunteers, so opportunities are many. *Individual and group opportunities*

Harwood Place
Owned by Lutheran Home, Harwood Place is a retirement community that provides a living space, support and opportunities for socialization to independent seniors. Volunteer opportunities here may include helping with the Bird Aviary, sharing a hobby or interest with the residents, becoming an email buddy, or assisting with the gift shop. Individual and group opportunities
| Contact: Michelle Mittelsteadt, Volunteer Director, Michelle.Mittelsteadt@thelutheranhome.org, 414-258-6171 ext. 258 http://www.thelutheranhome.org/volunteer.html
FB: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Lutheran-Home-Harwood-Place/115558281804717

Hawthorn Glen
This 23-acre urban nature center primarily serves as a field trip destination for kids, but is also open to the public. Hawthorn Glen is an education center for animals and other species native to the Wisconsin area. Volunteer opportunities include trail maintenance and landscaping. Individual and group opportunities
| Contact: Anne, Head Naturalist, 414-475-5300
FB: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Hawthorn-Glen-Outdoor-Education-Center/134217799956677

The Healing Center of Greater Milwaukee
Affiliated with Aurora Sinai Medical Center, the Healing Center is a safe place for survivors of sexual abuse that provides support, advocacy, and community education. Volunteers are needed for special events and workshops including teaching others positive life skills and other topics helpful to survivors of sexual abuse. Individual opportunities
| Contact: Stephanie Shabangu, Volunteer Coordinator/Marketing & Operations, 414-671-4325
http://www.thehealingcenter.org/default.aspx
FB: http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Healing-Center/164778998318

Hunger Task Force, Inc.
The Hunger Task Force strives to fight hunger in Milwaukee by working as advocates for programs that support families and individuals in need and by operating food banks. Volunteers must attend an orientation session and opportunities may include assisting with food sorting or working with pantries and meal sites. Individual and group opportunities

Independence First
Independence First is an organization that provides services and programs to enhance the empowerment of individuals with disabilities. Volunteers may apply online through the link below, and are needed to assist with light housekeeping, office tasks, seasonal chores, a number of events and recreational activities, and other opportunities. Individual and group opportunities
| Contact: Char Zarnoth, Volunteer Coordinator, czarnoth@independencefirst.org, 414-226-8114, http://www.independencefirst.org/volunteer.html
FB: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Independence-First/113967971967936

Charity sees the need, not the cause. ~German Proverb
Interfaith Older Adult Programs, Inc.
Interfaith Older Adult Programs, Inc, provides a Neighborhood Outreach Program, resources and support services to enhance the welfare of older adults in the Milwaukee area. Volunteers may assist with any number of programs or special events. Individual and group opportunities
|Contact: Dan Ryan, Director of RSVP-Volunteer Services, 414-220-8657

International Learning Center
The International Learning Center provides literacy and communication skills and instruction to African and Southeast Asian adult refugees, with a particular focus on refugees who have had little or no education in their own country. Volunteers may assist ESL instructors in the classroom, tutor center clients, assist in the computer lab, work with preschool children, or other opportunities. Individual and possible group opportunities
|Contact: Anna Bierer, abierer@nh-milw.org, 414-344-4777,
http://ilcmilwaukee.wordpress.com/volunteer-opportunities

Jewish Senior Living
Jewish Senior Living provides a variety of services, support, and care for seniors within the Jewish Community in a range of living arrangements. Volunteers may assist at a number of Jewish Senior Living locations, helping with the running of gift shops, visiting with residents, or a number of other opportunities. Individual and group opportunities

Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful
Keeping Greater Milwaukee Beautiful partners with local communities to provide programs that support the maintenance of clean neighborhoods, environmental education, and resource conservation. Volunteers may assist in the Resource Center, act as a community or environmental educator, help with special events, or other opportunities. Individual and group opportunities
|Contact: Emily Brown, Education and Outreach Manager, ebrown@kgmb.org, 414-272-5462, ext. 105,
http://kgmb.org/kgmb/index.php?id=8

Kosciuszko Community Center
This community center provides exercise and activity space for the surrounding community. The Kosciuszko Community Center also hosts youth activities and special events throughout the year. Individual opportunities
|Contact: 414-645-4624 http://county.milwaukee.gov/KosciuszkoCenter10370.htm
FB: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Kosciuszko-Community-Center/216100118676

Latino Community Center
The Latino Community Center offers a variety of programs and services for community members of all ages. Services are structured and un-structured, bilingual and bicultural, and include after-school programs, violence prevention programs, youth development, health, recreation and more. Contact the center for current possible volunteer opportunities. Individual and possible group opportunities
|Contact: 414-384-8140, www.latinocommunitycenter.org
The Lutheran Home
The Lutheran Home provides a caring and supportive residential environment for older adults to live out their lives in a comfortable, faith-influenced space. Possible volunteer opportunities include supporting and comforting residents in their final hours, assisting with the Chapel, helping in the Beauty Shop, or many other opportunities. Individual and group opportunities
| Contact: Michelle Mittelsteadt, Volunteer Director, Michelle.Mittelsteadt@thelutheranhome.org, 414-258-6171 ext. 258 http://www.thelutheranhome.org/volunteer.html
| FB: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Lutheran-Home-Harwood-Place/115558281804717

Margaret Ann’s Place-Wisconsin’s Center of Hope for Grieving Children
Margaret Ann’s Place is a nonprofit dedicated to serving the distinctive needs of grieving children and their family members. Their mission is to create awareness, education, and support for children and their families who are grieving a death. Volunteer opportunities may include working with peer support groups, assisting with special events, or offering clerical support. Individual and possible group opportunities

Meta House
Meta House is a residential treatment facility that provides support and resources to women with substance use disorders, and their children. In fact, it was the first treatment facility of its kind in the country. Volunteer opportunities may include working as a leader of the improve group to provide comedic relief or helping to collect donations for needed items. Individual and possible group opportunities

Milwaukee Achiever Literacy Services
Milwaukee Achiever Literacy Services provides education, life skills training, and employment skills development to adult learners in two welcoming locations. Volunteers are needed to tutor adult learners in a variety of subjects. Individual opportunities
| Contact: volunteer@MilwaukeeAchiever.org, 414-463-7389, http://milwaukeeachiever.org/get-involved/
| FB: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Milwaukee-Achiever-Literacy-Services/47193154598

Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission (MADACC)
MADACC rescues stray, abandoned or mistreated animals in the Milwaukee area and provides temporary shelter and veterinary services for them, and also enforces Wisconsin state statutes regarding animal care. Volunteers must fill out an online application at the link below as well as attend an orientation session, and are needed to provide support to the various shelters run by MADACC. Individual opportunities

Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not. ~Dr. Seuss
Milwaukee Center for Independence (MCFI)
MCFI assists individuals and families with special needs and mental illness to better live and work in the community. Volunteers can work with staff on various programs and help children and adults with special needs to learn to live productive lives and enter the work place. Opportunities include general office tasks and tutoring as well as the MCFI specific programs for assisting their special needs children and adults.

*Individual and possible group opportunities*
| Contact: Joua Xiong, Human Resources Generalist, joua.xiong@mcfi.net, 414-937-3968, http://www.mcfi.net/MCFI-Volunteers.htm |

Milwaukee College Prep School
Milwaukee College Prep is a K-8 charter school that is free to any child that lives in the City of Milwaukee, focusing on statistically underserved youth with a small chance of success in the public school system. Volunteers are needed to tutor students, assist in the library, help out with the after-school program, or other opportunities.

*Individual and possible group opportunities*
| Contact: Maggie Broeren, Development Director, mbroeren@milwcollegeprep.com, 414-445-8020 ext. 292 FB: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Milwaukee-College-Prep-School/104587719602427 |

Milwaukee Community Service Corps
The Milwaukee Community Service Corps (MCSC) pairs at-risk youth with the needs of the community so that both may benefit. Volunteers are needed to work with corps members on service projects.

*Individual and group opportunities*

Milwaukee County Parks
Support your local Milwaukee County park by volunteering! Volunteers are needed to care for trails and natural areas, which will involve physical work.

*Individual and group opportunities*

Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity
Habitat for Humanity is a national organization that gathers volunteers to build homes for and with families in need. Volunteers are needed for a number of physical projects at home sites, but no construction experience is necessary.

*Individual and group opportunities*

Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity ReStore
The ReStore recycles donated new and used building materials and sells them to the public at a fraction of the retail price. Proceeds from the sale of these items go to support Habitat for Humanity. Volunteers are needed to assist with running the cash register and stocking the ReStore facility.

*Individual and Group opportunities*
Milwaukee LGBT Community Center

The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center supports LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered) youth, adults, and their families and friends through educational programs and resources, social opportunities, and special events. Volunteer opportunities include working at the front desk, assisting with special events, helping with fundraising, or meeting other needs. **Individual and group opportunities**

| FB: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Milwaukee-LGBT-Community-Center/68286382372 |

Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS)

MPS is the largest school district in Wisconsin serving almost 90,000 students. Volunteering opportunities include tutoring, life skills, vision test screening, nature center help, recreational activities, and sports. **Individual opportunities**

| Contact: Any local MPS school or: http://mpsportal.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/portal/server.pt/comm/programs___resources/310/volunteering_in_mps/38810 |

Milwaukee Riverkeeper

Milwaukee Riverkeeper aims to protect water quality and the wildlife habitats surrounding Milwaukee’s waterways through hands-on cleanup and advocacy efforts. Volunteers are needed to assist with periodic river cleanups and to monitor water quality at a variety of locations. **Individual and group opportunities**

| Contact: Paul Schwarzkopf, Outreach Coordinator, pschwarzkopf@milwaukeeriverkeeper.org, 414-287-0207 ext. 228, http://www.milwaukeeriverkeeper.org/projects/home.htm |
| FB: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Milwaukee-Riverkeeper/92701377840 |

My Good Mourning Place

My Good Mourning Place is a volunteer-based bereavement center designed to help children and teens cope with the death of a loved one. Volunteer opportunities may include helping to staff the front desk, working as a facilitator with children and teens, or other tasks. **Individual and possible group opportunities**

| Contact: Connie Taylor, Executive/Program Director, ctaylor@mygoodmourningplace.org, 414-643-5678, http://www.mygoodmourningplace.org/mgmp-new_008.htm |
| FB: http://www.facebook.com/pages/My-Good-Mourning-Place/108146002590311 |

Neighborhood House of Milwaukee

Neighborhood House is a complete community center serving Milwaukee’s near west side, offering support, resources and education to children, teens and adults. Possible volunteer opportunities include tutoring in the teen programs, teaching English as a second language (ESL) to recent immigrants and refugees, or other opportunities. **Individual and group opportunities**

| Contact: Anthony Geraci, agerac@nh-milw.org, 414-933-6161, www.nh-milw.org |

**Being good is commendable, but only when it is combined with doing good is it useful. ~Author Unknown**
New Threads of Hope
New Threads of Hope provides brand-new apparel, footwear, bed and bath, and household items to nonprofit agencies serving the needs of the poor, ill, children, and seniors. They link manufactures and retailers and their surplus with the community by providing the sorting, processing and distribution of all the donated items. Volunteer opportunities include sorting, distribution, inventory, and miscellaneous administrative tasks.

Individual and group opportunities
|Contact: 414-443-0060 http://www.newthreads.org/volunteers.asp

Notre Dame Middle School (NDMS)
Founded by the School Sisters of Notre Dame, NDMS seeks to educate girls in grades five through eight, focusing on underserved young women in the growing heart of Milwaukee’s Hispanic community. Volunteer opportunities include becoming a mentor, tutoring students, teaching an after-school program, or other opportunities.

Individual and possible group opportunities
|Contact: Sr. Jean Ellman, Principal, jellman@ndmswi.org, 414-671-3000,
http://www.ndmswi.org/Volunteer_Opportunities_Notre_Dame.Middle_School_0046/
FB: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Notre-Dame-Middle-School/162946577090264

Our Space, Inc.
Our Space provides quality programs to empower adults that have experienced mental illness. Their programs and services promote recovery, rehabilitation, and renewal. Volunteer opportunities include social and recreational activities, job skills preparation, and life skills education.

Individual opportunities available

Pan African Community Association (PACA)
PACA strives to unite all people of African descent in the Milwaukee area to provide resources to meet the needs of the community, with a particular focus on services for recent African immigrants and refugees. Contact PACA for current possible volunteer opportunities.

Individual and possible group opportunities
|Contact: office@panafricoma.com, 414-442-5864, www.panafricoma.org

Reach Out and Read
Reach Out and Read, sponsored by the Medical College of Wisconsin and Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin, aims to improve early literacy development of children from the ages of 6 months to 5 years by providing literacy materials and support at regularly scheduled well-child physician visits. Volunteers may be needed to read aloud to children in the waiting rooms of area pediatric clinics.

Individual opportunities
|Contact: Mary Siegrist, Clinical Research Assistant, msiegris@mcw.edu, 414-955-5799,
http://www.mcw.edu/cauc/patientcare/reachoutandread/volunteers.htm

Rebuilding Together Greater Milwaukee
Striving to preserve and revitalize houses and communities, volunteers provide free repairs for low-income elderly, disabled, and families with children in the Milwaukee community. Volunteer opportunities are available and mainly include doing home repairs and painting.

Individual and group opportunities
|Contact: 414-312-7531, http://www.rtmilwaukee.org/Section/Get_Involved/Become_A_Volunteer/index.html
Repairers of the Breach
Repairers of the Breach is a grassroots homeless outreach organization, providing Milwaukee’s only daytime shelter and resource center for homeless people. Contact Repairers of the Breach for current volunteer opportunities. Individual and possible group opportunities

Running Rebels
Running Rebels provides recreation programs, education, services and support to high-risk youth in the Milwaukee area. Contact the program for current volunteer needs. Individual and possible group opportunities
| Contact: Emily Reardon emily.reardon@runningrebels.org, 414-264-8222, http://www.runningrebels.org/main/index.php/get-involved.html
FB: http://www.facebook.com/RunningRebels

Salvation Army of Greater Milwaukee
The Salvation Army provides a variety of services in the community to provide spiritual, emotional, and physical support to the needy. Volunteer opportunities are many, with both year-round and single event opportunities. Individual and group opportunities
| Contact: Joy Alexander, Volunteer Coordinator, joy_alexander@usc.salvationarmy.org, 414-302-4300, http://usc.salvationarmy.org/usc/www_usc_greatermilwaukee.nsf
FB: http://www.facebook.com/TheSalvationArmyMilwaukee

Sojourner Family Peace Center
The Sojourner Family Peace Center provides a safe shelter and supportive environment for victims of domestic violence. Possible volunteer opportunities include acting as a courtroom or child advocate, supporting children who have witnessed abuse, assisting with the Domestic Violence hotline, helping with special events, or other opportunities. Individual and group opportunities
| Contact: Melinda, Shelter & Hotline volunteer, 414-933-2722 or Courtney, Special Events volunteer, 414-276-1911 http://www.familypeacecenter.org/get-involved/volunteer.htm
FB: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Sojourner-Family-Peace-Center/68448291064

St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care
The St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care provides community-based health and education services to frail adults, children, and those with special needs. Volunteer opportunities include helping at the store, assisting clients in the swimming pool, chaperoning a field trip, or many other opportunities. Individual and group opportunities
| Contact: Delma Vega, delmav@stanncenter.org, 414-977-5034, http://www.stanncenter.org/Volunteer
FB: http://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Ann-Center-for-Intergenerational-Care-Inc/156447174273

I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do. ~Edward Everett Hale
St. Benedict the Moor
St. Benedict the Moor, a Capuchin Franciscan ministry, supports and welcomes all disenfranchised people in Milwaukee area communities with a special emphasis on feeding the hungry through the Community Meal program. Volunteers for a variety of projects, contact St. Ben’s for current volunteer needs.

Individual and group opportunities
Contact: Br Dave Schwab, Director, brdaveschwab@juno.com, 414-271-0135 ext. 15, http://www.stbensmilwaukee.org/index.php/meal/assist/
FB: http://www.facebook.com/StBenscommunitymeal

St. Clare Terrace (run by Clement Manor)
St. Clare Terrace, run in part by the School Sisters of St. Francis, is a residential care complex for older adults, providing care, support, and social activities to residents. Contact St. Clare Terrace for current volunteer opportunities. Individual and possible group opportunities
Contact: Lori Mielke, 414-546-7386 http://www.clementmanor.com/volunteer

St. Vincent De Paul
A volunteer based organization, St. Vincent De Paul provides the community with services for the less fortunate. They have a thrift store, serve meals, and have a family resource center that helps families grown stronger and prevent child abuse and neglect. Volunteer opportunities include meal time preparations, serving during meals, clean up, reading to children, assorted tasks in their thrift store, child care, and help with special events.

Individual and group opportunities
Contact: Beth, Director of Volunteer Services, bhohenfeldt@svdpmilw.org, 414-462-7837, ext 106 http://www.svdpmilw.org/volunteer.aspx FB: http://www.facebook.com/svdpmilw

Sunrise Care Center
Sunrise Care Center is a long or short-term health care and rehabilitation facility for older adults. Contact the facility to find out about current volunteer opportunities. Volunteer opportunities include visits, participating in sponsored activities, and assisting with entertainment.

Individual and possible group opportunities
Contact: http://www.extendicareus.com/sunrisecare/volunteer.aspx, 414-541-1000

Terrace at St. Francis (Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare)
St. Francis is a full service community hospital serving Milwaukee’s south side. Founded by the Felician Sisters, they embrace healing ministry that is patient-centered and spiritual. The Terrace is located at the St. Francis hospital which is a transitional facility that provides rehabilitation and additional care for patients after a hospital stay. Volunteer opportunities include administrative tasks, interacting with patients, nursing unit support, assistance with activities and food service, and help in the gift shop.

Individual opportunities

UMOS-Milwaukee
UMOS provides employment, education, and health programs and advocacy to underserved populations in Wisconsin, with a particular emphasis on Hispanic migrant and seasonal farm workers. Contact the individual locations below for information about possible volunteer opportunities.

Individual and possible group opportunities
Contact: www.umos.org, 414-389-6000
United Community Center
Serving the Hispanic community and near south side residents for forty years, the United Community Center provides programs and supports for clients of all ages. Visit the website below for current volunteer opportunities. Individual and group opportunities
| Contact: Elsa Mercado, Community Relations Coordinator, emercado@unitedcc.org, 414-384-3100, ext. 4735
| Website: http://www.unitedcc.org/Volunteer.htm FB: http://www.facebook.com/unitedcc

United Performing Arts Fund
Supporting the performing arts contribution in Milwaukee and enriching and educating thousands of children every year, the United Performing Arts Fund relies on volunteers to assist with projects such as fundraising or assisting with special events. Individual and group opportunities
| Contact: Jackie Mitchell, Associate Development Director, 414-270-4496
| Website: http://www.upaf.org/about/volunteer/index.cfm FB: http://www.facebook.com/upaf1

Urban Ecology Center
The Urban Ecology Center is an environmental education community center with a variety of programs and resources to serve residents in the Milwaukee area. Volunteer opportunities include being a “zookeeper” and assisting with the upkeep of their collection of native aquatic species, helping with children’s rock climbing programs, assisting as a center greeter or receptionist, or many other opportunities. Individual and group opportunities

Villa St. Francis
Villa St. Francis is a community-based residential retirement community based on the Felician Sisters care-giving tradition. Visit the website below for current volunteer opportunities. Individual and possible group opportunities

Volunteer Center of Greater Milwaukee
The Volunteer Center of Greater Milwaukee offers an inclusive website of various volunteer opportunities around the city and surrounding counties. Visitors can browse opportunities by location or type. Individual and group opportunities

Walker’s Point Youth & Family Center
Walker’s Point provides safety, security, and resources to meet the needs of runaway, homeless or troubled youth and their families. Possible volunteer opportunities include helping to counsel runaway or troubled youth, becoming a program group facilitator, or other opportunities. Individual and possible group opportunities
| Contact: Ke’Andra Hagans, Coordinator of Volunteer Services, khagans@sbcglobal.net 414-647-8200, http://www.walkerspoint.org/Adult/index.html FB: http://www.facebook.com/walkerspoint
Wehr Nature Center
The Wehr Nature Center, part of the Milwaukee County Parks, offers visitors wildlife programs and education, and a chance to experience nature in a variety of ways. Visit the website below for a look at the current volunteer opportunities. Individual and group opportunities
| Contact: Jo Williams, Volunteer Coordinator, jo.williams@ces.uwex.edu, 414-425-8550, http://county.milwaukee.gov/VolunteerOpportunity10345.htm
FB: http://www.facebook.com/wehrnaturecenter

Wilson Commons
Wilson Commons is a retirement community on the South Side of Milwaukee offering independent living for older adults. Contact Wilson Commons at the information below for information on current volunteer opportunities. Individual and possible group opportunities
| Contact: http://www.capricommunities.com/WilsonCommons, 414-281-2450

Wisconsin Humane Society
The Wisconsin Humane Society is a non-profit organization that’s dedicated to the rescue and relocation of abandoned or stray pets, including programs and resources for responsible pet ownership. Volunteers may help raise funds, care for current animal residents, or provide programs to the public. Individual and group opportunities
| Contact: Volunteer Coordinator, volunteer@wihumane.org, 414-431-6103

YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee
The YMCA offers many recreational programs and other opportunities to Milwaukee residents of all ages and backgrounds. Many volunteer opportunities exist, so visit the link below to find out more about current available opportunities. Individual and group opportunities
| Contact: volunteers@ymcamke.org, 414-224-9622,
http://www.ymcamke.org/YMCA/participate-volunteer.php

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.
~Margaret Mead