VOLUNTEER GUIDE

Opportunities to give back in Milwaukee
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!

*If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else.*

- *Booker T. Washington*
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! Check out http://www.volunteermilwaukee.org/welcome.php to get more ideas. 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 fight change**—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: Tom Bottoms, Assistant Director of Student Activities & Leadership*

*Department of Student Activities & Leadership, FO 110*

*Email: tom.bottoms@alverno.edu or studentactivities@alverno.edu*

*Phone: 414.382.6459*

There is incredible value in being of service to others. – Elizabeth Berg
Annual Charity Walks, Runs, Rides, and Events:

AIDS Walk Wisconsin
Typically held in September or October, on Summerfest grounds. The AIDS walk promotes fundraising and awareness to fight AIDS and HIV in Wisconsin.

- Contact: aidswalkwisconsin@arcw.org with “Volunteer” in the subject line or call 800.348.WALK
- Website: www.aidswalkwis.org
- Facebook:

Alzheimer’s Association Walk To End Alzheimer’s – Milwaukee County
Typically held in September at the Henry Maier Festival Park

- Contact: Volunteer coordinator at 414.479.8800
- Website: http://act.alz.org/site/TR?fr_id=3822&pg=entry
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/alzwalk

American Heart Association Heart Walk
Typically held in September. The mission is to build healthier lives, free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke — the nation’s No.1 and No.5 killers. Help is needed prior to the race for set-up and the day of the event.

- Contact: 414.227.1463
- Website:

American Lunch Association’s Fight for Air Climb
Typically held in March at the US Bank building in downtown Milwaukee to help provide education, research and advocacy on lung disease.

- Contact: 262.703.4200
- Website:

Briggs & Al’s Run & Walk For Children’s Hospital
Oldest run/walk in Wisconsin. Typically held in September. Starts at 12th Street and Wisconsin Avenue and ends at Henry Maier Festival Park.

- Contact: 414.266.1520 or email
- Website:http://events.chw.org/site/TR/Events/General?pg=informational&fr_id=1070&type=fr_informational&sid=1090#Uaj2huu7CRY
- Twitter:

Dylan’s Run for Autism
Typically held in September in conjunction with the Indian Summer festival at the Henry Maier Festival Park grounds. The run promotes autism awareness, raise funds for research, fund programs for our community, and support the mission of the Autism Society of Southeastern Wisconsin

- Website:
- Facebook:
Volunteers do not necessarily have the time, they just have the heart. – Elizabeth Andrew

Komen Race for the Cure
Typically held in September, near the lakefront to raise funds for education and research on breast cancer awareness.

- Contact: Volunteer Coordinator 414.389.4882
- Website: http://www.komensoutheastwi.org/get-involved/volunteer/

March of Dimes
Typically held in April at O’Donnell Park. The helps raise money for moms to have full term pregnancies and healthy babies.

- Contact: 414.778.3500
- Website:

National Institute of Mental Illness Walk
Typically held in Mary at Veteran’s Park to raise awareness and reduce the stigma on mental illness.

- Contact: 414.344.0447
- Website:

Out of Darkness Walk
Typically held in October at Humboldt Park. A walk dedicated to understand and prevent suicide through research, education and advocacy.

- Contact: 414.510.6790 or email
- Website:

Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes
Typically held in October at Schlitz Park.

- Contact: Volunteer Coordinator: Lidia Sobierajski, 414.778.5500 Ext. 6510 or lasobierajski@diabetes.org
- Website:

UNCF Walk/Run for Education
Typically held in July at Veteran’s Park to raise funds to help UNCF students attend over 900 colleges and universities.

- Contact:414.372.6700
- Website:

UPAF’s Ride for the Arts
An annual bike ride, typically held in June with a start at the Henry Maier Festival Park to raise funds for the United Performing Arts Fund.

- Contact: 414.276.7433
- Website:

Walk to Cure Diabetes (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation)
Typically held in September at Miller Park.
Organizations, Agencies, and Groups

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 414.464.4440 or http://agape-center.org/Donate.nws
- Website: http://agape-center.org/
- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/agapecommunitycenter

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: alliance@greatlakes.org
- Website: http://www.greatlakes.org/volunteer
- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/AlliancefortheGreatLakes

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.

- Volunteer Opportunity Search: http://www.redcross.org/wi/milwaukee/volunteer/opportunities
- Website: http://www.redcross.org/wi/milwaukee/volunteer
- Facebook:

America SCORES Milwaukee
America SCORES uses soccer to inspire urban youth to lead healthy lives, be engaged students, and have the confidence and character to make a difference in the world. Individual opportunities

- Contact: 414.358.2711
- Website: http://www.americascoresmke.org/Volunteer/Index.html

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: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dDZCU3NmaEVnRmk2MGEwcTNUc2lyY1E6MQ
Never underestimate your ability to make someone else’s life better – even if you never know it. – Greg Louganis

Artworks for Milwaukee
Artworks for Milwaukee provides teens with valuable job and life skills through meaningful involvement in art projects in the Milwaukee community
- Contact: 414.708.9996 or http://www.artworksformilwaukee.org/contact-us.html
- Website: http://www.artworksformilwaukee.org/be-a-volunteer.html
- Facebook:
- Twitter: https://twitter.com/artworks4mke

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: 414.933.3877
- Website: http://awe-inc.org/support-a.w.e./donate-time.php
- Facebook:
- Twitter: https://twitter.com/AWEIncEvents

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:
- Facebook:

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
- Contact: 414.831.4563
- Website: http://www.bbbsmilwaukee.org/site/c.8hKPl2MGlkiO/E/b.6448791/k.E122/Volunteer_to_start_something.htm
- Facebook:
- Twitter:

Brew City Bully Club
Brew City Bully Club seeks to educate the public about how truly wonderful the Pit Bull dog is. Our whole mission is to change minds and save lives of a breed of dog that is often misunderstood. Plenty of programs and activities are available for you to participate in. So, come on out and help a doggie friend in need!
- Contact: 262-533-3057 or email pitcrew@brewcitybullies.org
- Website: http://www.brewcitybullies.org/get-involved.php
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Brew-City-Bully-Club/59475047393
Twitter: https://twitter.com/brewcitybullies

Catholic Charities
Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) is the national office for local Catholic Charities agencies and affiliates nationwide. CCUSA provides strong leadership and support to enhance the work of local agencies in their efforts to reduce poverty, support families, and empower communities.

- Contact: 866-290-4666
- Website: http://www.ccmke.org/Catholic-Charities/GetInvolved.htm
- Facebook:
- Twitter: https://twitter.com/#!/CCMilwaukee

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

- Contact: Volunteer Coordinator 414.645.5337 ext. 262
- Website:

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: Laurie 414.546.7367
- Website:

College Possible Milwaukee
College 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: 414.220.9450
- Website: http://www.collegepossible.org/contactusmilwaukee
- Facebook:

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, 414.225.4263
- Website: http://www.core-elcentro.org/volunteer/
I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. - Maya Angelou

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**

- Contact: 414.277.8151

Democratic Party of Wisconsin
The Democratic Party of Wisconsin supports Democratic candidates and works to further the values expressed by their party platform.

- Contact and Website: [http://grassroots.wisdems.org/page/s/volunteer](http://grassroots.wisdems.org/page/s/volunteer)
- Facebook: [http://www.facebook.com/WisDems](http://www.facebook.com/WisDems)
- Twitter: [https://twitter.com/wisdems](https://twitter.com/wisdems)

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: Veronica Rogers
- Website: [www.dominican-center.org](http://www.dominican-center.org)

English Language Partners of Wisconsin
English Language Partners of Milwaukee provides opportunities for fluent English-speakers to serve as conversation partners to very interesting people in Wisconsin’s immigrant community.

- Contact: 414.645.0492
- Website: [http://www.elpw.org/volunteer.html](http://www.elpw.org/volunteer.html)
- Facebook:

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: Larri Sue Jacquart - [lsjacquart@gmail.com](mailto:lsjacquart@gmail.com)
- Website:
Friends of Lakeshore State Park
The Park, formerly known as Harbor Island, is the only urban state park in Wisconsin and is designed to provide an urban oasis with recreational opportunities and outdoor educational programs. Volunteering at the Park is a great way to make new friends, have fun and learn more about the Park and Lake Michigan. Opportunities include: Park Ambassador, Volunteer Naturalist, Citizen Scientist, Lakeshore Caretakers, and Special Events.
- Contact: Park Manager – Tom Kroeger 414-274-4281 – Thomas.kroeger@wisconsin.gov
- Website:

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: https://www.gswise.org/Volunteers.aspx
- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/GirlScoutsWISE

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
- Contact: 414.727.3363
- Website:
- Facebook:

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: , 414.763.9947
- Website:
Here are the values that I stand for: honesty, equality, kindness, compassion, treating people the way you want to be treated and helping those in need. To me, those are traditional values.

– Ellen DeGeneres

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: 414.527.1546
- Website:
- Facebook:
- Twitter:

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

- Contact: Erik Koepnick 414.316.2012 or erik@guesthouseofmilwaukee.org
- Website: http://www.guesthouseofmilwaukee.org/volunteersdonate/volunteerorien.htm
- Facebook:

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

- Contact: http://www.happyendings.us/VolunteerA.htm 414.744.3287
- Website:
- Facebook:
- Twitter:

Harwood Place / The Lutheran Home
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 Dir., Michelle.Mittelsteadt@thehumanhome.org, 414.258.6170 x258
- Website: http://www.thelutheranhome.org/volunteer-cms/

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: Outdoor education office 414.647.6050
It’s easy to make a buck. It’s a lot tougher to make a difference.
- Tom Brokaw

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:** Volunteer Coordinator 414.671.4325
- **Website:** [http://www.thehealingcenter.org/](http://www.thehealingcenter.org/)
- **Facebook:**
- **Twitter:** [https://twitter.com/TheHealingCntr](https://twitter.com/TheHealingCntr)

Heartland Hospice
Heartland Hospice is dedicated to providing patients with care wherever they consider home. Whether care is desired in the home, in a skilled nursing center or an assisted living facility, Heartland tailors their caregiving to fit the patient’s and family’s unique needs. Heartland’s caregivers enrich patients’ lives and provide support by developing individualized care plans, setting goals, encouraging personal choices, working together in caregiving decisions and supporting meaningful experiences.

- **Contact:** Volunteer Coordinator 414.944.2048
- **Website:** [http://www.hcr-manorcare.com/Services/Hospice.aspx](http://www.hcr-manorcare.com/Services/Hospice.aspx)

Hope House of Milwaukee
Hope House is an emergency and transitional living facility as well as a true community center located in the near south side of Milwaukee. Opened in 1987, Hope House was created to provide a safe, temporary refuge for people needing a place to sleep. Over the years, Hope House has evolved into a complete provider of services for homeless and low income individuals. In addition to residential services, Hope House provides community outreach to individuals needing health care, food distribution, financial assistance, and educational opportunities for adults and children. Hope House provides services that aim to end homelessness and create healthy communities. **Individual and group opportunities**

- **Contact:** 414.645.2122
- **Website:**
- **Facebook:**
- **Twitter:**

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**

- **Contact:** Community Relations Manager, 414.238.6473
- **Website:**
- **Facebook:** [http://www.facebook.com/hungertaskforce.mke](http://www.facebook.com/hungertaskforce.mke)
- **Twitter:** [https://twitter.com/hungertaskforce](https://twitter.com/hungertaskforce)
There are two ways of spreading light - to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it. - Edith Wharton

**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: Volunteer Coordinator – Ana Kleppin 414.226.8114
- Website:
- Facebook:
- Twitter:

**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: Director of Volunteer Services 414.220.8655
- Website:
- Facebook: [http://home.interfaithmilw.org/volunteer](http://home.interfaithmilw.org/volunteer)

**International Institute of Wisconsin**
The International Institute of Wisconsin assists immigrants and refugees in transitioning into the community by offering programming and support services. From immigration and social services to refugee resettlement, the Institute promotes international cooperation, understanding, and a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural perspective.
- Contact: 414.225.6220 or info@iwiwisconsin.org
- Website: [http://www.iiwisconsin.org/opportunities.html](http://www.iiwisconsin.org/opportunities.html)

**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: Instructional Coordinator - Cynthia Zarazua 414.344.4777
- Website:
- Facebook:

**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*
No one has ever become poor by giving. - Anne Frank

Junior Achievement of Milwaukee
Junior Achievement gives young people the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success, plan for their future, and make smart academic and economic choices. Junior Achievement’s corporate and community volunteers deliver relevant, hands-on experiences that give students from kindergarten through high school knowledge and skills in financial literacy, work readiness and entrepreneurship.

- Contact: Volunteer info form, [https://www.jawis.org/metro-milwaukee/volunteer-today](https://www.jawis.org/metro-milwaukee/volunteer-today)
- Facebook: [http://www.facebook.com/JAinWI](http://www.facebook.com/JAinWI)

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: Education and Outreach Manager  414.272.5462 x104
- Facebook:
- Twitter: [http://twitter.com/#!/k_g_m_b](http://twitter.com/#!/k_g_m_b)

Kyle’s Korner
Kyle’s Korner offers services to children, teens and families who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Opportunities include helping prepare and serve meals during groups or becoming a trained facilitator to run support groups.

*Individual opportunities.*
- Contact: 414.777.1585
- Website:

La Causa
La Causa provides a variety of services including child care, respite care for children, educational opportunities, and community enrichment to better serve residents of Milwaukee. They are able to provide services in Spanish.

*Individual opportunities and possible group opportunities.*
- Contact: 414.647.8750
- Website:

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*
If the world seems cold to you, kindle fires to warm it. - Lucy Larcom

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
  - Website: http://milwaukeeachiever.org/index.php/volunteers
  - Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/MilwaukeeAchiever

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
  - Contact: 414.649.8640
  - Website:
  - Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/MADACCWI

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: 414.937.2020
  - Website:
  - Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Milwaukee-Center-for-Independence/165138700179879

Milwaukee Christian Center
Milwaukee Christian Center believes all people deserve to be treated with compassion and respect. We exist to move people beyond the challenges of poverty through life-affirming programs and supportive services
  - Contact: Bernadette Arellano, Volunteer Coordinator: 414.645.5350
  - Website:

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 tutor students, assist in the library, help out with the after-school program, or other opportunities. Individual and group opportunities
  - Contact: Director of Community Outreach, Maggie Broeren – 414.264.2000x231 or email
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

- Website and Contact: http://www.milwaukeecommunityservicecorps.org/volunteer
- Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Milwaukee-Community-Service-Corps/314696178573258

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

- Contact: 414.257.7275
- Website:
- Facebook:

Milwaukee County Zoo – Zoo Pride Volunteer
Volunteering at the Zoo means learning and helping other people learn... having fun and helping other people have fun... conserving wildlife and helping spread the word on wildlife. If you want to learn more about the Zoo, its animal collection and zoological conservation, and If you want to spread the word in our community about how everyone can help the animals, and If you want to help the Zoological Society in its mission to support the Zoo, educate our community about wildlife and conserve endangered animals, then volunteering at the Zoo is for you!

- Contact: 414.257.7275
- Website:
- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/MilwaukeeCountyParks

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

- Contact: 414.562.6100, ext. 5620
- Website:
- Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/milwaukeehabitat
- Twitter: https://twitter.com/HabitatMKE

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

- Contact: 414.257.9078 ext. 5653
- Website:
- Facebook:

Milwaukee Kickers
The mission of the Milwaukee Kickers Soccer Club is to be the best at providing people of all ages (with an emphasis on youth), genders, physical abilities and diverse backgrounds the opportunity to participate in soccer. To enrich the lives of
their participants Milwaukee Kickers offer organized leagues and tournaments, educational programs, and administrative services through quality facilities, professional staff and dedicated volunteers.

- Contact: 414.358.2678
- Website: http://www.mksc.org/

“The happiest people I know are those who lose themselves in the service of others” -Gordon B. Hinckley

**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*

- Contact: Dave Martin, Operations Manager, 414.292.3066
- Website: http://www.mkelgbt.org/volunteer/
- Facebook:

**Milwaukee Public Museum**
Volunteers have been making a difference at MPM long before it opened its doors in 1884. Today, MPM’s corps of more than 300 volunteers log thousands of hours each year engaging directly with the public. Volunteers take on endeavors such as staffing our "stop spot" carts, interpreting exhibits, running films in the Nickelodeon theater, engaging children as a member of our Bug Patrol, and even ultimately earning docent status.

- Contact: 414.278.2717
- Website:
- Facebook:
- Twitter: https://twitter.com/MKEPublicMuseum

**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
- Website: http://www5.milwaukee.k12.wi.us/dept/volunteer/
- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/MilwaukeePublicSchools

**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*

- Website and Contact: http://www.milwaukeeriverkeeper.org/content/thank-you-your-interest-volunteering
- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pages/Milwaukee-Riverkeeper/92701377840?fref=ts

**Milwaukee VA Medical Center**
VA Medical Center is a hospital serving veterans and their families. The VA’s volunteer needs are extensive and diverse given the needs of an aging veteran population and those currently serving in the military.

- Contact: Voluntary Service Office, 414.384.2000 ext.41803
- Website: http://www.milwaukee.va.gov/giving/
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/#!/MilwaukeeVA?fref=ts

The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention.
- Oscar Wilde

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: 414.719.5385 or inquiry@mygoodmourningplace.org
- Website: http://www.mygoodmourningplace.org/volunteer.html
- Facebook:

National Alliance on Mental Illness
NAMI Greater Milwaukee is a community-based, self-help, support, education and advocacy organization dedicated to improving the lives of those with mental illness, their families and those touched by mental illness.
- Contact: 414.344.0447 or help@namigrm.org
- Website: http://volunteer.truist.com/vcgw/volunteer/search-2.tcl?target=&keyword=NAMI&zip=&radius=0&one_time_p=&__form_submitted__=volunteer_search_tcl_1&__init_request__=volunteer_search_tcl_1&x=0&y=0

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: 414.933.6161
- Website:
- Facebook:
- Twitter:

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
- Website: http://www.newthreads.org/volunteers.html
- Facebook:
- Twitter:

Next Door Foundation
We support the intellectual, physical, spiritual and emotional development of children so they become self-sufficient, contributing members of the community. Services: Early Childhood Programs, Center-Based programs, Health Services, Child Care, Family Literacy Program.

- Contact: 414.562.2929
- Website:
- Facebook:

**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, 414.671.3000
- Website:
- Facebook:

**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*

- Contact: Volunteer Coordinator 414.383.8921
- Website:
- Facebook:

**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: 414.442.5864
- Website:
- Facebook: [http://www.facebook.com/pacawi](http://www.facebook.com/pacawi)

**Penfield Children’s Center**

Penfield Children’s Center is a non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to help infants and young children with and without disabilities to reach their full potential through education, therapy services and family programs.

- Contact: 414.344.7676
- Website:
- Facebook:

**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 Loberg 414.955.5749 or
- Website:
Power is the ability to do good things for others. – Brooke Astor

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
- Website:
- Facebook:
- Twitter: https://twitter.com/rtmilwaukee

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*

- Contact: 414.934.9305
- Website: http://www.repairers.org/
- Facebook:
- Twitter: https://twitter.com/repairersmke

Republican Party of Wisconsin
The Republican Party of Wisconsin supports Republican candidates and works to further the values expressed by their party platform.

- Contact and Website: http://www.wisgop.org/volunteer
- Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/wisgop
- Twitter: https://twitter.com/wisgop

Ronald McDonald House, The
Ronald McDonald House Charities Eastern Wisconsin is dedicated to easing the burden of families whose lives have been disrupted as a result of their child’s illness or injury. They provide a home away from home and caring outreach initiatives.

- Contact: 414-475-6314 or volunteer@rmhcmilwaukee.org
- Website: http://www.rmhcmilwaukee.org/html/help/help02a-volunteer-opps.html
- Facebook:
- Twitter: https://twitter.com/RMHCEasternWisc

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: 414.264.8222
The greatest good is what we do for another. – Mother Theresa

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.
- Contact: Volunteer Coordinator at 414.302.4300
- Website:
- Facebook:
- Twitter: https://twitter.com/SalvationArmyWI

Schlitz Audubon Nature Center
The Schlitz Audubon Nature Center promotes an appreciation, understanding and stewardship of our heritage through environmental education and preservation of our sanctuary. School and family programs throughout the year. Services: Nature sanctuary with emphasis on education.
- Contact: Volunteer Coordinator at 414.352.2880
- Website:

Second Hand Purrs
Second Hand Purrs is a non-profit cat shelter located run solely by devoted volunteers. Their goal is to give current owners and/or concerned citizens another option to help combat the current feline euthanasia statistics.
- Contact: 414.727.7877 or secondhandpurrs@gmail.com
- Website: http://secondhandpurrs.org/volunteer/

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: 414.276.1911
- Website:
- Facebook:

Special Olympics WI – Milwaukee Area
To provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with cognitive disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.
- Contact: 608.222.1324
- Website:
- Facebook
- Twitter:
I always wondered why somebody didn’t do something about that.
Then I realized I was somebody. -Lily Tomlin

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, 414.977.5034
- Website:
- Facebook:

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, 414.271.0135 ext. 15
- Website:
- Facebook:
- Twitter: https://twitter.com/StBensMeal

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
- Website:
- Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/ClementManor

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 414.462.7837 ext 106 or
- Website:
- Facebook:

Stepping Stone Farms
Stepping Stone Farms’ mission is to foster resilience, responsibility and self-esteem in at-risk youth and others by allowing participants to experience the healing power of interacting and working with horses.

- Contact: 414.379.2314
To serve you only need a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love.

-Martin Luther King

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: 414.541.1000
- Website:

Susan G. Komen Foundation
Susan G Komen for the Cure is committed to saving lives and ending breast cancer forever by empowering people, ensuring quality care for all and energizing science to find cures. **Individual and group opportunities**

- Contact: info@komensoutheastwi.org
- Website: http://www.komensoutheastwi.org/get-involved/volunteer/
- Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/KomenWI

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**

- Website: http://www.mywheaton.org/terrace
- Contact: Volunteer Services 414.647.5160

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 individual locations for information about possible volunteer opportunities. **Individual and possible group opportunities**

- Contact: 414.389.6000
- Website:

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**

- Community Relations Coordinator 414.384.3100
- Website:

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: 414.273.8723
- Website: [http://www.upaf.org/how-contribute/volunteer-opportunities](http://www.upaf.org/how-contribute/volunteer-opportunities)
- Facebook:

**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*

- Contact: Volunteer Coordinator 414.964.8505 or uec@urbanecologycenter.org
- Website: [http://www.urbanecologycenter.org/volunteers.html](http://www.urbanecologycenter.org/volunteers.html)
- Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/upaf1#!/urbanecologycenterwp?fref=ts](https://www.facebook.com/upaf1#!/urbanecologycenterwp?fref=ts)

**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*

- Contact: 414.649.2888, hello@villastfrancis.org
- Website:
- Facebook:

**Vision Forward Association**

Vision Forward Association 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 an 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: Volunteer Coordinator 414.615.0161
- Website: [http://www.vision-forward.org/support-us/volunteer](http://www.vision-forward.org/support-us/volunteer)

**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*

- Contact: 414.273.7887
- Website:
- Facebook:

**VMP Trinity (Village of Manor Park and Trinity Village)**

VMP Trinity is seeking volunteers to play different card games such as cribbage, eucker, kings corner and sheephead with elderly residents. Must commit to at least once a month and we will work with volunteer’s schedule. Open to weekdays, evenings or weekends. Ongoing need.

- Contact: 414.607.4276
- Website:

**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: Coordinator of Volunteer Services 414.647.8200
- Website:
- Facebook:

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: 414.425.8550 or wehrnaturecenter@milwcnty.com
- Website:
- Facebook:

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: 414.281.2450
- Website:
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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 414.431.6103 or
- Website:
- Facebook:

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:
- Website: http://ymcamke.org/mission/volunteer

YWCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee
The YWCA offers educational and vocational opportunities for local women. It also fights against racism and sexism in the community. Individual and group opportunities

- Contact: communication@ywcasew.org
- Website:
The human contribution is the essential ingredient. It is only in the giving of oneself to others that we truly live.

-Ethel Percy Andrus