

# Service Opportunities Related to Poverty Issues

These are service opportunities identified by the Institute for Leadership and Service which deal with hunger, homelessness and poverty. UDM students, faculty, and colleagues are encouraged to follow up as described in each opportunity. Please report updates to [TheInstitute@udmercy.edu](mailto:TheInstitute@udmercy.edu)

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## Alpha Phi Omega Sandwich Bus

<http://students.org.udmercy.edu/~apo/index.html>

Alpha Phi Omega sponsored program that distributes sandwiches to the homeless of Detroit.

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**Contact:** *Carly Fiorido*  
*UDM Campus*

*Detroit*

*313-603-1259*

*fioridcr@udmercy.edu*

### Sandwich Bus

Work with other UDM students to prepare and distribute bagged meals to the homeless in Detroit - weekends during fall and winter terms.

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## Alternatives for Girls

[www.alternativesforgirls.org](http://www.alternativesforgirls.org)

Homeless Shelter for young women ages 16-20. Prevention programs also offered.

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**Contact:** *Ms. Jessica Payne*  
*903 W. Grand Blvd.*

*Volunteer Services Manager*  
*Detroit*

*313-361-4000 x248*  
*volunteering@alternativesforgirls.org*

### Volunteer

Application must be completed along with submitting two references. Volunteer Orientation required. See website for details. [www.alternativeforgirls.org](http://www.alternativeforgirls.org)

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Monday through Thursday evenings are family and group programming that need assistance with child care, meal prep and service, etc.

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### Outreach Assistance

(females, age at least 21) Help outreach team in their van as they cover the streets encouraging and helping homeless youth to avoid risky behavior and enter a program.

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### Help on Facilities at Alternatives for Girls

Cleaning, painting, organizing storage, etc. while getting a sense of the services provided and the girls served.

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## C.O.T.S.

[www.cotsdetroit.org](http://www.cotsdetroit.org)

Homeless Shelter with an array of services that enable people to achieve self-sufficiency.

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**Contact:** *Pat Obaza*  
*26 Peterboro*

*Volunteer Coordinator*  
*Detroit*

*734-675-1985*  
*rsmith@cotsdetroit.org*

### Serve a Meal

Groups or individuals: 7 days a week, meals are served at 7:30 am and 6 pm. (Lunch is served at 11:30am if someone has sponsored the meal for \$150.) Call to sign up for meals and be sure to ask about parking. Come at least 30 minutes before meal. Set up, serve, clean up. 1.5 - 2 hours per meal.

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## Campus Kitchen at UDM

[http://www.udmercy.edu/institute/campus\\_kitchen.htm](http://www.udmercy.edu/institute/campus_kitchen.htm)

Food rescue, preparation and distribution

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**Contact:** *Volunteer Coordinator* **313-993-1494**  
*4001 W. McNichols Rd* **Detroit** **ckudm1@gmail.com**

### Hunger Related Projects

Various projects related to hunger. Many teachers prefer all service at one site. Go to <http://ckudm.campuskitchens.volunteerhub.com> to view current volunteer opportunities and register. Email [ckudm1@gmail.com](mailto:ckudm1@gmail.com) if you have questions.

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### Work in Community Gardens

Volunteers needed for help with work in community gardens in neighborhoods south and west of campus.

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### Lakeridge Village

Help with Food Distribution on Wednesday afternoon 3-5pm, or help prepare a meal on some Saturdays. Sign up online at <http://ckudm.campuskitchens.volunteerhub.com>.

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## Capuchin Soup Kitchen Conner

[http://cskdetroit.org/services\\_conner.cfm](http://cskdetroit.org/services_conner.cfm)

Soup Kitchen, job-training program and youth program

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**Contact:** *Audra Stewart* **Youth Program Assistant** **313-822-8606 ext 224**  
*4390 Conner* **Detroit** **astewart@cskdetroit.org**

### Rosa Parks Children and Youth

Help with Art Therapy Children 7-13, and help with afterschool tutoring. Both happen M-F 3:45-6pm.

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**Contact:** *Roy Hoelscher* **Detroit** **313-822-8606 x 210**  
*4390 Conner* **rhoelscher@cskdetroit.org**

### Tutor/Art Projects

Students to help WEEKLY with youth 6-16 in after-school programs 3:45 - 4:45 tutoring, 4:00-6:00 art projects. Groups may share the weekly slot. Volunteers must assist regularly - no less than for a complete public school semester duration.

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### Prepare and Serve a Meal

Setup, serve, and join the clients for breakfast 8-9:30am or lunch 10:30am-1pm. Monday - Saturday or Dinner 4-6:30pm (Monday - Friday). Be advised that Saturday spots fill up fast.

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### Sort Donations

Sort clothing or food at the Capuchin Service Center.

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## Capuchin Soup Kitchen Meldrum

[http://cskdetroit.org/services\\_meldrum.cfm](http://cskdetroit.org/services_meldrum.cfm)

Soup Kitchen and Shower Program

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**Contact:** *Rita Johnson* *Volunteer Coordinator* *313-579-2100 x 213*  
*1264 Meldrum St.* *Detroit,* *rjohnson@cskdetroit.org*

### **Serve a Soup Kitchen Meal**

Prepare, serve, join the guests, then clean up following a meal. Mon-Fri Breakfast 8:00 - 9:30am or Lunch 10:30am - 1:15 PM. Wear closed toed shoes, no sandals and be modest in appearance. Groups of 3 or 4.  
[http://www.cskdetroit.org/ways\\_to\\_give/gifts\\_of\\_time/form/](http://www.cskdetroit.org/ways_to_give/gifts_of_time/form/)

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### **Cathedral Church of Saint Paul**

[www.detroitcathedral.org](http://www.detroitcathedral.org)

Sunday morning breakfast program and New Year's Day breakfast.

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**Contact:** *Ms. Cindy Greening* *Program coordinator* *313-833-4409*  
*4800 Woodward Ave.* *Detroit* *cgreening@detroitcathedral.org*

### **The Breakfast Ministry**

Help prepare and serve breakfast to those in need (often homeless). Help is needed from 8:00 am-11:00 am on Sunday morning.

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### **Children Hospital Smoke Alarms**

<http://www.childrensdmc.org/SmokeAlarm>

Program to install smoke alarms in Detroit area homes.

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**Contact:** *Roberta Davis* *Program Coordinator* *313 618 6773*  
*3901 Beaubien* *Detroit* *rdavis3@dmc.org*

### **Smoke Alarm Installation Program**

Help out with the Kohls TRIP Program installing fire alarms and participating in fire education to qualified families, batteries will be replaced when needed.

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### **ChristNet**

[www.christ-net.org](http://www.christ-net.org)

Downriver and Western Wayne churches host the homeless for a week at a time (Oct-May). Also a daytime center for the homeless.

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**Contact:** *Billie Arndt* *Director* *734-287-8890*  
*24158 Goddard Rd.* *Taylor* *christnet48180@yahoo.com*

### **Daytime Center**

Various opportunities at the Daytime Center serving downriver homeless. (M-F, 8am-4pm). The volunteer coordinator can help you identify volunteer dates that fit your schedule as well as duties that you will be pleased and comfortable to undertake.

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### **Rotating Emergency Shelter**

Help is needed nightly at the intake center with registering and welcoming guests. Other jobs: night chaperone, cook, equipment mover, laundry person, barber/hair stylist, entertainer, and drivers for the ChristNet Van. The volunteer coordinator can help you identify volunteer dates that fit your schedule as well as duties that you are qualified for and will be pleased and comfortable to undertake.

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## Cornerstone Schools

[www.CornerstoneSchools.org](http://www.CornerstoneSchools.org)

ISACS accredited, K-12, Christ-centered school on Detroit's Eastside

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**Contact:** *Ms. Courtney Ochalek*

**313-892-1860 ext261**

*courtney.ochalek@cornerstoneschools.org*

### Partner Program

Mentorship opportunity. Minimum commitment of 4 days per year/2hours each

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## Covenant House Michigan

<http://www.covenanthousemi.org/>

Shelter and support for homeless, runaway and at-risk youth ages 13-22.

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**Contact:** *Ms. Danielle Dunn*

**Volunteer Coordinator**

**313-463-2014**

*2959 Martin Luther King Blvd*

**Detroit**

*ddunn@covenanthouse.org*

### Behind the Scenes

- Assist with organizing and inventorying of donations (18+)
  - Organizing and assisting with the Clothing Closet (18+)
  - Clerical assistance (21+)
  - Landscaping and gardening (summer, 18+)
- <http://www.covenanthousemi.org/wanna-help/volunteer>
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## Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries

<http://www.drmm.org/>

Provides nightly shelter, food, medical services, crisis counseling, referrals and spiritual nourishment.

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**Contact:** *Ms. Rachael Williams*

**Director of Volunteer Services**

**313-993-4700x4723**

*150 Stimson*

**Detroit**

*rwilliams@drmm.org*

### Soup Kitchen

DRMM has several soup kitchens in Detroit and Highland Park. They take up to 10 volunteers at a time any day of the week for either lunch (11:30-1) or dinner (4:30-6:00 p.m). <http://drmm.org/volunteer-application/>

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### Cleaning, Painting or Remodeling

Help clean, paint, or remodel some of the shelter rooms. Must usually bring your own supplies to complete the work. <http://drmm.org/volunteer-application/>

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## Detroit Veterans Center

[www.michiganveteransfoundation.org](http://www.michiganveteransfoundation.org)

Homeless Veterans Shelter, Transitional Housing and Social Services

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**Contact:** *Tyrone Chatman*

**Director**

**313-831-5500**

*2770 Park*

**Detroit**

*mvf002@earthlink.net*

### Behind the Scenes

Office work, sorting donations, cooking a meal, maintenance.

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## Interact with the Residents

Interact with the residents - play cards or board games, serve a meal, have a conversation, etc...

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## Earthworks Urban Farm

<http://www.cskdetroit.org/EWG/>

Program of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen - 2.5 acre, all-organic farm that provides fresh, healthy and nutritious food for the community.

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<b>Contact:</b> <i>Shane Bernardo</i> <i>1264 Meldrum</i>	<b>Outreach Coordinator</b> <i>Detroit</i>	<b>313-579-2100 x 204</b> <i>sbernardo@cskdetroit.org</i>
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## Garden Worker

Regular volunteer hours for working in the garden: Come dressed appropriately for the weather and work. Long pants and closed toe shoes are required regardless of weather. Water bottles and sun screen are recommended especially in the warmer months. Wednesdays, 9am - 12pm - February through the third week in December.

Saturdays, 9am - 12pm - April through the weekend before Thanksgiving. Thursdays/Fridays, 9am - 12pm - June through September.

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## Bike Repair

Every Wednesday afternoon a shipping container in our parking lot gets opened up and crowds swell to work on their bikes. Many folks in our community depend on bikes to get around, but don't have access to tools or parts. With the help our resident bike mechanic Mr. Howard we make sure people ride away with smile on their face. We can always use an extra hand to help work on bikes. Community bike shops goes from 12:30pm – 2:30pm.

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## Focus: HOPE

[www.focushope.edu](http://www.focushope.edu)

Focus Hope's strives to overcome racism, poverty, and injustice through practical action such as education/training, youth development and food distribution.

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<b>Contact:</b> <i>Khristi Miller</i> <i>1400 Oakman Blvd.</i>	<b>Volunteer Coordinator</b> <i>Detroit</i>	<b>313-494-4407</b> <i>millerk@focushope.edu</i>
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## Work in Food Center

Provide shopping assistance and stock support at one of Focus: HOPE's four food distribution center locations. Ongoing position; Monday -Friday, days and hours are flexible.

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## Tutoring

Tutoring assistance is needed especially in engineering-related subjects such as math. Mon - Fri 1:30-3pm. Days are flexible.

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<b>Contact:</b> <i>Yolanda Baker</i> <i>1200 Oakman Blvd - Bldg B</i>	<b>Volunteer Coordinator - Homebound</b> <i>Detroit</i>	<b>313-494-4932</b> <i>bakery@focushope.edu</i>
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## Food Delivery to Homebound

Monday-Thurs 8:00am - 4:00pm; some Friday and 2nd & 3rd Saturdays, 8:00am- 11:30pm - 1200 Oakman-Bldg B, Pick up boxes of food in zip code area to which you'd like to deliver. Bring the boxes and your attention to the seniors on your list.

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## Forgotten Harvest

[www.forgottenharvest.org](http://www.forgottenharvest.org)

Rescue of surplus prepared and perishable food which is then donated to emergency food providers.

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**Contact: Ms. Marci Fitch**  
**21800 Greenfield**

**Volunteer Manager**  
**Oak Park**

**248-268-7510**  
**[mfitch@forgottenharvest.org](mailto:mfitch@forgottenharvest.org)**

### Harvest Helper

Harvest Helpers assist the drivers in their daily route. If you have a day (Mon- Fri - 7am-5pm) that you can share, they guarantee it will be unforgettable.

Your day will start at the office where you'll be assigned to a driver and route. The first portion of the day will be spent visiting a dozen different food donors. You'll see the quality and quantity of wonderful food that is donated and lend a hand to help load the truck (nothing heavier than 50 lbs). Then it's on to the pantries and soup kitchen to deliver the food. You'll visit 3 different emergency food providers and see -hand the genuine need and appreciation from the recipients. The trucks return to the office anytime between 3 - 5 pm. They need very little advanced notice to schedule your time as a Harvest Helper. Just call at least one day in advance and they will get you on one of their trucks the next day. Must be 18 years or older to participate.

[www.forgottenharvest.org/volunteer](http://www.forgottenharvest.org/volunteer)

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### Office Help

Office volunteers assist during normal business hours of Mon - Sat, 8 am - 5 pm. Duties can range from answering phones, entering data, stuffing envelopes, mailings, or research.

[www.forgottenharvest.org/volunteer](http://www.forgottenharvest.org/volunteer)

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### Re-Packaging Food

Help with re-packaging projects in the distribution center. These consist of taking large units of product and re-packaging it into smaller, more manageable units for easier distribution. 3 hour am & pm shifts available M-S. Weeknight shifts T-S, 4:30 – 7:30 pm.

[www.forgottenharvest.org/volunteer](http://www.forgottenharvest.org/volunteer)

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### Everyday Volunteering

If you contact Marci she can come up with different opportunities daily for volunteers, but must call ahead and book your day with her to ensure the opportunity is not filled up on a specific day. At least a 3 hour commitment.

[www.forgottenharvest.org/volunteer](http://www.forgottenharvest.org/volunteer)

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## Forgotten Harvest Farm

<http://www.forgottenharvest.org/>

Forgotten Harvest Farms is 103 acres of land on which are grown and harvested over 850,000 pounds of fresh, healthy produce each year for distribution to those in need in metro Detroit..

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**Contact: Nakeita Harris**  
**9153 Major Road**  
**Road**

**Farm Volunteer Coordinator**  
**Fenton**

**248-302- 7472**  
**[nharris@feedingamerica.org](mailto:nharris@feedingamerica.org)**

### Farm Work

Activities include weeding, harvesting and maintenance. Be sure to dress for the weather! Bring gloves, sunblock and water. Volunteer opportunities from April to October.

[www.forgottenharvest.org/volunteer](http://www.forgottenharvest.org/volunteer)

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## Fort Street Open Door

<http://www.fortstreet.org/Open%20Door/overview.html>

Thursday morning meal for over 400 homeless or poor people. Career closet open on Tuesdays.

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**Contact: Benjamin Ogden**  
**631 West Fort Street**

**Open Door Director**  
**Detroit**

**313-961-4533 x 34**  
**[open-door@fortstreet.org](mailto:open-door@fortstreet.org)**

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### **Serve a Meal to homeless and poor**

Serve food and/or distribute clothes to those in need. Thursdays 8-11am.

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### **Career Closet**

On Tuesdays volunteers are needed to sort clothing from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. in preparation for the Tuesday Career Closet. Then from noon - 2:00 p.m. volunteers are needed to assist approximately 25 women who receive clothing from the Career Closet each week.

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### **Behind the Scenes Work**

Various daytime jobs that support the soup kitchen and clothing closet. Will try to work with your schedule and interests.

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## **Freedom House**

[www.freedomhousedetroit.org](http://www.freedomhousedetroit.org)

Shelter and support for immigrants, including victims of human trafficking.

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**Contact:** *Ms. Carrie Bozman*  
*2630 W. Lafayette*

*Volunteer Coordinator*  
*Detroit*

*313-964-4320*  
*volunteer@freedomhousedetroit.org*

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### **Language Partners**

Help residents learn English by being a language partner. Meet with one of the residents once a week for 60 to 90 minutes for eight weeks. Work on English, review current events, read a book together, and discuss differences in cultures. This can be tailored to both the student's and resident's interests, talents and needs.

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## **Friendship House Food Pantry**

[DetroitFriendshipHouse.org](http://DetroitFriendshipHouse.org)

Food pantry, THAW applications, Bi-annual baby shower, school supply giveaway, workshops

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**Contact:** *Cathy Maher*  
*9540 Conant*

*Office Manager*  
*Hamtramck*

*313-871-7443*  
*Cathy.Maher@att.net*

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### **Food Distribution to Seniors**

Senior food distribution at the Hamtramck Senior Plaza is usually the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10:00am-noon. Check in clients and help take food up to their apartments.

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### **Harvest Food Pantry**

Harvest Food Pantry - Check in clients or help distribute food. Tuesday 3:30 -5pm; Thursday 1-4:30pm and Saturday 9am-12pm

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## **Gleaners Community Food Bank**

[www.gcfb.org](http://www.gcfb.org)

Large food bank that collects surplus food and distributes it to emergency food providers.

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**Contact:** *Ms. Karen Rogensues*  
*2131 Beaufait*

*Detroit*

*313-923-3535 x 239*  
*detvol@gcfb.org*

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## Monitoring Sites

Visit 8 sites for a total of 2-3 hours around school, work, or home during the semester. Complete monitoring form and return it to Gleaners.

Must haves: Be able to write; thoroughly enjoy driving; have a good driving record; Have a cell phone; Be illegal drug and alcohol free; Be able to work alone once instructed. Contact Darryl Hicks at dhicks@gcfb.org or (313)-570-8172

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## Food Packing/Sorting/Other

Work projects vary. Examples include pulling agency orders, de-tagging clothing, cleaning, packing food boxes, backpacks, mailings, and sorting through canned good items collected via a food drive. Detroit location: Tues-Fri (8:45am-noon) up to 40 volunteers and Sat (8:45am-noon or 12:45-3:30pm) up to 60 volunteers. Hours also available at the Warren, Howell, Pontiac and Taylor locations. Check the website for more information and complete and submit volunteer form.

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## Cooking Matters

Help facilitate classes that teach low-income individuals at risk of hunger how to select, purchase and prepare healthy low-cost meals. Two hours a week for six weeks. Contact rblauw@gcfb.org

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## Fresh Food Share Program

Assist in packing boxes of fresh produce for the Fresh Food Share Program - the third Wednesday/Thursday of each month between 9-11:30 AM. Volunteers are also needed to take orders at our Henry Ford Health Systems sites on the second Thursday of each month from 11-30 AM - 1 PM. Contact (313) 923-3535 ext. 203 or 313.550.8034 or FreshFoodShare@gcfb.org

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## Grace Centers of Hope

<http://www.gracecentersofhope.org/>

Oakland County's leading faith-based organization confronting issues of homelessness, addiction, poverty and spiritual emptiness.

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**Contact:** *Miranda Glascock*  
*35 E. Huron*

*Pontiac*

*855-435-7424*  
*mglascock@gracecentersofhope.org*

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## Various Opportunities w/ Residents

Help prepare and serve meals, act as a mentor, tutor, babysit, or decorate the building.

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## Outdoor work or Behind the Scenes

Office Work; Holiday Preparations; Work in one of the Thrift Stores; upkeep of homes and properties and landscaping in better weather

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## Teach a Class

Share your expertise with the residents on budgeting, nutrition, stress management, communication, or any topic that could help develop skills for daily life.

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## Hope Center in Macomb

[www.hopecentermacomb.org](http://www.hopecentermacomb.org)

A client-choice food pantry in Macomb County.

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**Contact:** *Tammy White*  
*33222 Groesbeck Highway*

*Volunteer Coordinator*  
*Fraser*

*586-294-HOPE*  
*volunteer@hopecentermacomb.org*

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## Food Pantry

Food Pantry - Sign in clients, help in 'grocery store', carry groceries to car. Tuesday thru Saturday, 9am-3pm. May need to attend an orientation session.

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## Interim House

[http://www.ywcadetroit.org/ywca\\_interim\\_house.htm](http://www.ywcadetroit.org/ywca_interim_house.htm)

Temporary housing and support services for battered women and their children.

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**Contact:** *Ms. Emma Peterson* *President and CEO YMCA of Metro Det* *313-259-9922 x 203*  
*985 East Jefferson Avenue Suite* *Detroit* *emmaywcadet@aol.com*  
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## Office Work

Help with printing appeals letters and envelopes.

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## Activities with Women and Children in a Domestic Violence Shelter

Assist counselor with activities for children and/or women at a domestic violence shelter (due to sensitive nature of shelter residence, volunteer activities are at the discretion of Event Coordinator).

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## Lighthouse of Oakland County, Inc.

[www.lighthouseoakland.org](http://www.lighthouseoakland.org)

Emergency services, long-term housing for women and children, housing and job counseling, senior assistance

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**Contact:** *Audrey Kuzma* *Volunteer Resources Assistant* *248-920-6000x2210*  
*46156 Woodward* *Pontiac* *Akuzma@lighthouseoakland.org*

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## Receptionist

6 month commitment, 4 hours per week, 8am – noon or noon – 4:00pm.

With a warm smile and a pleasant voice this person will answer the switchboard phone and redirect callers to a staff person. They will greet visitors as they arrive for meetings with staff members. They will also be responsible to assist with mailings and other administrative tasks as needed.

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## Drivers

Drivers needed who can be on call Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Pick up donations at schools, churches, businesses, stores or homes within Oakland County (Bloomfield, Bloomfield Hills, Birmingham and Troy).

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## Senior Luncheon

Lighthouse provides a monthly luncheon for seniors and are looking for volunteers to help with this.

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## Manna Meals

<http://stpetersdetroit.com/ministries/mannacommunitymeal/>

A Soup Kitchen in Detroit's Corktown neighborhood offering a respite from the harsh realities of the street.

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**Contact:** *Ms. Marianne Arbogast* *Co-Manager* *313-843-3613*  
*1950 Trumbull* *Detroit* *mariannearbogast@comcast.net*

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**Breakfast for Homeless**

Serve breakfast 7am-11:30am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday. Volunteers would be preparing sandwiches and coffee and serving the homeless clients.

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**McAuley Health Center**

<http://healthprofessions.udmercy.edu/mcauley-health-center/index.htm>

Nurse Managed Health Care Center providing services to the underserved on Detroit's east side.

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**Contact:** *Carla Groh PhD,RN*  
*5555 Conner*

**Project Director**  
*Detroit*

**313-993-2487**  
*grohcj@udmercy.edu*

**Health Center**

Carla Groh will work with individuals to set up a meaningful service-learning experience tailored to their course objectives. Possible duties could include (but are not limited to) registering clients, community outreach, shadowing nurse practitioners, marketing, and clerical work.

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**MCREST Rotating Homeless Shelter**

<http://www.mcrest.org/>

Provides shelter through hospitality in rotating host parishes for the homeless in Macomb county.

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**Contact:** *Trish Pearce*  
*20415 Erin*

**Program Information**  
*Roseville*

**586-415-5101 x 224**  
*trishp@mcrest.org*

**Rotating Homeless Shelter**

Various opportunities such as mass mailings, sorting donations and occasionally helping out a congregation in Macomb County that hosts the homeless. Must fill out an application on the website before volunteering.

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**Mercy Primary Care Center**

<http://www.mercyprimarycare.org/>

Healthcare for uninsured and/or homeless. Shower program also available.

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**Contact:** *Cheryl Starr-Hayes*  
*5555 Conner Suite 2691*

**SPA Community Liaison Representative** **313-692-8400**  
*Detroit* *hayescs@trinity-health.org*

**Spa Program for Homeless**

Package hygiene kits, sort clothing, make phone calls for donations, assist the SPA Coordinator with the clients, wash towels, clean shower, and fold towels. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. -3:30 p.m.

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**Homeless Awareness Project Planning**

Homeless Awareness events occur in November and spring annually. Work with MPCC staff to help plan and execute effective programming and public awareness.

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**N.O.A.H. Project (Central United Methodist)**

[www.noahprojectdetroit.org](http://www.noahprojectdetroit.org)

Lunch program and comprehensive array of services for the homeless.

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**Contact:** *Ms. Chelsea Williams* *Bag Lunch Program Coordinator* *313-965-5422 x 123*  
*23 E. Adams* *Detroit* *cwilliams@noahprojectdetroit.org*

### **Bag Lunch Service**

Monday-Thursday from 10:30-12:00. Come at 9:30am to prep lunches and then stay to help serve them. Lunch is served out of the 2nd floor of Central United Methodist Church at 23 E. Adams, with free parking in the church lot located on E. Elizabeth.

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## **NSO**

<http://www.nso-mi.org/>

Serves the homeless, elderly, children and adults with developmental disabilities, families struggling with addiction and mental illness, people contemplating suicide, as well as young people preparing for success in school or success

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**Contact:** *Jesuit Volunteer* *Community Involvement Coordinator* *313-967-5950*  
*882 Oakman Blvd* *Detroit*

### **Fun and Games with Residents**

Volunteers work with formerly homeless residents to help facilitate fun and games like Bingo. Open to new games and activities. Bingo is generally held one Friday per month on Fridays at 1 PM

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**Contact:** *Ms. Jesuit Volunteer* *Community Involvement Coordinator* *313-967-5950*  
*882 Oakman Blvd* *Detroit*

### **Offer informational and/or fun events for residents**

Work with formerly homeless residents in a Recovery Services unit to create and lead projects. In the past students have done crafts, planned fun events. NSO interested in financial literacy sessions. Recommended that minimum of 2-3 visits be prearranged. Located at NSO Bell Building.

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## **P.B.J. Outreach**

<https://www.pbjoutreach.org/>

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**Contact:** *Service Leader* *Leader* *298-348-6899*  
*47650 Territorial Rd.* *Plymouth* *pbjoutreachinc@gmail.com*

### **Making and Distributing Food/Clothing**

Food and clothing distribution for the homeless of Detroit. Sat: 7:30-9 A.M. for distributing food in Detroit. M,Th in Plymouth for sorting clothing, making food to pass out. Use "Contact Us" page to serve: <https://pbjoutreach.org/contact-us/>

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## **Ruth Ellis Center**

<http://www.ruthelliscenter.org>

Residential and drop-in programs for LGBTQ teens and adults

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**Contact:** *Volunteer Coordinator* *313-252-1950*  
*77 Victor St* *Highland Park* *info@ruthelliscenter.org*

### **Various needs to support LGBTQ teens**

Work in the drop-in center, Cyber Center, help with meals, laundry, mailings, etc. T,Th with teens, M,W with ages 17-30; 3-8 PM. To volunteer, you will need to complete an orientation, submit a background check, and complete paperwork.

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## Rx for Reading Detroit

<http://rxreading.org/>

This agency promotes literacy among young students in Detroit by providing free, high-quality children's books and opportunities to read them.

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**Contact:** *Dr. Mary-Catherine Harrison PhD*                      *Director*                      *(313) 993-1081*  
*4001 W. McNichols*                      *Detroit*                      *readingdetroit@gmail.com*

### Head Start Reading

You will read two books with the fantastic preschoolers at one of the partner headstart programs.

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### Help Move Little Free Libraries

You will help set up an event to paint 10 Little Free Libraries. You will help move libraries from storage onto the lawn of Briggs and heavy lifting involved! 10/23/2015 (Fri. 8:15AM - 9:15AM or 12:15PM - 1:15PM)

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### Developmental Center Reading

You will read two books with the fantastic preschoolers at Developmental Center and then help them each pick a new book to take home. Every Thu. 2:30PM - 3:15PM at 13220 Greenfield, Detroit, MI 48227. Call 313-651-5390 if interested.

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### Peggy's Place Reading

You will read two books with the fantastic preschoolers at Peggy's Place and then help them each pick a new book to take home. Every Tue. 10:15AM - 11:00AM at 16630 Wyoming St; Detroit, MI 48221. Call 313-862-3234 ext 105 if interested.

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### Run a UDM Book Drive

You will work to run a book drive on all three UDM campuses individually or in a group. The book drive would run from approximately November 4th to December 4th.

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### Fill up UDM Little Free Libraries

You will pick up about 100 books from Briggs 235 and fill the Little Free Libraries next to the McNichols bus stop and in Gesu Community Green (immediately across McNichols from UDM). Every Tue. 12:45PM - 2:00PM.

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## Service in the City

<http://www.udmercy.edu/ministry/>

This is a program run by University Ministry to provide service opportunities to students and coordinates transportation.

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**Contact:** *Taylor Topolski*                      *FCCP Student Leader*                      *313-993-1560*  
*topolstn@udmercy.edu*

### Community Gardens

Work on gardens in the neighborhoods immediately around the McNichols Campus. Work will probably include cleaning up landscaping, preparing for the spring season, or helping build community signs and new garden beds. Sign up with Ministry or email Taylor directly. Times tbd, depending on availability of volunteers.

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**Contact:** *Ms. Heather*                      *313-993-1560*  
*4001 W. McNichols*                      *Detroit*

### Mercado Client Choice Food Pantry

Wednesdays 2-4:30pm: The pantry is set up as a grocery store. Students accompany shoppers and sort/restock food as necessary. University Ministry coordinates transportation for the group that signs up with them.

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## South Oakland Shelter

[www.southoaklandshelter.org](http://www.southoaklandshelter.org)

Provides rotating shelter, meals and case management services for individuals and families.

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**Contact:** *Austin Kralisz* *Volunteer Coordinator* *248-809-3773 x 120*  
*18505 W. 12 Mile Rd.* *Lathrup Village* *austin@oaklandshelter.org*

### Organizing Donations

Help sort, hang, fold, stock, and organize donations. We need help organizing donations Monday through Friday and Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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### Tutoring

Provide educational support clients by assisting with homework, school projects, as well teaching positive study skills. Tutoring takes place at 5:00 p.m. at the SOS office or at 7:00 p.m. at the host site. Tutors should come once every week.

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### Special Events

Assist in the planning of events, as well as helping at the actual event (registration table, set-up, take-down, etc.). Times vary depending on the event.

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### Emergency Shelter Support

Assist at the rotating homeless shelter. Contact [austin@oaklandshelter.org](mailto:austin@oaklandshelter.org) to inquire about open hosting weeks, schedule a time to visit a host site, and discover other ways you can support our shelter.

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## St. Aloysius - St. Josaphat

<https://www.meetup.com/Secular-Franciscan-Order-Fraternity-Meetup-6-30-2nd-Tue/events/234994592/>

Day shelter for those living on the streets.

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**Contact:** *Mike Carsten* *810-814-0047*  
*mikecars10@gmail.com*

### Warehouse for the Poor

Receiving food and clothing items, sorting of food and clothing items, creating grocery bags, creating hygiene kits. Tuesday through Saturday 9:00 am – 1:00 PM.

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## St. Aloysius Catholic Church

<http://www.stalsdetroit.com/outreach.html>

Outreach to the homeless, the working poor and impoverished seniors in downtown Detroit.

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**Contact:** *Mr. Michael Carsten SFO* *Director* *810-814-0047*  
*1234 Washington Blvd.* *Detroit* *mikecars10@gmail.com*

### Homeless Outreach

Deliver food and other donated items to the homeless (7:30 - 9:30 am Monday through Saturday). Meet at 7:30 am at St. Aloysius Church. Pack donated sandwiches, hygiene supplies, socks, underwear and coffee into bike trailers and head over to the Transit Station. The hope is to build relationship and serve.

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### Street Ministry

Going out onto the streets ministering to the poor in teams serving food & beverage and whatever supplies we might have. Tuesday through Saturday from 7:30 am – 9:30 am.

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### Health & Wholeness Ministry, Grocery/Visitation Ministry

Going into the apartment buildings we serve delivering groceries to our seniors in need. Saturday 9:45 am – 11:00 am.

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### St. Dominic Outreach Center

[www.stdominicoutreach.org](http://www.stdominicoutreach.org)

Outreach center serving the homeless, disabled and working poor.

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**Contact:** *Sharron Jenkins*  
*4835 Lincoln*

**Director**  
*Detroit*

**313-831-6070**  
*stdominiccenter@aol.com*

### Food Pantry and Clothing Closet

Sorting and sizing clothing, preparing emergency food packages, holiday basket distribution, assisting in special events such as the Childrens Summer 'Fun Day' and Christmas Party. The food pantry is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. The Clothes Closet is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. Clannad Cribs & Tots Program, Mon., Tues., Wed., and Fri: 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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### St. Leo Soup Kitchen

<http://www.aodonline.org/nr/aod/customapplications/parish/parish.asp?InstitutionID=171&FRAMELESS=true&>

Soup Kitchen that seeks to bring aid to and relieve hunger of those in need in an economically deprived area of Detroit.

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**Contact:** *Chris Williams*  
*4860 15th Street*

**Volunteer Coordinator**  
*Detroit*

**313-897-6565**  
*cgtheceo@gmail.com*

### Soup Kitchen

Help prepare and serve lunch in the soup kitchen. Tues-Sat 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. (Hard to schedule for Saturday.) Also some dental and health screening and treatment. Best to call (email not good) between 9:30am and 12noon.

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### St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center

<http://www.svsfcenter.org/>

Provides educational offerings, basic skill building and academic enhancement for at risk children and adults.

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**Contact:** *Beth Kraft*  
*16800 Trinity*

**Director of Volunteers/Intern Svcs.**  
*Detroit*

**313-535-9200x3104**  
*beth.kraft@svsfcenter.org*

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### GED Prep Tutors

GED Preparation Tutors work one-on-one with adult students. Focus is on improving the Math and Language Arts skills needed to pass the GED test. Hour and half, day and evening sessions are offered. Classes located at several sites throughout Detroit.

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## Sts. Peter & Paul Church and Pope Francis Warming Center

<http://www.popefranciscenter.org/>

The Pope Francis Center is a warming Center and much more offering food, laundry room, shower room, and wash-up room, hospitality, and hygiene care.

**Contact:** *Ms. Chris Harthen*  
*438 St. Antoine*

*Warming Center Director*  
*Detroit*

*313.961.8077 ext. 202*  
*Chris@popefranciscenter.org*

### Pope Francis Warming Center

Warming Center is open M-F from 6:30-11am. Opportunities include: Prepare and serve a meal, visit with the clients, pass out socks and underwear, and assist with laundry.

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### Pope Francis Center - Behind the Scenes

Call for current needs - cleaning, sorting, organizing, etc...

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## Turning Point, Inc.

[www.turningpointinc.com](http://www.turningpointinc.com)

**Contact:** *Ms. Elise Johnson*  
*Box 1123*

*Volunteer Coordinator*  
*Mt. Clemens*

*586-463-4430*

### Second Hand Rose Volunteer

SHR is a resale shop that accepts donations from the community. If you are interested in sorting and organizing, this is a great place to volunteer. Minimum of 4 hours/week.

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## Vista Maria

[www.vistamaria.org](http://www.vistamaria.org)

Residential program for abused, neglected or traumatized girls. Also, Alternative Education and Foster Care services for boys and girls.

**Contact:** *Becky Hermann*  
*20651 West Warren*

*Associate Manager of Volunteer Resou* *313-271-3050 x 114*  
*Dearborn Heights* *rhermann@vistamaria.org*

### Female Mentor

Mentoring program pairs female mentors (21 or older) with Vista Maria clients to help the girls rebuild relationships and learn from mentors. The client may learn independent living skills, get help with tutoring, and discover how to be a friend. A one-year commitment is asked for that you visit your mentee for at least one hour every week. Monthly activities are offered for all mentors and mentees. These requirements enable the mentor to make a life-long impact.  
<https://www.vistamaria.org/docs/VolunteerApplicationPart1forWeb.pdf>

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### Behind the Scenes

Help behind the scenes - Campus Beautification (e.g., painting, pulling weeds, planting flowers, etc.), general office support or holiday preparation (e.g., creating and taking down the annual Haunted House, wrapping and sorting Christmas gifts).  
<https://www.vistamaria.org/docs/VolunteerApplicationPart1forWeb.pdf>

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## World Medical Relief

[www.worldmedicalrelief.org](http://www.worldmedicalrelief.org)

Distributes surplus medical supplies to those in need

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**Contact:** *Carolyn Racklyeft* *Volunteer Coordinator* *313-866-5333 x 222*  
*21725 Melrose Avenue* *Southfield* *cracklyeft@worldmedicalrelief.org*

### Pack Medical Supplies

Pack medical supplies - specific Saturdays from 9am-11:30am or call to schedule a group during the week.

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## Yad Ezra Foodbank

<http://www.yadezra.org>

Kosher Food Pantry

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**Contact:** *Ms. Darlene Rothman* *Client/Volunteer Coordinator* *248-548-3663*  
*2850 W. 11 Mile Rd.* *Berkley* *darlene@yadezra.org*

### Warehouse Work

Sort, shelve and stock food in the warehouse. Sunday 10am-2pm or Monday & Wednesday 9:30am-2pm.

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### Client Intake/"Shop" with client

Client Intake: Data entry experience is helpful, as is knowledge of Russian and Yiddish or accompany clients through the warehouse and fill the clients' grocery carts. Sun 12-2pm, Mon & Wed 10am - noon, or Tues & Thur 630-8pm.

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## Zaman International

<http://www.zamaninternational.org/index.php>

To facilitate change and advance the lives of marginalized women and children, by enabling them to meet essential needs common to all humankind.

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**Contact:** *Ms. Monica Boomer* *Director of Community Engagement* *313-551-3994 x205*  
*26091 Trowbridge St* *Inkster* *mboomer@zamaninternational.org*

### Nightly Food Delivery

Package and deliver prepared food to families in Dearborn and Canton

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### Staffing Drives

Staff various drives throughout the year; clothing/coats, school supplies/backpacks, dryfood/supplies.

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### Office Projects

Office Projects: prepare newsletters, preparation of various communications pieces, accounting.

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