



# Women and Gender Volunteer Sites

## Alexandria Domestic Violence Intervention Project

The Domestic Violence Intervention Project (DVIP) is dedicated to promoting safe and healthy relationships through community coordination. DVIP addresses arrest, prosecution, victim advocacy, treatment, education, and training. DVIP aims to coordinate and monitor the response of the legal system and the community to family violence in Alexandria, Virginia.

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## Becky's Fund

Becky's Fund works to fight against Domestic Violence and make individuals aware of its danger through promoting activism and creating support systems. Volunteers help with fundraising, event planning, administrative support, and activism.

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## Calvary Women's Shelter

Women who come to Calvary find more than a safe place to live and basic needs like nutritious meals. Calvary also provides women educational programs, employment opportunities, personal support from case managers, mental health services, addiction recovery support and much more. With a strong emphasis on resident involvement, collaboration with other agencies, and excellence in management, Calvary strives to provide the best possible services to women in need.

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## Chess Girls DC

Chess Girls DC is a nonprofit organization serves to improve the confidence of girls through the practice of Chess. Chess Girls DC provides lessons to beginning chess players and enrichment activities for students who know how to play chess. Chess Girls DC was created in response to scientific evidence that self-confidence has a significant impact on learning and performance on many levels. Self-belief about one's ability determines how well students motivate themselves and perseveres in the face of difficulties. Volunteers are needed on Saturdays from 3-4:30 pm and will get an orientation prior to starting. Volunteers can work as teaching assistants, fundraising developers, event managers, investigating partnerships and social media management.

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## Community Bridges

Community Bridges empowers diverse girls to become exceptional students, positive leaders, and healthy young women. They accomplish this through academic skill building, conflict resolution, creative exploration, health and prevention, leadership and community action, outdoor discovery, and team building. Volunteer as a Dream Catcher mentor to 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls by attending bi-weekly dinner meetings and outings. This program lasts from early October until the end of May. Volunteers also can teach a one-time workshop such as how to play an instrument or yoga.

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## DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence

DCCADV is the District's leading voice on domestic violence public policy, systems coordination and reform. Partnering with our member programs, we: track and analyze legislative activity impacting victims and survivors of domestic violence; educate policy makers; collaborate with community based organizations and stakeholders; lead funding initiatives for domestic violence programs and services, and provide training on issues including confidentiality, domestic violence laws, barriers facing underserved populations. Volunteers can choose to help with policy, material distribution, outreach, and fundraising.

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## DC Diaper Bank

Works to ensure that babies and toddlers grow up healthy and safe with the diapers they need. Volunteers do everything from working in the warehouse to assisting with social media and marketing or holding their own diaper drive.

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### **DC Rape Crisis Center**

The DC Rape Crisis Center is dedicated to creating a world free of sexual violence. The Center works for social change through community outreach, education, and legal and public policy initiatives. It helps survivors and their families heal from the aftermath of sexual violence through crisis intervention, counseling and advocacy. The Center values accessibility, cultural diversity and the empowerment of women and children. Programs include helping adults recover from sexual violence, helping children recover from sexual abuse, accompanying survivors through the systems, educating the community, and training professionals. Volunteers are responsible for staffing a 24-hour crisis hotline and serving as an advocate at DC area hospitals (though primarily through Washington Hospital Center), in police stations, and in court.

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### **DC SAFE**

DC SAFE works to protect the safety and self-determination of domestic violence survivors through emergency services, court advocacy, and system reform. DC SAFE focuses on intimate partner violence. Volunteers can serve as part of the Court Watch Project (ensuring justice for domestic violence survivors) or on the 24-hour response hotline.

**Contact:** (202) 506-2901 / [safevolunteers@dcsafe.org](mailto:safevolunteers@dcsafe.org) / [www.dcsafe.org](http://www.dcsafe.org)

### **District Alliance for Safe Housing**

At the District Alliance for Safe Housing, or DASH, we believe that all survivors of domestic violence and their families no matter what their situation, should have access to, and be welcomed into, safe housing and a wide variety of services that allows them to rebuild their lives on their own terms. Volunteers play a vital role in furthering the mission of DASH, by supporting programming and working one-on-one with our residents. We have a number of opportunities to volunteer including tutoring, Art Group, dance classes and monthly service-learning trips.

**Contact:** Jasmine Owens / (202)-462-3274 / [domesticshelters.org](http://domesticshelters.org)

### **Family Health & Birth Center-Community of Hope**

The Family Health and Birth Center (FHBC) is a full scope birth center providing prenatal, birth, postnatal, gynecological and primary health care to women and their families in NE Washington D.C. Volunteers assist with childcare, translation services, administrative health clinic tasks and gardening.

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### **Feminist Majority Foundation**

The Feminist Majority Foundation (FMF) is a cutting-edge organization dedicated to women's equality, reproductive health, and non-violence. FMF utilizes research and action to empower women economically, socially, and politically. Volunteers work in the office and assist with events.

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### **Girls Rock! DC**

GRDC utilizes music education to create a supportive, inclusive and creative space for girls, non-binary and trans youth to develop their self-confidence, build community, stand up and rock out! Volunteers work as merchandise specialists, fundraising event management, investigating partnerships and showcasing sponsorships.

**Contact:** (202) 681-7625 / [communications@girlsrockdc.org](mailto:communications@girlsrockdc.org) / [volunteer@girlsrockdc.org/](mailto:volunteer@girlsrockdc.org)  
1525Newton St., NW, Washington, DC 20010

### **HIPS**

HIPS' mission is to assist female, male, and transgender individuals engaging in sex work in Washington, DC in leading healthy lives. Utilizing a harm reduction model, HIPS' programs strive to address the impact that HIV/AIDS, STIs, discrimination, poverty, violence and drug use have on the lives of individuals engaging in sex work.

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### **Just Associates (JASS)**

Just Associates is an international feminist organization driven by the partners and initiatives of its regional networks in Mesoamerica, Southern Africa and Southeast Asia. JASS is dedicated to strengthening and mobilizing women's voice, visibility and collective organizing power to change the norms, institutions and policies that perpetuate inequality and violence, in order to create a just, sustainable world for all. JASS equips activist leaders from all walks of life, promotes and sustains grassroots and local-to-global organizing, and maximizes women's creative use of social media to amplify their visibility.

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### **Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care**

Mary's Center provides health care, family literacy, and social services to 24,000 individuals whose needs too often go unmet by the public and private systems. Mary's Center uses a holistic, multipronged approach to help each participant access individualized services that set them on a path toward good health, stable families, and economic independence. The Center offers high-quality, professional care in a safe and trusting environment to residents from the DC metropolitan region, including individuals from over 90 countries. Volunteers can mentor teens, assist nurses, promote mothering skills, development support, and nutrition information.

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### **Mautner Project of Whitman-Walker Health**

The Mautner Project improves the health of lesbians, bisexual and transgender women who partner with women (WPW) and their families by providing direct services, offering support to individuals with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses, as well as health & wellness groups. Initiatives include educating lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals about important health issues; educating health-care providers about the concerns of their lesbian, bisexual and transgender clients; working in coalition with other organizations on lesbian, bisexual and transgender health; conducting research; and promoting lesbian, bisexual and transgender health advocacy and activism at the national, state and local levels..

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### **My Sister's Place**

My Sister's Place is DC's oldest domestic violence shelter. It provides a full continuum of care for immediate crisis on their hotline and through transitional-to-permanent housing. Volunteers can assist administratively, through the children's program, and with the Spring exhibition on the National Mall.

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### **N Street Village**

N Street Village is a community of empowerment and recovery for homeless and low-income women in Washington, D.C. With comprehensive services addressing both emergency and long-term needs, we help women achieve personal stability and make gains in their housing, income, employment, mental health, physical health, and addiction recovery. Individual volunteers can work directly with our clients or behind the scenes to help keep our organization running smoothly.

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### **Purses For A Purpose**

Purses For A Purpose, Inc. accepts donated purses, handbags, and backpacks and fills them with travel-sized toiletries to deliver to homeless women in select cities across the nation. We collect good condition, mid-sized, arm-deep purses, and handbags that can fit donated travel-sized toiletries in order to deliver them to homeless women.

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### **The Northwest Pregnancy Center**

With both their Maternity Home and the Pregnancy Center programs, The Center's mission is to support pregnant and parenting women in need, to act on a belief in the intrinsic value and dignity of all human life, and to provide for new beginnings for pregnant and parenting women. The Center believes that it is essential for every pregnant woman to have access to safe housing, food, clothing, medical care, and educational and/or job opportunities so that she can adequately provide for herself and her children. Opportunities include: volunteering at events, hosting a fundraiser or diaper and formula drive at your home, church or office, volunteering at the Center, or even mentoring at the Center.

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### **NVRDC (Network for Victim Recovery DC)**

This organization has two main areas: advocacy and legal services, both are provided for free to crime victims (most of their clients are victims of sexual assault). The majority of the student survivors who go through a Title IX investigation, use NVRDC as their advisors to provide legal guidance. Any survivor that gets a Sexual Assault Nursing Examination (which can include evidence collection) goes to the Washington Hospital Center, and an advocate for NVRDC meets them at the hospital. That advocate will continue the case management with that individual.

**Contact:** (202) 742-1727 / [www.nvrdc.org](http://www.nvrdc.org) 6856 Eastern Ave., Washington, DC 20012

### **Planned Parenthood**

Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington's (PPMW) mission is to provide high quality, affordable reproductive health care; promote education programs that empower all individuals to make informed and responsible reproductive choices and to protect the right to make those choices. PP is recruiting volunteers interested in participating in the pilot of this advocacy project. As an HCAP volunteer, you will first attend trainings on advocacy in the health center and talk with our patients in the waiting room who would like to share their healthcare stories. We are looking for volunteers who are willing to come into the health center on a periodic basis.

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### **RAINN (Rape, Abuse, Incest National Network)**

SAFE works to protect the safety and self-determination of domestic violence survivors through emergency services, court advocacy, and system reform. Volunteers can serve as part of the Court Watch Project or on the 24-hour response hotline.

**Contact:** (202) 544-1034 / [www.rainn.org](http://www.rainn.org) / [www.volopps.rainn.org](http://www.volopps.rainn.org) 1220 L St., NW, Washington, DC 20005

### **Sister Mentors**

Sister Mentors is a community of highly motivated women of color of different races, ethnicities and backgrounds who come together to help each other complete the dissertation and get the doctorate. Most members are the first generation in our families to get an advanced degree or a doctorate. Sister Mentors gives back to the community by mentoring girls of color in middle and high schools in the Washington, D.C. area. Sister Mentors' message is to stay in school, do well and go on to college.

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### **Suited for Change**

Suited for Change's mission is to break down barriers to self-sufficiency by providing professional clothing, career and life skills education to low-income women. Our goal is to increase their employment and job retention potential. Our services are available at no charge and by referral only to low-income women who are actively seeking employment. Volunteer opportunities include Suiting, Pathways to Employment, Attire Collection, Special Events staffing, and administrative support.

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### **Women's Collective**

The Women's Collective is a Washington DC-based nonprofit organization led by women with HIV and their allies/advocates. The mission of The Women's Collective is to meet the self-defined needs of women and their families living with and at risk for HIV/AIDS, reducing barriers to care and strengthening their network of support and services.

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**Women Thrive Worldwide**

Women Thrive Worldwide advocates for change at the U.S. and global levels so that women and men can share equally in the enjoyment of opportunities, economic prosperity, voice, and freedom from fear and violence. Women Thrive Worldwide grounds their work in the realities of women living in poverty, partners with locally based organizations, and creates powerful coalitions to advance the interests of the women and girls they serve.

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