



Housing and Homelessness Volunteer Opportunities

& Food Programs

We Recommend...

Thrive DC

Thrive DC serves anyone in need, providing services to men and women of all ages, backgrounds, races, and ethnicities. The individuals who come through their doors often face multiple, complex barriers to a more stable life. Some face hunger or illness, and often are lonely and hopeless. Many are diagnosed with mental illness, and some struggle with substance abuse. Others have been victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault. A majority of our clients are living with chronic health problems-often without regular access to crucial medical care. Volunteers can help in our Breakfast program (8 - 11), Dinner Program (4 - 6), Computer Lab (10 - 5), or with our Employment Services. Visit their website at www.thrivedc.org/volunteer to get started.

Contact: Greg Rockwell (202) 503-1528/ volunteer@thrivedc.org / www.thrivedc.org
1525 Newton St. NW Suite G1, Washington, DC 20010

A Wider Circle

The mission of A Wider Circle is to empower children and adults to break the cycles of poverty and poor health. Its comprehensive wellness programming helps individuals gain greater control of their wellbeing, while the delivery of furniture, home goods and more helps individuals and families meet their basic needs.

Contact: (301) 608.3504 / annethompson@awidercircle.org / www.awidercircle.org
9159-C Brookville Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910

Back on My Feet

Back on My Feet is a national non-profit organization that combats homelessness through the power of running, community support and essential employment and housing resources. The organization provides a community that embraces equality, respect, discipline, teamwork and leadership. At Back on My Feet, all members – regardless of race, education or socioeconomic status – join together to move their own lives forward as well as the lives of their teammates.

Contact: (202) 258-0832 / dc.backonmyfeet.org
122 C St., NW Suite 240 Washington, DC 20001

Brainfood

Brainfood is a non-profit youth development organization in Washington, DC. Using food as a tool, Brainfood builds life skills and promotes healthy living in a fun and safe environment. Volunteers help in the kitchen, garden, and at special events.

Contact: Amanda Kirsch (202) 615-1195 / amanda@brain-food.org / www.brain-food.org
Columbia Heights 1525 Newton St. NW / Chinatown 755 8th St. NW / Mt. Vernon Sq. 900 Mass. Ave NW

Capital Area Food Bank

The mission of the Capital Area Food Bank is to feed those who suffer from hunger in the Washington metro area by acquiring and distributing food through its network of partner agencies; educating, empowering and enlightening the community about the issues of hunger and nutrition. CAFB is a member of Feeding America, a national network of 200 food banks.

Contact: (202) 644-9800 / volunteer@cfoodbank.org / www.capitalareafoodbank.org
4900 Puerto Rico Ave. NE, Washington, DC 20017

Common Good City Farm

Common Good City Farm is an urban farm and education center growing food with and for low-income residents in Washington, DC and providing educational opportunities for all people that help increase food security, improve health, and contribute to environmental sustainability. Farm Volunteers are asked to do anything from planting seeds and weeding to painting or building. There are also opportunities to assist with office work.

Contact: (202) 559-7513 / info@commongoodcityfarm.org / www.commongoodcityfarm.org
V St between 2nd & 4th St., NW

The Community Council for the Homeless at Friendship Place

CCHFP addresses homelessness with innovative, customized programs that empower participants to rebuild their lives, find homes, get jobs and reconnect with friends, family, and the community. CCHFP offers outreach, hospitality, health care, case management, housing, jobs, education, and advocacy services.

Contact: Alan Banks, (202) 503-2969, abanks@friendshipplace.org / www.cchfp.org
4713 Wisconsin Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20016

Community for Creative Non-Violence

The CCNV's mission is to ensure that the rights of the homeless and poor are not infringed upon, and that every person has access to life's basic essentials – food, shelter, clothing and medical care. The CCNV is also committed to protecting the rights of the homeless, advocating on behalf of the underserved and preparing homeless men and women to re-enter into mainstream society as skilled and productive citizens.

Contact: (202) 393-1909 / volunteer@TheCCNV.org / www.theCCNV.org
425 2nd St, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001

Community Family Life Services

CFLS is a nonprofit organization that provides housing, case management, employment counseling, mentoring, youth development, and emergency services to low-income and homeless families and individuals in Washington, DC. CFLS has two primary goals: (1) to provide short-term crisis assistance, and (2) to empower families and individuals to change their lives over the long term. Programs include housing, emergency food and clothing, case management, employment services, support services, mentorship, camps, and parent services.

Contact: Erica Stevenson, (202) 347-0511 x4005 / estevenson@cflsdc.org / www.cflsdc.org
305 E St, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001

Community Foodworks

Community Foodworks is dedicated to creating market opportunities for local farmers and food producers in the mid-Atlantic region while increasing access to good, healthy, local food. Community Foodworks operates farmers markets across Wards 1, 2, 4, 5, & 7, and also runs educational programs.

Contact: Dalila Boclin, Food Access Director / dboclin@cfwdc.org / volunteer@cfwdc.org
Office location: 810 7th Street NE, Washington, DC 20002

Community of Hope, Inc.

Community of Hope creates opportunities for low-income families in Washington, DC, including those experiencing homelessness, to achieve good health, a stable home, family-sustaining income, and hope. Volunteers are needed to engage with children in our housing sites and health centers.

Contact: Lauren Cranman / volunteer@cohdc.org / (202) 407-7757 / www.communityofhopedc.org
Locations in NE, NW, SE, and SW DC.

DC Central Kitchen

The 5,000 meals DCKK dishes out every day are loaded into their fleet of trucks and distributed at little or no cost to 100 nearby homeless shelters, transitional homes, and nonprofit organizations, saving them money and nourishing their clients. Most importantly, these meals go out with a message: in the DCKK main kitchen, they offer a rigorous Culinary Job Training program for unemployed men and women who want to replace homelessness, addiction, and incarceration with new careers and changed lives. Food can do so much more than fill stomachs: their mission is to use food as a tool to strengthen bodies, empower minds, and build communities.

Contact: (202) 234-0707 / info@dccentralkitchen.org / www.dccentralkitchen.org
Jessica Towers / Volunteer Program Coordinator / (202) 601-7314 / jtowers@dccentralkitchen.org
425 2nd Street, NW Washington, DC 20001

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 / Volunteer Coordinator / (202)-462-3274 x227 / jowens@dashdc.org / dashdc.org

Food and Friends

Prepare, package, and deliver meals and groceries to nearly 1,000 people living with HIV/AIDS and other life-changing illnesses such as breast, lung, and colon cancer through D.C., Maryland, and Virginia.

Contact: (202) 269-2277 / volunteer@foodandfriends.org / www.foodandfriends.org
219 Riggs Road, NE, Washington, DC 20011

Friends of Guest House

Friends of Guest House is a nonprofit organization that provides a temporary home for women recently released from prison who need basic support services to facilitate a new start in life and successfully transition back into society. Friends of Guest House offers structure, supervision, support and assistance to women who sincerely want to improve their lives and break the cycle of incarceration.

Contact: (703) 549-8072 / volunteer@friendsofguesthouse.org / www.friendsofguesthouse.org
1 East Luray Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301

The Homeless Children's Playtime Project

The Homeless Children's Playtime Project's mission is to nurture healthy child development and reduce the effects of trauma among children living in temporary housing programs in the District of Columbia. Volunteers provide weekly activities, healthy snacks, and opportunities to play and learn for the children at emergency shelter and transitional housing sites in the District of Columbia. In the past eight years, 600 volunteers have served more than 1,000 children at eight playtime sites throughout the city.

Contact: (202) 329-4481 / deborah@playtimeproject.org / www.playtimeproject.org
1525 Newton St. NW, Washington, DC 20010

Hope and a Home

Hope and a Home brings an intensive, multifaceted response to address the heart of what is perpetuating poverty with each individual family. Using one-on-one coaching and peer support, parents and children build on their aspirations and strengths to achieve permanent housing, higher education, rewarding work, and valuable connections to their community.

Contact: Rosa Mooten, (202) 387-7091 x200 / volunteer@hopeandahome.org / www.hopeandahome.org
1439 R Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009

Jubilee Housing Inc.

Jubilee Youth Services

JYS is housed in Jubilee Housing, Inc. an affordable housing non-profit that serves over 850 low-income residents. JYS offers children academic support through homework and teaching activities based on DCPS standards. Along with traditional teaching scenarios JYS offers students community service opportunities, enrichment activities like cooking, and other life skill lessons to enhance the time students spend in our centers. At JYS you will be able to serve in early child education with our Early Start program, 3rd through 6th grade students in our Activity Zone, and 7th through 12th grade students in our Teen Renaissance center.

Contact: (202) 299-1240 / info@jubileehousing.org / www.jubileehousing.org
1640 Columbia Rd. NW, Washington, DC 20009

Jubilee Jobs

Jubilee Jobs is a non-profit workforce development organization committed to helping the poor, disadvantaged and unemployed in the Washington, DC area obtain the jobs they desperately need and to guide them in moving beyond poverty toward sustained self-sufficiency. Volunteer opportunities include giving mock interviews, leading workshops, being a counselor assistant, or being a move-up program mentor.

Contact: Sam Deleegn / (202) 667-8970 / sdeleegn@jubileejobs.org / www.jubileejobs.org
2712 Ontario Rd, NW, Washington, DC 20009

Manna

Manna's work focuses on three principal areas: Renovating or building affordable homes, educating first-time homebuyers for the process of home purchase and for success as homeowners, and training first-time homeowners and their neighbors

throughout the city to become community leaders. Volunteers can help with construction work, special events planning, and office work.

Contact: (202) 832-1845 / ctibbs@mannadc.org / www.mannadc.org
828 Evarts St, NE, Washington, DC 20018

Martha's Table

Martha's Table impacts over 1100 people a day with its programs, including those for children and youths from ages 3 months to 22 years old, and their families. Martha's Table runs a grocery program, daycare, after-school and summer programs, and family support services.

Contact: Francisca Alba / Asst. Director of Volunteer Management / (202) 750-8454 / volunteer@marthastable.org
www.marthastable.org
2122 14th St NW, Washington, DC 20009 (Martha's Outfitters NW)
2114 14th Street NW, Washington, DC 20017 (Martha's Table Headquarters)

Mary House

Mary House is a local nonprofit organization which works with immigrant and refugee families in the DC area. Mary House is open to all and many of the families are from foreign countries-including El Salvador, Mexico, Guatemala, Columbia, Bosnia, and Iraq. Volunteering entails mainly working with the after school portion of their program. They require once or twice a week, for at least 3 months to provide tutoring to children who are kindergarten through 6th grade. All of the children speak English, and are either in a French or Spanish program at their school (Elsie Stokes, located about 10 minutes from the after school location. This is just across the Catholic University/Brookland metro stop). The after school program lasts from 3:00 to about 6:00.

Contact: (202) 635-9025 / casademary@aol.com / www.maryhouse.org

Miriam's Kitchen

Miriam's Kitchen is committed to ending chronic homelessness in DC by creating meaningful connections with chronically homeless individuals, placing them in permanent supportive housing, and ensuring they have the necessary support to remain in housing. Miriam's Kitchen advocates for permanent supportive housing as a long-term solution, while meeting short-term needs by providing healthy meals and high-quality social services to more than 3,500 chronically homeless individuals each year. Volunteer opportunities include serving meals, preparing meals, and assisting case managers.

Contact: (202) 452-8926 / volunteer@miriamskitchen.org / www.miriamskitchen.org
2401 Virginia Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20037

My Sister's Place

As DC's oldest domestic violence shelter, My Sister's Place provides comprehensive programs and services that holistically address domestic violence and the unique challenges survivors face. These include a confidential 24-hour hotline, emergency shelter and transitional-to-permanent housing, therapeutic children's programming, after-care services, residential and non-residential counseling and case-management, community outreach and education in English and Spanish, and referrals to our community partners based on each survivor's individual needs. Volunteers can work with children, in administration, or with fundraising.

Contact: (202) 529-5261 / volunteer@mysistersplacedc.org / www.mysistersplacedc.org
Suite 303, 1436 U St NW, Washington, DC 20009

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, N Street Village helps 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 clients or behind the scenes to help keep the organization running smoothly. Volunteers work as learning lab monitors and tutors, prepare and serve lunches and dinners, pick up donations, help maintain the courtyard garden, assist on overnight shifts in our shelter, help with fundraising and event planning, and offer their professional health services to women in our Wellness Center.

Contact: (202) 939-2076 / hgauthier@nstreetvillage.org / www.nstreetvillage.org
1333 N St. NW, Washington, DC 20005

National Alliance to End Homelessness

The National Alliance to End Homelessness is a leading voice on the issue of homelessness. The Alliance analyzes policy and develops pragmatic, cost-effective policy solutions. The Alliance works collaboratively with the public, private, and nonprofit sectors to build state and local capacity, leading to stronger programs and policies that help communities achieve their goal of ending homelessness. We provide data and research to policymakers and elected officials in order to inform policy debates and educate the public and opinion leader nationwide.

Contact: (202) 638-1526 / info@naeh.org / www.endhomelessness.org
1518 K St. NW, 2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20005

Neighbors' Consejo

Established in 1994, Neighbors' Consejo is the only Latino, bilingual, and multicultural agency specializing in the prevention of homelessness in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Neighbors' Consejo is committed to helping homeless men and women who suffer from addiction, alcoholism and mental health problems. Volunteers are needed for outreach, computer literacy, intake and fundraising.

Contact: Sonia Rubio / (202) 234-6855 / srubio@neighborsconsejo.org / www.neighborsconsejo.org
6323 Georgia Ave. NW, Suite 206, Washington, DC 20011

The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army National Capital Area Command serves the nation's capital and its surrounding communities with programs and locations that serve families in need with emergency assistance, housing, substance abuse treatment, youth enrichment opportunities, spiritual care, and emergency disaster services.

Contact: (202) 756-2600 / www.salarmydc.org
2626 Pennsylvania Ave, Washington, DC 20037 (various volunteer locations)

Samaritan Inns

Samaritan Inns' mission is to provide structured housing and recovery services in an environment of support and accountability that will give homeless and addicted men and women the opportunity to rebuild their lives. Volunteers are needed for beautification, dinner fellowship, and other special projects.

Contact: Justin Feltman justin@samaritaninns.org, (202) 667-8831 / www.samaritaninns.org
2523 14th St, NW, Washington, DC 20009

SHARE D.C.

SHARE Food Network is an amazing and unique program that is open to everyone. SHARE distributes high quality affordable and nutritious food as a way to build community and strengthen families.

Contact: Ms. Twitty, (301) 864-3115 x011 / Ninotchika.Twitty@catholiccharitiesdc.org / www.sharedc.org
3222 Hubbard Road, Landover, MD 20785

Shepherd's Table

Shepherd's Table's mission is to provide help to people who are homeless or in need by providing basic services, including meals, social services, and medical support, clothing, and other assistance in an effective and compassionate manner. Volunteers are needed in the dining room, for food pick-up, for the clothes closet, and at the resource center.

Contact: (301) 585-6463 x1 / haileg@shepherdstable.org / www.shepherdstable.org
8210A Dixon Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

So Others Might Eat (SOME)

SOME moves the men, women and families we serve from crisis to stability, despair to hope, and dependence to self-sufficiency. Our model has three levels of care and support: Emergency, rebuilding, and stability. Volunteer opportunities include administrative work, professional services, elderly services, tutoring, food services, landscaping, and special occasion planning.

Contact: (202) 797-8806 / www.some.org / web@some.org
71 O St, NW, Washington, DC 20001

So Others Might Eat (SOME)—Isaiah House Location

The Isaiah House is a program that runs under So Others Might Eat (SOME), and is a supportive environment for adults whose lives have been impacted by homelessness as well as by severe and persistent mental illness. SOME believes that appropriate day program services, designed to enhance an individual's resilience, can reduce the degree of vulnerability that these adults experience and ultimately contribute to breaking the cycle of homelessness and poverty that they face. The Isaiah

House Day Program has three primary components: Drop-in Services, Psychosocial Support, and Membership. The core of all three activity areas is a supportive, strengths-based approach to working with vulnerable adults.

Contact: (202) 797-8806 ext. 1068 / www.some.org / web@some.org
75 Hanover Place, NW, Washington, DC 20001