**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.

**Contact:** Jenn Clayton, (703) 746-4911 / jen.enslen@alexandriava.gov
www.alexandriava.gov/domesticviolence

**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.

**Contact:** Meghan MacNeil, (724) 518-1169 / Meghan@beckysfund.org / www.beckysfund.org
5 Thomas Circle, NW Washington, DC 20005

**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.

**Contact:** Arielle Baker (202) 678-2341 / abaker@calvaryservices.org / www.cavalryservices.org
1217 Good Hope Rd SE, Washington, DC 20020

**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 persevere 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.

**Contact:** Robin Ramson / chessgirlsdc@gmail.com / 202-438-6377 / www.girlschessdc.com
Catholic University campus: 620 Michigan Ave NE, Washington, DC 20064

**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 8th 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.

**Contact:** Sia Boima (301) 585-7155 / sboima@communitybridges-md.org / www.communitybridges-md.org
8757 Georgia Avenue Suite 540 Silver Spring, MD 20910

**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.

**Contact:** (202) 299-1181 / volunteer@dcdadv.org / www.dcdadv.org
5 Thomas Circle, NW, Washington, DC 20005

**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.

**Contact:** volunteer@dcdiaperbank.org / www.dcdiaperbank.org / (202) 656-8503 / 315 12th St, NE

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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. Committed to the belief that all forms of oppression are linked, 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 our 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.
Contact: Amanda Lindamood, (202) 618-5089 / getinvolved@dcrcc.org / www.dcrcc.org

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 / 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 /domestichelters.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 child care, translation services, administrative health clinic tasks and gardening.
Contact: Lauren Cranman (202) 407-7757 / www.communityofhopedc.org/volunteer@cohdc.org

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.
Contact: (703) 522-2214 / www.feminist.org / volunteerdc@feminist.org
1600 Wilson Blvd., Suite 801, Arlington, VA 22209

Girls Rock! DC
Utilizes music education to create a supportive, inclusive and creative space for girls 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 / 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.
Contact: Sasanka Jinabasa /202-232-8150/ sasanka@hips.org / www.hips.org
1309 Rhode Island Ave, NE #2B Washington, DC 20018

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, maximizes women’s creative use of social media to amplify their visibility, and produces and publishes knowledge from practice.

Contact:  
(202) 232-1211 / info@justassociates.org / www.justassociates.org  
2040 S St. NW, 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20009

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 entire DC metropolitan region, including individuals from over 90 countries. Volunteers can mentor teens, assist nurses, promote mothering skills, development support, and nutrition information.

Contact:  
(202) 420-7014 / Stephen Wheadan volunteer@maryscenter.org / www.maryscenter.org  
2333 Ontario Rd. NW, Washington, DC 20009

Mautner Project of Whitman-Walker Health
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. Specific initiatives include educating lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals about important health issues; educating health-care providers about the needs and concerns of their lesbian, bisexual and transgender clients; working in coalition with other health organizations on lesbian, bisexual and transgender health; conducting research about lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals health; promoting lesbian, bisexual and transgender health advocacy and activism at the national, state and local levels; and advocating for public & private sector research on lesbian health.

Contact:  
Jacqueta Brooks (202) 797-3570 / jbrooks@whitman-walker.org/  
humanresources@whitman-walker.org/mautnerproject / 1701 14th St. NW, Washington, DC 20036

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.

Contact:  
tjones@mysistersplacedc.org / (202) 529-5261 / https://mysistersplacedc.org/

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.

Contact:  
Heidi Gauthier (202) 939-2075 / hgauthier@nstreetvillage.org / www.nstreetvillage.org  
1333 N St. NW, Washington, DC 20005

The Northwest Pregnancy Center
With both their Maternity Home and the Pregnancy Center programs, The Northwest Pregnancy 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 Northwest 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.

Contact:  
Natalie Jones (202) 483-7008 / natalie@northwestcenter.net / www.northwestcenter.net  
2702 Ontario Rd. NW, Washington, DC 20009

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 our 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
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. PPMW is also starting a new Health Center Advocacy Program (HCAP) that provides PPMW patients an opportunity to share their stories and advocate for reproductive justice! Storytelling is one of the most powerful advocacy tools, and many other Planned Parenthood Affiliates across the country have implemented this program. We are 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.

Contact: Lauren Valentine, Volunteer and Engagement Coordinator / lauren.valentine@ppmw.org www.ppmw.org / (202) 347-8500 x7251
1108 16th Street, NW, Washington DC, 20036

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 / 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.

Contact: Shireen Lewis (202) 778-6424 / www.sistermentors.org / director@distermentors.org
901 K St., NW Suite 700, Washington, DC 20001

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.

Contact: Cynthia Moses (202) 293-0351 / program@suitedforchange.org / www.suitedforchange.org
1000 Vermont Avenue NW, Suite 420, Washington, DC 20005

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 our doors often face multiple, complex barriers to a more stable life. They are hungry and sick, frustrated and confused. Many are diagnosed with mental illness, and some struggle with substance abuse. Others have been victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault. Many lack regular access to crucial medical care. Volunteers can prepare and distribute meals, facilitate a computer workshop, provide job search support, assist with administrative tasks.

Contact: Spencer Baldacci (202) 503-1533/ volunteerthrivedc.org / www.thrivedc.org
1525 Newton St. NW Suite G1, Washington, DC 20010

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.

Contact: Corliss Mitchel (202) 483-7003 / info@womenscollective.org /www.womenscollective.org
1331 Rhode Island Ave, NE, Washington, DC 20018

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.

Contact: Noel Schroeder (202) 999-4500 / nschroeder@womenthrive.org / www.womenthrive.org
1726 M St. NW Suite 1075, Washington, DC 20036

Women for Women International
Women for Women International provides women survivors of war, civil strife and other conflicts with the tools and resources to move from crisis and poverty to stability and self-sufficiency, thereby promoting viable civil societies. Become an ambassador by committing to support women survivors of war by working locally throughout the year to raise funds and awareness.

Contact: Kristie Hansen (202) 737-7705 / general@womenforwomen.org / www.womenforwomen.org
2000 M Street NW, Washington, DC 20036