



# Youth & Education

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## 21<sup>st</sup> Century School Fund

21CSF is dedicated to building the public will and capacity to modernize public school facilities so they support high quality education and community revitalization. Programs include Research & Communication, Community Engagement & Government Reform and Technical Assistance & Collaboration.

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## Academy of Hope

Academy of Hope Adult Public Charter School (AoH) works to bridge the education gap and create lasting impact in our community by offering tailored educational services for adults who, due to low-literacy and insufficient basic skills, are not able to find or retain living-wage employment and are often trapped in a cycle of poverty. They have helped more than 7000 D.C. residents improve their skills and more than 700 residents earn their high school diploma. AoH needs volunteers in various capacities, including reading and math tutors, career mentors and digital literacy skills buddies.

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## Alliance of Concerned Men

We have a number of initiatives currently operating under the ACM banner to include a study with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, C.U. R.E. Violence, the Conflict Resolution Manual "Train the Trainer" copywritten in partnership with the American University department of International Conflict Resolution and Peace, Credible Messengers, and our Greenway revitalization plan. We are currently looking for an administrative assistant, resource development liaison, vaccine contact tracers, volunteer coordinator, media correspondent, and community resource liaison. The fields we need help in are in event planning, fundraising, community outreach and engagement, and food distribution.

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3227 Du Bois Pl SE, Washington, DC 20019 (Greenway Community)

## Boy Scouts of America (BSA)

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) serves boys and girls from Kindergarten through age 21. Local units across all the city's wards provide programming which helps youth build self-esteem, have fun in the outdoors, learn values like good citizenship, and develop character. The program is driven by volunteers who teach skills, help youth plan activities and campouts, or assist unit leaders in developing their local program. Volunteer opportunities are available across the city and are flexible, depending on each volunteer's individual interests, background, and availability.

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## Carlos Rosario International Career Center

Carlos Rosario provides a variety of adult education and workforce development programs for Washington's immigrant community in job training, an Immigrant Family Literacy Program, GED classes in Spanish, a citizenship program, and leadership training. Every student is provided access to the supportive services department, which offers personal, and employment counseling; medical, legal and childcare social service referrals. Volunteers can assist in the classroom or get involved in other ways. Three options include: a morning program from 8:45-11:30 am, an afternoon session from 1-3:45 pm and an evening program from 6-9 pm.

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### **Chess Girls DC**

Chess Girls DC 501c3 nonprofit organization serves to improve the confidence of girls through the practice of chess. It 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 plays a tremendous role in a girl's approach to challenging circumstances. Volunteers are needed 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, McGivney Hall, Room 012 620 Michigan Ave NE

### **Community of Hope, Inc.**

Community of Hope's mission is to improve health and end family homelessness to make Washington, DC more equitable. COH creates opportunities for low-income families in Washington, DC, to achieve good health, a stable home, family-sustaining income, and hope through our programs for families experiencing homelessness and our three federally-qualified health centers. Volunteers are needed to engage with children in our three shelter-based housing sites for families (playing games, reading books, being creative & having fun!). Volunteers have the opportunity to take leadership roles in creating and implementing these activities.

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4 Atlantic Street, SW DC 20032 (Locations in NE, NW, SE, and SW DC.)

### **Critical Exposure**

Critical Exposure teaches youth to use the power of photography and their own voices to become effective advocates for school reform and social change. By empowering young people to develop skills as documentary photographers and advocates, Critical Exposure exposes citizens and policymakers to the reality of inadequate schools and low-income communities through the eyes of the youth who confront those realities every day.

**Contact:** (202) 986-2177 / www.criticalexposure.org  
1816 12th Street Northwest, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, DC 20009

### **DC Scores**

DC SCORES bridges the academic and athletic development of youth by providing them with creative writing and soccer activities each day after-school for five weeks during the summer. Beginning with only 5 schools in 1994, DC SCORES has quickly expanded to 21 participating schools within the District. Operating in Wards 1, 4, 5, 7 and 8, DC SCORES has worked with more than 3000 8-12 year olds and over 300 coaches and writing instructors in the D. C. Public Schools.

**Contact:** Lindsey Sharp / (202) 393-6999 / lsharp@dcscores.org / www.dcscores.org  
1140 Connecticut Ave. NW, Suite 1200, DC, 200036

### **District of Columbia International (DCI) School**

DCI is a cooperative, collaborative school founded by 5 language immersion public charter schools. The 5 DCI member schools are DC Bilingual Public Charter School, Elsie Whitlow Stokes Community Freedom Public Charter School, Latin American Montessori Bilingual Public Charter School, Mundo Verde Bilingual Public Charter School, Washington Yu Ying Public Charter School. These schools have amended their charters to include a secondary program (grades 6-12) at a new educational campus.

**Contact:** (202) 808-9033 / info@dcinternationalschool.org / www.dcinternationalschool.org  
1400 Main Drive NW, District of Columbia

### **Fihankra Akoma Ntoaso (FAN)**

FAN's goal is to bring a Positive Youth Development perspective to DC youth in foster care that provides young people with formal and informal opportunities to nurture their interests and talents, acquire new skills, and gain a sense of personal and group recognition in an atmosphere of hope.

**Contact:** (202) 380-9390 / info@fan-dc.org / www.fan-dc.org  
2815 Stanton Rd SE, Washington, D.C. 20020

### **The Fishing School**

By providing academic out-of-school time programs, TFS is changing generations and empowering youth to become responsible stewards of their future. Since 1990, The Fishing School has served as a safe haven and offered academic programs to more than 3,000 young people and their families in Washington, D.C. Through out-of-school time programming, TFS provides education instruction, mentoring, leadership development, test preparation and life skills training.

**Contact:** Crystal Iwouha/ 202-399-3618 / ciwouha@fishingschool.org / www.fishingschool.org  
4737 Meade St. NE, DC 20019

### **Fly By Nature Foundation**

Fly By Nature Foundation's (FBNF) mission is decrease overall bullying in schools by effectively empowering students with the tools & resources building their emotional intelligence. Our goal is to remove barriers so that students can achieve academic success and improved quality of life. We want to be that wrap around support for local Elementary & Middle Schools to improve school safety and create a positive environment for learning. Our 8-session curriculum covers these areas of concern: Bullying, cyber-bullying, online safety and digital footprint and online reputation, build emotional intelligence (Mental Health), conflict resolution and using nonviolent communication (NVC), empathy, kindness & diversity, suicide awareness and substance use, trauma informed awareness & coping mechanisms. Fly By Nature Foundation is looking for volunteers interested in facilitating, research and having think tank discussions on how we can improve our curriculum.

**Contact:** Executive Director Victor Terry/ 202 441-6317/ vterry@flybynature.org/ <https://FlyByNature.org>

### **For Love of Children**

Nearly 75% of DC students perform at or below basic levels in reading and math. For Love of Children's one-on-one tutoring program helps students achieve grade-level competency in reading and math. Each new tutor impacts the life of one more child. FLOC offers training and ongoing professional support, so no experience is necessary. Tutors need patience, creativity, flexibility, fluency in English, a sense of humor and the ability to commit to 2.5 hours of tutoring a week.

**Contact:** Jumanne Bradford (202) 462-8686 / jbradford@floc.org / www.floc.org  
1301 Pennsylvania Ave, SE, Washington, DC 20003

### **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!

**Contact:** (202) 681-7625 / volunteer@girlsrockdc.org / www.girlsrockdc.org  
1525 Newton St. NW, DC 20010

### **Hope and a Home**

Hope and a Home program assist families by offering low cost housing, advocacy, career development, after school activities and childcare. Volunteers can organize special activities for children, provide childcare for monthly meetings, observe students in classrooms, tutor students one-on-one, or assist with the development of activities for teen workshops.

**Contact:** Rosa Mooten/ (202) 387-7091 x500 / rmooten@hopeandahome.org / www.hopeandahome.org  
1236 Columbia Road, NW, DC 20009

### **Hope Multiplied**

HOPE Multiplied is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization serving the real needs of people and communities in the DC and surrounding areas. We have a variety of programs including Mentor, Read Aloud, Love Your City, and Healthy Start. We currently have open volunteer spots for the Mentor, Read Aloud, and Healthy Start Programs. The mentor and read aloud commitment is a 10 month school year, and the healthy start commitment can be a full year commitment, or an on and off commitment.

**Contact:** Ann Wiseman/ (202) 387-7091 x500 / ann@hopemultiplied.org / www.hopemultiplied.org  
80 M St SE, Washington, DC 20003

### **The Homeless Children's Playtime Project**

This 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.

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

### **Horton's Kids**

This organization is looking for dedicated volunteers to tutor and mentor children, grades K through 12. Horton's Kids is a community-based organization that serves 500 children, living in an isolated neighborhood called Wellington Park in Washington, DC's Ward 8. Horton's Kids' mission is to empower at-risk children and prepare them for successful and healthy lives through educational opportunities and comprehensive programs tailored to their needs. Horton's Kids provides a holistic, research-based continuum of academic, enrichment, and basic needs supports designed to empower children to succeed.

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400 Virginia Ave SW, Suite C-130, DC 20024

### **Jubilee Family Services Teen Center**

Jubilee Teen Center provides 6th-12th grade & young adults (up to 21years old) after-school and summer programs for Jubilee Housing residents and the surrounding community. Our goals are to improve outcomes in the following areas: academics; health and wellness; community service; college & career readiness; belonging; community building; and socioemotional growth. We do this by employing a youth development approach that aims to serve our teens and young adults through strong relationship building and community focus. We provide participants with the exposure, opportunity, skills, and resources to become their best selves emotionally, mentally, physically, academically and spiritually. Jubilee's new Teen Center will help teens and young adults prepare for college and career, including last gap scholarships for higher education through Jubilee to College.

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1631 Euclid St. NW #P-5, Washington, DC 20009

### **Kids Enjoy Exercise Now (KEEN)**

KEEN is a national, nonprofit volunteer-led organization that provides one-to-one recreational opportunities for children and young adults with developmental and physical disabilities at no cost to their families and caregivers. KEEN's mission is to foster the self-esteem, confidence, skills and talents of its athletes through non-competitive activities, allowing young people facing even the most significant challenges to meet their individual goals. Volunteer opportunities take place at St. Coletta School (SE) on Saturdays from 12-3pm, accessible via the Stadium-Armory Metro.

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### **LAYC Career Academy Public Charter School (LAYCCA)**

The LAYCCA provides youth ages 16-24 years with college credits, a rigorous and flexible GED, college preparatory curriculum; and career preparation in healthcare and information technology fields. They serve disconnected youth of DC. Volunteers can help provide tutoring for students in reading and math between the hours of 9am-3pm Monday through Friday. Volunteers must also pass a police background check & Child Protection Clearance. Key to this role is the ability to connect with urban youth. Metro & supply stipends are available based on need.

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3224 16th Street, NW, DC 20010

### **Latin American Youth Center**

LAYC is a non-profit youth development organization that provides local youth with multi-cultural, comprehensive, and innovative programs that address youths' social, academic and career needs. The Education Department seeks volunteers to support projects that involve after-school programs, college access office, and parent engagement initiatives. They are looking for students with skills to offer administrative support for all educational programs, to assist in community service projects, and to serve as near peer mentors to share the college experience with others taking on the college application process. Volunteer can work Monday-Friday with varying hours that range from 10am – 6pm.

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1419 Columbia Rd. NW, Washington, DC 20009

### **Latino Student Fund (LSF)**

LSF provides opportunities for a strong academic foundation for underserved PreK-12th grade students of Hispanic descent to promote higher education and professional leadership. LSF provides free programs for students from PreK-12 as well as their adult family members throughout the entire DC metro area. Individuals can volunteer at any of 4 sites choosing from options such as tutoring elementary school students, teaching English or computer classes, and mentoring a student through the college application process. Programs take place during the week from 3pm-6pm and on Saturdays from 9:30am-12pm. All sites require an online application and background check; certain sites also require TB test and fingerprinting.

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555 12<sup>th</sup> St NW, Suite 620, Washington, DC, 20004

### **Play & Thrive DC**

Play & Thrive DC strives to provide equitable critical development opportunities through playtime for children under 5 that will support their ability to thrive and flourish, and primarily work in Wards 7 and 8. Individuals can volunteer in the following capacities: Pop-up event support in communications, registrations, and day-of support, Communications and outreach support, design stimulating activities for children to participate in (i.e. STEAM, Literacy, Sensory), be playtime partners and assemble sensory boxes, manage the area, ensure children are being safe and engaged; read a short story to children ages 2-5 or share your musical or theatrical talents by entertaining children with instruments of your choice.

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1525 Newton St NW G1, Washington, DC 20010

### **The Next Step Public Charter School**

Next Step PCS aims to offer students who face extraordinary challenges and who are not supported adequately in traditional public school the chance to continue their education. This school is the oldest charter school in DC and is currently look for volunteers to provide academic support to GED and English language learners during a day-time and an evening program. Day-time hours are Monday through Friday, 9am to 3 pm. The evening program runs Monday through Thursday, 6 to 9 pm. Volunteers can let them know what days and hours work best.

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### **Sitar Center for the Arts**

This Center is a community arts organization offering after-school, Saturday, and summer arts education programs to residents of the Adams Morgan, Mount Pleasant, and Columbia Heights neighborhoods. The Sitar Center currently serves over 200 students in the areas of music, dance, drama, writing, and visual art. The programs are accessible and affordable to the youth in the neighborhood.

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1700 Kalorama Road NW #101, DC 20009

### **Safe Shores**

A children's advocacy center that provides intervention, hope, and healing for children and families affected by abuse, trauma, and violence in the DC-area. Safe Shores also works to prevent child abuse through education and training.

**Contact:** (202) 645-3200 / [team@safeshores.org](mailto:team@safeshores.org) / <http://www.safeshores.org/> 429 O St. NW, D.C. 20001

### **Sasha Bruce Youthwork**

Sasha Bruce Youthwork (SBY) delivers comprehensive services to meet the urgent needs of at-risk youth and their families and is a key provider of youth and family services in Washington, D.C. and the surrounding community. As a private, non-profit agency, SBY offers unique programs designed to provide a wide-range of services to young people and their families.

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741 8<sup>th</sup> Street, SE DC 20003

### **Student-Athletes Organized to Understand Leadership (SOUL)**

SOUL is a sports-based youth development organization partnering with DC Public Schools and other community organizations to provide academic, athletic, and professional development resources. We aim to use sports as a catalyst to break the cycle of poverty. We are currently looking for tutors and mentors for high school students Monday-Friday 3-5pm and Saturday 11am-1pm

**Contact:** Yun Simpson/ [ysimpson@soulprograms.org](mailto:ysimpson@soulprograms.org)/ [www.soulprograms.org](http://www.soulprograms.org) 1140 3rd St. NE, DC

### **Teaching for Change**

Teaching for Change provides teachers and parents with the tools to create schools where students learn to read, write and change the world. By drawing direct connections to real world issues, Teaching for Change encourages teachers and students to question and re-think the world inside and outside their classrooms, build a more equitable, multicultural society, and become active global citizens.

**Contact:** (202) 588-7204/ [info@teachingforchange.org](mailto:info@teachingforchange.org) / [www.teachingforchange.org](http://www.teachingforchange.org)

### **Teens Run DC**

Teens Run DC empowers at-risk youth to envision and work towards the achievement of personal goals through an adult mentoring and distance running program. Students train alongside their running leaders and mentors who guide youth to develop the skills necessary to achieve their running and life goals. They learn greater responsibility, discipline, perseverance, and goal-setting skills as they train for races. They also become healthier and feel better about themselves and work towards success in running and school. Individual mentors serve as positive role models and peers working towards similar goals.

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218 9th Street SE, Washington, DC 20003 (Rear Alley)

### **YouthBuild Public Charter School**

YouthBuild Public Charter School (YBPCS) is an alternative high school for young people seeking to transform their lives by re-engaging in their education in a non-traditional school environment. YBPCS prepares students for postsecondary education and the workplace by offering, in English and Spanish, academic, vocational and workforce development programs. Volunteers are needed to serve as math/science tutors, career coaches, or English-Spanish interpreters.

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