



# 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 with 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](http://www.thrivedc.org/volunteer) to get started.

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1525 Newton St. NW Suite G1, Washington, DC 20010

#### **Housing Up**

Housing Up builds thriving communities in Washington DC by developing affordable housing and offering comprehensive support services to over 700 homeless and low-income families. We are looking for volunteers to help facilitate our youth enrichment, health & wellness, and community building activities at our 3 affordable housing locations.

**Contact:** [Dficca@housingup.org](mailto:Dficca@housingup.org) (Dillon Ficca) or 202 291 5535 ext. 412  
5101 16<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC 20011

#### **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:** (215) 772-1080 / [www.backonmyfeet.org/washington-d-c/](http://www.backonmyfeet.org/washington-d-c/)  
500 New Jersey Avenue NW, Washington, DC  
1000 Spring Rd. NW Washington DC

#### **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](mailto:volunteer@cfoodbank.org) / [www.capitalareafoodbank.org](http://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](mailto:info@commongoodcityfarm.org) / [www.commongoodcityfarm.org](http://www.commongoodcityfarm.org)  
300 V St between 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> St., NW Office: 160 U Street NW

#### **Friendship Place**

The Friendship Place 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. The Friendship Place offers outreach, hospitality, health care, case management, housing, jobs, education, and advocacy services.

**Contact:** (202) 364-1419, [info@friendshipplace.org](mailto:info@friendshipplace.org) / <https://friendshipplace.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](mailto:volunteer@TheCCNV.org) / [www.theCCNV.org](http://www.theCCNV.org)  
425 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:** (202) 347-0511 x4005 / [brwashington@cflsdc.org](mailto:brwashington@cflsdc.org) / [www.cflsdc.org](http://www.cflsdc.org)  
305 E St, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001

### **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.

**Contact:** (202) 407-7757 / [volunteer@cohdc.org](mailto:volunteer@cohdc.org) / [www.communityofhopedc.org/](http://www.communityofhopedc.org/)  
4 Atlantic Street, SW Washington, DC 20032

### **DC Central Kitchen**

The 5,000 meals DCCK 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 DCCK 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:** Jessica Towers / Volunteer Program Coordinator / (202) 601-7314 / [jtowers@dccentralkitchen.org](mailto:jtowers@dccentralkitchen.org)  
425 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. They have a number of opportunities to volunteer including tutoring, Art Group, dance classes and monthly service learning trips.

**Contact:** Jasmine Owens (202)-462-3274 x227 / [jowens@dashdc.org](mailto:jowens@dashdc.org) / [dashdc.org](http://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. During the COVID19 Pandemic, Food and Friends is looking for people to deliver food to clients and assist in the kitchen for preparing meals. You can volunteer on their VolunteerHub Site.

**Contact:** (202) 269-2277 / [volunteer@foodandfriends.org](mailto:volunteer@foodandfriends.org) / [www.foodandfriends.org](http://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](mailto:volunteer@friendsofguesthouse.org) / [www.friendsofguesthouse.org](http://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 / [volunteer@playtimeproject.org](mailto:volunteer@playtimeproject.org) / [www.playtimeproject.org](http://www.playtimeproject.org)  
1525 Newton St. NW, Washington, DC 20010

### **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, 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade students in our Activity Zone, and 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in our Teen Renaissance center.

**Contact:** Alice Walker/ (202) 299-1240/[awalker@jubileehousing.org](mailto:awalker@jubileehousing.org) / [www.jubileehousing.org](http://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](mailto:sdeleegn@jubileejobs.org) / [www.jubileejobs.org](http://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](mailto:ctibbs@mannadc.org) / [www.mannadc.org](http://www.mannadc.org)  
6856 Eastern Avenue NW, Suite 100, Washington, DC 20012

### **Martha's Table**

At Martha's Table, we believe that every Washingtonian deserves the opportunity to thrive. We support strong children, strong families, and strong communities by increasing access to quality education, health and wellness, and family resources. We focus on fighting for food justice by increasing access to healthy food, offering nationally accredited education programs beginning at birth, and promoting family success by partnering with caregivers and providing fundamental resources.

**Contact:** (202) 328-6608 / [volunteer@marthastable.org](mailto:volunteer@marthastable.org) / [marthastable.org/volunteer](http://marthastable.org/volunteer)  
2375 Elvans Rd. SE Washington, DC 20020

### **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, Colombia, 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. This is just across the Catholic University/Brookland metro stop). The after-school program lasts from 3:00 to about 6:00.

**Contact:** (202)-780-5137 / [casademary@aol.com](mailto:casademary@aol.com) / [www.maryhouse.org](http://www.maryhouse.org)  
4303 13th Street NE, Washington DC, 20017, USA

### **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](mailto:volunteer@miriamskitchen.org) / [www.miriamskitchen.org](http://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](mailto:volunteer@mysistersplacedc.org) / [www.mysistersplacedc.org](http://www.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, 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](mailto:hgauthier@nstreetvillage.org) / [www.nstreetvillage.org](http://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](mailto:info@naeh.org) / [www.endhomelessness.org](http://www.endhomelessness.org)  
1518 K St. NW, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:srubio@neighborsconsejo.org) / [www.neighborsconsejo.org](http://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](http://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](mailto:justin@samaritaninns.org), (202) 667-8831 / [www.samaritaninns.org](http://www.samaritaninns.org)  
2523 14<sup>th</sup> 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/ [Ninochika.Twitty@catholiccharatiesdc.org](mailto:Ninochika.Twitty@catholiccharatiesdc.org) / [www.sharedc.org](http://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](mailto:haileg@shepherdstable.org) / [www.shepherdstable.org](http://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. Their 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 event planning.

**Contact:** Susan Nightingale/ [snightingale@some.org](mailto:snightingale@some.org) / (202) 797-8806 / [www.some.org](http://www.some.org)  
71 O St, NW, Washington, DC 20001

### **SOME's 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 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. Donation drop-offs are preferred during the COVID19 Pandemic.

**Contact:** Susan Nightingale / [snightingale@some.org](mailto:snightingale@some.org) / (202) 797-8806 ext. 1068 / [www.some.org](http://www.some.org)  
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