

# CHRISTIAN SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES CLOSE TO HOME & ACROSS METRO DETROIT



Please use this brochure as a guide to selecting Christian service opportunities throughout Metro Detroit. Inside you'll find the names and brief descriptions of organizations, their needs, and contact information. Organizations are listed by geographical proximity to PCA.

There are many more opportunities spread across our region. If you have a favorite place you enjoy volunteering, please share that information with Peggy Paulson at [peggy.paulson@plymouthchristian.org](mailto:peggy.paulson@plymouthchristian.org). Happy Serving!

## **SUBURBAN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**



### **SALVATION ARMY OF PLYMOUTH**

What is the Salvation Army? A thrift store, a disaster relief agency, a homeless shelter, a church? The Salvation Army is all these things and more. They exist to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to meet needs without discrimination. The Salvation Army on Main Street in Plymouth meets the needs of those in our immediate community. Throughout the year, they have a variety of volunteer needs. You can contact them about individual opportunities or be placed on their mailing list and receive needs updates periodically.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

- Bell Ringing, [ringbell.org](http://ringbell.org)
- Plymouth Tree Lighting & Kettle Kick-Off
- Thanksgiving Basket Distribution
- Christmas Toy Shop
- May Stamp-Out Hunger in conjunction with local post offices
- Spring Easter Outreach

#### **How to Volunteer:**

Please contact Volunteer & Special Events Coordinator, Sandy Kollinger, [sandra\\_kollinger@usc.salvationarmy.org](mailto:sandra_kollinger@usc.salvationarmy.org) or call her at 734-453-5464.

**Address:** 9451 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170



### **MIRACLE LEAGUE OF PLYMOUTH**

The Plymouth Miracle League believes every child deserves a chance to play baseball. Every weekend in the spring and fall, baseball teams meet up at the Plymouth Miracle League baseball field in downtown Plymouth and they need you to make these games possible. A student as young as 10 years old can be a Buddy. They need 100 Buddies every Saturday! Buddies can volunteer for as many or as few days as you want. There is no long-term commitment to Buddying (but you'll want to come back). They typically have the greatest need for Buddies to volunteer during the 1:00pm and 2:30pm games.

#### **How to Volunteer:**

1: Sign Up to Volunteer: <http://www.miracleleagueplymouth.org/volunteer.html>

2: Check in at the concession stand at least 10 minutes before your reserved time. They will give new Buddies a quick & easy run-down on your responsibilities, and answer any questions.

**Address:** 357 Theodore Street, Plymouth, MI 48170



### **CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Canton Public Library serves more than 90,000 residents of Canton Township and is the busiest single-branch library in the state.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Service Volunteers are a very special group of people who donate their time to help keep the library running smoothly and efficiently. Their volunteer assignments range from cutting scrap paper, dusting library shelves, shelving books, processing materials and more. Library Service Volunteers must be at least 14 years old.

#### **How to Volunteer:**

Click the following link to learn more about volunteering at the Canton Public Library:

**<https://www.cantonpl.org/volunteer>**

**Address:** 1200 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188



## **CANTON GOODFELLOWS**

Canton Goodfellows is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing Christmas gifts and clothing to children in Canton, Michigan at Christmas time. We also provide gift cards so that parents can purchase food for the holiday.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** There are several volunteer opportunities with the Canton Goodfellows. Learn more by visiting: <https://cantongoodfellows.org/welcome/get-involved/>

A specific activity that would be great for students is Work Week: Santa Elves. From December 11-December 16, 2017- volunteers prepare children's bags for Pick-Up Day.

### **How to Volunteer:**

All volunteer efforts are coordinated through Paula Kosbe, Canton Township Volunteer Coordinator. Contact Paula at [Paula.kosbe@canton-mi.org](mailto:Paula.kosbe@canton-mi.org) or call [1.734.394.5191](tel:17343945191) to let her know how you'd like to get involved.

**Address:** PO Box 87532, Canton, MI 48187



## **OPEN DOOR MINISTRY, CANTON**

Open Door Ministry exists not just to provide food for needy families, but to help them be able to provide food for themselves. They accomplish this mission through their food bank, job bank, ODM Graduate School and one-on-one counseling.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Open Door Ministry has many tasks to accomplish that require volunteers. All ages are welcome to join this community effort. You may come in any time during the following hours and stay as long as you like. Any help is greatly appreciated!  
Wednesday's 9:00 am – Noon: Packing groceries, cleaning

Thursday's 3:00 pm- 8:00 pm: Distributing food, helping with job bank, packing groceries, cleaning

### **How to Volunteer:**

**Individual:** If you're an individual who wants to volunteer, you don't have to call. Just come in and see either Steve Darr or Kevin Brooks. They distribute food every Thursday evening except for Thanksgiving Day and the week between Christmas and New Year's.

**Group:** If you're part of a group, please call 734-397-1777, ext. 201 or email us at [stevendarr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stevendarr@sbcglobal.net)

**Address:** 4301 S. Lilley Road, Canton, MI 48188



## **AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE**

The American Cancer Society is on a mission to free the world of cancer. Until they do, they'll be conducting research, sharing expert information, supporting patients, and spreading the word about prevention.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

The American Cancer Society couldn't do what they do without their volunteers and donors. Become a volunteer, make a tax-deductible donation, or participate in a fundraising event to help them save lives. A great opportunity for student volunteers is to assist with or join a local "Relay for Life".

### **How to Volunteer:**

Visit the Facebook page for the Canton/Plymouth Relay for Life: <https://www.facebook.com/RFLCantonPlymouthMI/>



## **HUMANE SOCIETY OF HURON VALLEY**

HSHV was founded in 1896. They are the only animal shelter in Washtenaw County that takes in all types of unwanted, injured, lost, stray, abandoned, and abused animals. Each year they help over 12,000 dogs, cats, rabbits, and other small animals.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

According to the HSHV website, "Our volunteers are our most important asset. The work they do for our animals, shelter, and our programs is invaluable. Each day, a volunteer improves the life of an animal here at HSHV. Our volunteers help over 10,000 animals a year through shelter cleaning, administrative support, foster care, dog walking, cat comforting, and many other assignments."

### **How to Volunteer:**

Adult volunteers: <http://www.hshv.org/site/PageServer?pagename=volunteerapp>

Youth volunteers (12-17): [http://www.hshv.org/site/PageServer?pagename=Junior\\_Volunteers](http://www.hshv.org/site/PageServer?pagename=Junior_Volunteers)

**Address:** 3100 Cherry Hill Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105, 734-662-5585



## **HOPE CLINIC, YPSILANTI & WAYNE**

Hope Clinic is a Christian organization that provides compassionate and practical help to those in need. They offer medical and dental care to the uninsured, plus a variety of social services to minister to the whole person.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Students can volunteer at Hope and learn about safety-net healthcare and social services. The following is a list of jobs that students can do:

- Filing
- Data entry
- Pulling and prepping charts
- Reminder calls
- Medical chart review and cleanup
- Many other possibilities

### **How to Volunteer:**

Contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 734-484-2989 or [challom@thehopeclinic.org](mailto:challom@thehopeclinic.org)

### **Addresses:**

Ypsilanti Clinic: 518 Harriet Street, Ypsi. 734-484-2989 | Wayne Clinic: 33608 Palmer Road, Westland 734-710-6688



## **FOOD GATHERERS OF ANN ARBOR**

Food Gatherers believes that in the land of the plenty, no one should go hungry. They are a food rescue and food bank program serving Washtenaw County.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Individuals (group size less than 3 volunteers) can volunteer at the warehouse located at 1 Carrot Way, Community Kitchen, or as a Food Runner.

Groups (families, companies, and students) can volunteer at the warehouse or assist with special events.

For more details about volunteering: <http://www.foodgatherers.org/?module=Page&SID=group-volunteer-job-descriptions>

### **How to Volunteer:**

Ready to get started? Please visit this website for volunteer registration:

<https://foodgatherers.volunteerhub.com/account/signin>

**Address:** 1 Carrot Way, Ann Arbor, MI





## UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN MOTT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

C.S. Mott Children's Hospital at the University of Michigan Health System is nationally recognized for excellence in clinical services, research and education. As one of the leading pediatric health care centers in the United States, their new state-of-the-art facility enables them to fulfill their continued commitment to providing newborns, children and pregnant women with the best health care possible.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

High School Teens between the ages of 16-18 can apply to volunteer at Michigan Medicine for the **summer session only** (June-August).

**Note:** Teens must be 16 years of age by June 15th to be eligible to volunteer at Michigan Medicine.

**How to Volunteer:** **Step 1** -[Register to attend an Information Session](http://www.med.umich.edu/volunteer/about/teens.html). The registration website opens in the **spring**. You must attend an Information Session *accompanied by a parent or legal guardian* to be eligible to volunteer.

Visit this website to learn more: <http://www.med.umich.edu/volunteer/about/teens.html>

**Address:** 1500 East Medical Center Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48104



## RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE ANN ARBOR

The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Ann Arbor has two Houses that provide a supportive home away from home for families of children 21 years of age and younger receiving treatment at a local area health facility. Located within walking distance of the University of Michigan Medical Centers, the **Main House** opened its doors in 1985 and serves over 600 families a year. The **Mott House** opened in December 2011 and provides a short-term respite for families of the most medically fragile patients.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

They offer a variety of service opportunities for groups interested in volunteering at the House. Church groups, university students, high schools, office staffs and other organizations have done group service for the House. They ask that you limit your group size to eight people at a time, age 16 years and older to maintain the restful atmosphere at the House. Individual volunteers must be 18 and over.

### **How to Volunteer:**

For information about volunteering as a group, please contact Stacy Laho at [slaho@rmh-annarbor.org](mailto:slaho@rmh-annarbor.org). If you have any questions about their volunteer program, please call (734) 994-4442.

**Address:** 1600 Washington Heights, Ann Arbor, MI 48104



## STARFISH FAMILY SERVICES

Founded in 1963, Starfish Family Services is a private, nonprofit agency serving vulnerable children and families in metropolitan Detroit. Early childhood development is their passion. Every day, they strive to prepare young children for a successful start to school. As a leading provider of Early Head Start and Head Start programs, they embrace a comprehensive strategy that works to address challenges the children and their families may face at home.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

There are a variety of ways to volunteer at Starfish, ranging from reading to preschoolers, helping in the community garden, tutoring elementary or middle school students, or assisting with food drives.

### **How to Volunteer:**

Contact Cheryl Majeske at 734-728-3400 or email her at [cmajeske@sfish.org](mailto:cmajeske@sfish.org) or fill out the online application:

<https://www.starfishfamilyservices.org/get-involved/volunteer-opportunities/>

**Address:** 30000 Hively, Inkster, MI 48141, 734-728-3400



## **VISTA MARIA, DEARBORN HEIGHTS**

Vista Maria exists to deliver innovative care, support, treatment and education to vulnerable youth so that they heal, believe in their worth, and build the skills needed to succeed.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

From an hour a week to an hour a year, there are a number of different volunteer opportunities available at Vista Maria. Volunteering at Vista Maria will not only fulfill your need to help others in your community, it has a huge impact in the lives of our youth, ages 11 to 18. Knowing that their community genuinely cares about their happiness and well-being gives them great self-esteem, which is vital in their road to recovery. The benefit of volunteering is not just for our young people, either. Many, if not most, of Vista Maria's volunteers have said they have learned more from the youth they have encountered there than they could have imagined. The impact the teens will have on you as a volunteer is something you will have to experience for yourself.

### **How to Volunteer:**

Click this link to learn more about how to volunteer: <https://www.vistamaria.org/volunteer/>

For more information about these volunteer opportunities, or to discuss an idea of your own, please contact Becky Hermann, the Associate Manager of Volunteer Resources at (313) 271-3050 x114 or at [volunteer@vistamaria.org](mailto:volunteer@vistamaria.org).

**Address:** 20651 West Warren Avenue, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127



## **Sunrise of North Farmington Hills, Senior Living Center**

Sunrise Senior Center is an assisted living senior center where a PCA alumni, Jenna Abraham Rahill, serves as the Activities and Volunteer Coordinator.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

There are several ways to touch the life of a senior citizen. You can work personally with Jenna to determine the best way you can volunteer. According to Jenna, "I feel incredibly blessed to have a job that I sincerely love. I believe that, as individuals, we all want to feel like we have a sense of purpose, belonging, and community. I love that my job helps instill and sustain those feelings in our residents. It is such a privilege to help residents realize how special, valued and loved they are. Even more than that, I love being able to learn from our residents. I'm thankful that I can genuinely take pride in the place that I work because Sunrise is a place that cares so deeply about its residents. I love that Sunrise consistently strives to put the residents first, no matter what."

### **How to Volunteer:**

Please contact Jenna Rahill at [248-538-9200](tel:248-538-9200) or email her at [FarmingtonHills.AVC@sunriseseniorliving.com](mailto:FarmingtonHills.AVC@sunriseseniorliving.com)

**Address:** 29681 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48334



World Medical Relief

## **WORLD MEDICAL RELIEF, SOUTHFIELD**

World Medical Relief exists to facilitate the distribution of surplus medical resources where they are needed, both locally in Detroit and throughout Michigan, and around the world.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Volunteers are needed throughout the week, M-F from 8am-4pm and on Saturdays from either 9-11:30am or 1-3:30pm. Volunteers at WMR sort medical supplies, placing them in proper boxes and bins or discarding items that have expired. Ready to get started?

### **How to Volunteer:**

Please contact Carolyn Racklyeft, WMR Volunteer Coordinator, at 313-866-5333 or register online at:

<http://www.worldmedicalrelief.org/volunteer>

**Address:** 21725 Melrose Ave, Southfield, MI 48075



## **FORGOTTEN HARVEST, OAK PARK**

Forgotten Harvest “rescued” over 45 million pounds of food last year by collecting surplus prepared and perishable food from 800 sources, including grocery stores, fruit and vegetable markets, restaurants, caterers, dairies, farmers, wholesale food distributors and other Health Department-approved sources. This donated food, which would otherwise go to waste, is delivered free-of-charge to 250 emergency food providers in the Metro Detroit area.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Volunteers are critical to the mission and daily work of Forgotten Harvest and without them, they simply could not help those in need. They have a variety of experiences to fit almost any schedule, and can accommodate both individuals and groups up to 30.

### **How to Volunteer:**

Click this link to learn more about how to volunteer: <https://www.forgottenharvest.org/volunteer/>

**Address:** 21800 Greenfield Road, Oak Park, MI 48237, 248-967-1500



## **BOTTOMLESS TOY CHEST, TROY**

The Bottomless Toy Chest is a non-profit organization devoted to delivering art projects, crafts, and interactive active games to hospitalized pediatric cancer patients. Each item they deliver is brand new, gift-wrapped in cellophane and ribbon and hand-delivered to patients.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

You can volunteer with the Bottomless Toy Chest by hosting a wrap party. Get a group of friends together and spend two hours wrapping toys!

### **How to Volunteer:**

Contact the Bottomless Toy Chest through this webpage: <https://www.bottomlesstoychest.org/contact-us-1.html> or email Ashley Leslie, Program Director at [ashley@bottomlesstoychest.org](mailto:ashley@bottomlesstoychest.org).

**Address:** 425 E. Elmwood Avenue, Troy, MI 48083, Phone: (248) 646-8931



## **GRACE CENTERS OF HOPE, PONTIAC**

Grace Centers of Hope is a non-profit, Christian organization committed to positively changing the lives of the unwanted, addicted, and homeless through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, personal accountability, life skills education, and work-related programs.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Volunteer opportunities range from serving meals, volunteering in a thrift store, organizing a donation drive, or tutoring students.

### **How to Volunteer:**

Learn more about how to volunteer by clicking this link: <http://www.gracecentersofhope.org/content.cfm?id=3092> or call Olivia Jones, Volunteer Coordinator, 248-334-2187, ext. 1142

**Address:** 35 E. Huron Street, Pontiac, MI 48342

## **DETROIT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**



### **THE PARADE COMPANY, DETROIT**

The Michigan Thanksgiving Parade, now known as America's Thanksgiving Parade® presented by Art Van, was founded in 1924. For more than 75 years, The Parade has been a one-of-a-kind spectacle of fantasy, holiday spirit and community enthusiasm. The Parade has grown to include more than 75 parade units, including floats, balloons and marching bands in procession.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Students can volunteer to be part of the Detroit Thanksgiving Parade, beginning in the summer and throughout the fall, with float cleaning, painting, and preparation. Students are also needed the day of the parade to carry banners and assist in a variety of ways. Volunteers must be 16 years and older.

#### **How to Volunteer:**

Click this link to learn more about how to volunteer: <https://theparade.org/volunteer/>

**Address:** 9500 Mt. Elliott, Studio A, Detroit, MI 48211



### **THE GREENING OF DETROIT**

The Greening of Detroit is an urban forestry program and non-profit partner in The Detroit Partnership, founded in 1989.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Each year, The Greening of Detroit recruits between 3,000 and 5,000 volunteers to help them plant trees, clean up parks, and work in farm gardens. There are plenty of opportunities to dig in the dirt and make a positive difference in Detroit!

#### **How to Volunteer:**

Click this link to learn more about how to volunteer: <https://www.greeningofdetroit.com/volunteer/>

**Address:** 13000 West McNichols, Detroit, MI 48235



### **GLEANERS**

Gleaners Community Food Bank, with broad community support, fights hunger in southeastern Michigan. In collaboration with their member agencies, the Feeding America network, and their program partners, they provide millions of pounds of donated and purchased food to people in need.

#### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Volunteer activities at Gleaners' distribution centers involve sorting and packing nonperishable food and fresh produce, folding plastic drive bags, picking partner orders, and more.

#### **How to Volunteer:**

Click this link to learn more about how to volunteer: [http://www.gcfb.org/volunteer\\_opportunities\\_centers](http://www.gcfb.org/volunteer_opportunities_centers)

**Address:** There are a variety of distribution centers in and around Detroit. Visit the link above to find the one closest to you!





## **ARTS & SCRAPS**

Arts & Scraps reimagines recycled industrial materials, inspiring people of all ages to think, create and learn.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Arts & Scraps receives 10,000 hours of volunteer time annually—they couldn't do it without you. Individuals or groups help at the store pack kits or prepare materials at our warehouse.

### **How to Volunteer:**

Click this link to learn more about how to volunteer: <https://www.artsandscraps.org/get-involved/individuals/volunteer>

**Address:** 16135 Harper, Detroit, MI 48224, 313-640-4411



**SOAR**  
DETROIT

## **SOAR DETROIT**

Two-thirds of students who cannot read proficiently by the end of 4th grade will end up incarcerated or needing government assistance. Over 70% of America's inmates cannot read above a 4th grade level. Since 2005, Soar Detroit has been successfully helping every willing child read at or above grade level. The students increase on average 2.3 grade levels after just one year in this literacy program. Children enrolled in Soar receive one-on-one mentoring and an individualized learning plan prepared by a professional education specialist.

Located on Detroit's east side, Soar operates after school, where children come for one hour, two days a week.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Anyone 12 years or older who wants to make a difference in a child's life and can read is welcome to volunteer. All volunteers receive a 90-minute training prior to mentoring. The commitment is an hour per week, October-May.

### **How to Volunteer:**

Click this link to learn more about how to volunteer: <https://www.soardetroit.com/mentor>

**Address:** Located across the city of Detroit. Visit the above link to view the map.



## **DETROIT RESCUE MISSION**

Founded in 1909, The Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries has embarked upon its 107th year of continued service providing food, shelter and services to intervene where homelessness and substance addiction occur. DRMM is a faith-based, non-profit organization, recognized by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) and has devoted a wealth of resources to meet the basic needs of humanity while motivating individuals to rebuild their lives, one life at a time. The Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries is one of the largest providers in the fight against homelessness and substance abuse in the country.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

With more than 15 sites throughout the cities of Detroit and Highland Park, DRMM is grateful and extremely blessed to have thousands of volunteers come through its doors each year! DRMM enjoys working with students, individuals, groups, churches, and businesses in all aspects of service!

### **How to Volunteer:**

For any volunteer-related questions please contact Jamie McMillen at [jmcmillen@drmm.org](mailto:jmcmillen@drmm.org) or visit:

<http://drmm.org/volunteer/>

**Address:** 150 Stimson Street, Detroit, MI 48201



## **CENTRAL DETROIT CHRISTIAN**

Central Detroit Christian Community Development Corporation (CDC) is a non-profit, faith based organization committed to empowering people, creating positive opportunities for the community and loving our neighbors as ourselves.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Individuals and groups are welcome to volunteer at Central Detroit Christian through a variety of ways. To learn more about their needs and to download the volunteer application, please visit their website:

<https://centraldetroitchristian.org/volunteer/>

### **How to Volunteer:**

Download the volunteer application and send it to [ngangwer@detcdc.org](mailto:ngangwer@detcdc.org).

**Address:** 8840 Second Avenue, Detroit, MI 48202