

**VOLUNTEER**



**OPPORTUNITIES**



**COMMUNITY  
ORGANIZATIONS  
AND REFERENCES**

Below you will find a listing of community organizations seeking volunteers; this list is subject to change and is by no means extensive. If you have a suggestion for a community organization that you'd like to see included, please contact the Student Life Office at [studentlife@llcc.edu](mailto:studentlife@llcc.edu) or (217) 786-2241.

### **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum**

Volunteers are invited to assist in providing a superior guest experience at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. Volunteers are provided with training and education on Illinois history and the legacy of President Abraham Lincoln. Positions are offered in areas involving educational activities, library and museum services, tours, and special events.

Contact Information: Jeremy Carrell (217) 558-8984 [jeremy.carrell@illinois.gov](mailto:jeremy.carrell@illinois.gov)

### **Alterna-Care Home Health**

Hospice of Sangamon County – hospice volunteers work with an interdisciplinary team to ensure the best support necessary for terminally ill patients and their families.

Contact Information: (217) 525-3733

### **American Cancer Society, Inc.**

Volunteers are needed to assist with recruiting participants and coordinating event plans for the Relay for Life of Sangamon/Menard County. Relay for Life is an annual community fundraising event designed to celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost to cancer, and raise funds for cancer research and cancer patient services.

Contact Information: Judy Teaney (217) 638-7108 [jkteaney@gmail.com](mailto:jkteaney@gmail.com)

### **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention**

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) is the nation's leading organization bringing together people across communities and backgrounds to understand and prevent suicide, and to help heal the pain it causes. Our largest local event is the Springfield Out of The Darkness Community Walk. Volunteers are needed to chair the walk, create teams and fundraise for the walk, and volunteer the day of the walk.

Contact information: [www.SpringfieldWalk.org](http://www.SpringfieldWalk.org)

### **American Red Cross**

Many different areas to volunteer in: disaster response, health and safety, office work, and community education. The Red Cross helps educate and assist the community with disaster. Opportunities exist for hands-on and behind the scenes activities.

Contact information: <http://www.redcross.org/il/springfield/volunteer>

### **Animal Protective League**

The APL provides shelter for homeless animals to re-home through adoption. We also operate a high-quality, low-cost spay/neuter clinic. We are in need of volunteers for daily operations, adoption events, fundraisers, and other event projects.

Contact information: Anne Sobala 217-544-7387 ext. 227

### **Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Illinois Capital Region**

BBBS offers two different one-to-one mentoring programs. In the community based program, mentors meet with a child for 10-14 hours per month out in the community. Activities can include going to the library, bowling, working on homework, or just hanging out. In the school based program, mentors meet with a child once a week during the child's lunch hour on school grounds.

Contact information: Yvonne Sigrist (217) 753-1216

### **Boys and Girls Club of Central Illinois**

The Boys and Girls Club Afterschool Program provides engaging and enriching programs that benefit the educational, health, social services, cultural, and recreational needs of our youth.

Contact information: Anna Schneider (217) 544-0548

### **Catholic Charities**

Catholic Charities extends to all the healing and empowering presence of Jesus. The Springfield office serves thousands through St. John's Breadline, Crisis Office, St. Clare's Health Clinic, MedAssist, and Holy Family Food Pantry.

Contact information: Linda Freer (217) 528-6098

### **Center for Economic Progress**

The Center for Economic Progress (CEP) helps low-income families in Springfield as a trusted provider of free tax preparation and financial services. We provide all volunteers with the necessary training they will need for free. Tax Site Assistants perform non-tax related, intake and outtake procedures, Tax Preparers actually prepare the tax returns, and Savings Coaches work with our clients to encourage them to save a portion of their refund.

Contact Information: [volunteer@economicprogress.org](mailto:volunteer@economicprogress.org) (312) 630-0288

### **Central Illinois Community Blood Center**

Established in 1971, Central Illinois Community Blood Center is the provider of life-saving blood for 14 hospitals throughout central Illinois. We rely on volunteer blood donors and volunteer blood drive coordinators to meet the needs of area patients.

Contact information: Amy Friedman (217) 361-8318 [www.cicbc.org](http://www.cicbc.org)

### **Central Illinois Foodbank**

The purpose of Central Illinois Foodbank is to collect donated foods and grocery items from growers, manufacturers, processors, distributors, and retailers for distribution to charitable agencies serving people in need. Volunteer opportunities: food sorting, office/clerical work, janitorial work, food rescue driver.

Contact information: Stephanie Schwermin (217) 522-4022

### **Computer Banc**

Computer Banc refurbishes used computers for distribution to deserving families with children, special needs adults, and qualifying college students. Every Tuesday evening from 6-8pm and every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday from 10am-2pm the lab is open for volunteers. No experience is required as there are all kinds of work that volunteers can perform. In 2009 Computer Banc distributed over six-hundred computers to the community. It's a great place to learn about technology and serve those who are in need of a home computer.

Contact information: David Fowler (217) 528-9506

### **Compass**

Compass is a free after-school and summer program that caters to homeless and low-income students of District 186. We are seeking volunteers to help at various Compass sites around Springfield. Our program consists of a snack, home-style dinner, homework time, and other academic activities as well as an enrichment/life skills hour.

Contact information: Shana Waldinger (217) 528-8406

### **Concordia Village**

Concordia Village is seeking volunteers to provide companionship and friendship through hobbies, talents, or simply being present to help our residents "live life to the fullest."

Contact information: Allison Buzirk (217) 793-9429

### **Contact Ministries**

Contact Ministries was founded in 1978 by five Springfield churches. These churches felt many of the poor and needy of Springfield and the surrounding communities had trouble accessing the social service system, and that one central location providing information could better help the less fortunate acquire services. Thus, Contact Ministries became an informational, referral and advocacy agency for the needy in our community. Volunteer applications are available for our front desk, shelter, or clothing and food pantry opportunities

Contact information: LaTrice Nettles (217) 753-3939

### **Elizabeth Ann Seton Program**

EAS is a multi-faith based organization whose mission is to embrace the sanctity and dignity of life by nurturing pregnant and parenting women. Volunteers needed for mentors, babysitting, and fundraising.

Contact Information: Courtney Eiskant (217) 757-6025

### **Family Service Center**

FSC has developed a volunteer respite mentoring program which serves children and adolescence that have been adopted or are currently in foster care. Mentors are required to meet with their mentees for 2 hours a week out in the community. Mentor must be at least 18 years old, pass a background check and complete 10 hours of volunteer training which FSC provides for free.

Contact information: Leaha Jones (217) 528-8406

### **Forever Home Feline Ranch**

Forever Home Feline Ranch is a 100% volunteer run, no-kill animal sanctuary located in Rochester. Our mission is to provide every cat in need a forever home. We conduct off site adoptions and fundraisers monthly.

Contact information: Patricia Giesing (217) 341-6137 fhfrvolunteer@gmail.com

### **genHkids**

genHkids is a non-profit, volunteer-driven coalition with a straightforward mission: create a generation of healthy kids through education, empowerment, improved nourishment, and increased daily physical activity, thereby reducing the incidence of childhood obesity and its detrimental effects.

Contact information: info@genhkids.org

### **Girls on the Run**

If you're looking to make an impact on the next generation of women, be more active, and have fun, sign up to help coach or volunteer at our 5K in the fall. Being a runner is not a prerequisite and the GOTR staff provides all materials and training so coaches can effectively lead the program.

Contact information: Christi Huss (217) 726-9808 christi@gotrcentralillinois.org

### **Girl Scouts of Central Illinois**

Find your inner child with Girl Scouts as you help out at our council-sponsored programs. These programs range from in-school series to two hour events. Step up and become a Girl Scout mentor today.

Contact information: Jennifer Brown (217) 523-8159

### **Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County**

Habitat for Humanity of Sangamon County's mission is to provide simple, decent, and affordable housing for those in need. We are currently seeking volunteers in the following areas: construction, administration, and ReStore. All new volunteers are asked to attend a volunteer orientation and create a profile on our volunteer website.

Contact information: Susan Carrigan (217) 523-2710

### **Helping Hands of Springfield**

Helping Hands is a homeless shelter in Springfield. Our mission is to provide shelter, support, promote independence, and work with others in the prevention of homelessness in the community.

Contact information: Amy Rasing (217) 744-0470

### **Hope Institute for Children and Families**

The Hope Institute for Children and Families is an organization that provides a home, education, health services, and a therapeutic team to continue to increase the quality of life for our young people with developmental disabilities. We are a flexible organization and are seeking volunteers to volunteer episodically or on a regular basis. We would love your help in setting up or working at major events, wrapping gifts during the holidays, doing weekly recreational activities, or helping out with special projects.

Contact information: Cory Blissett (217) 585-5120

### **Illinois State Museum**

The Mary Ann MacLean Play Museum is a fun, hands-on exhibit where children ages 3-10 can learn through play about art, nature, and people. Friendly volunteers are needed to greet and interact with families.

Contact information: Kara Fedje (217) 782-5955

### **Korean War National Museum**

Treasured artifacts, historical papers, and mementos tell the story of the Korean War in various exhibits. Volunteers are needed to help with greeting visitors and working with the collections of artifacts.

Contact information: Thomas Kenny (217) 523-7230

### **Lewis Memorial Christian Village**

We are a 155 bed facility with needs for visits, help during meals, and activities in the evenings and on weekends.

Contact information: Debi Menke (217) 787-9600

### **Lincoln Memorial Garden**

Lincoln Memorial Garden provides a place where young and old alike can enjoy nature in all seasons. We provide environmental education programs to school children and maintain the Jens Jensen design of the garden.

Contact information: Larry Miller (217) 529-1111

### **Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site**

Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site located just south of Petersburg, IL is an outdoor museum dedicated to providing engaging experiences with Abraham Lincoln's frontier Illinois. The site is looking for volunteers in the areas of historic interpretation (in period clothing), guest services, and other support activities such as gardening and making clothes.

Contact information: Terry Jones (217) 632-4000

### **Memorial Medical Center**

Memorial Medical Center's volunteer program is comprised of approximately four-hundred active volunteers serving in thirty different positions throughout the Medical Center. Volunteers of nearly all ages are available as many as seven days a week to assist patients, their families, and Medical Center staff.

Contact information: Elaine Kerlikar (217) 788-3352

### **M.E.R.C.Y. Communities**

M.E.R.C.Y. provides housing and supportive services to foster the independence of homeless and at-risk families. Our volunteer needs range from an occasional handyman service or one-hour childcare to weekly tutors for our children and mothers.

Contact information: Angela Manney (217) 753-1358

### **Midwest Mission Distribution Center**

Midwest Mission Distribution Center is a disaster relief facility located in Chatham, IL. Midwest offers opportunities to serve for the day or for a week. MMDC has volunteers that stay on campus and those that come from the local area. Volunteers pack kits, sew school bags, build school desks, repair bicycles, help unload items, or whatever the needs are at any given time.

Contact information: Tonya Hill (217) 483-7911 [tonya@midwestmissiondc.org](mailto:tonya@midwestmissiondc.org)

### **Mission Outreach**

Mission Outreach is a non-profit organization that recycles medical supplies and equipment from hospitals, manufacturers, and individuals, and then distributes these supplies to needy hospitals around the world. Volunteers are needed to help sort, package, and prepare shipments.

Contact information: Jill Wright (217) 525-8843 ext. 195

### **Network Knowledge/PBS Springfield**

Network Knowledge is your PBS channel. In order to maintain a full service station we need dedicated volunteers. We hold many events at which volunteers are needed, such as telethons and preview parties, as well as in-office work.

Contact information: Kayla Graven (217) 483-7887 ext. 224

### **Passages Hospice**

Volunteers are needed throughout Central Illinois to visit the terminally ill and their family members. Volunteers listen, read aloud, hold hands, enjoy music, and TV together, and much more.

Contact information: Amy O'Dea (217) 523-4332

### **Phoenix Center**

The Phoenix Center serves the LGBTQ community as well as providing HIV/AIDS education and testing. We provide many services including residential housing.

Contact information: Ruth Ann Bertram (217) 528-5253

### **Prairie Center Against Sexual Assault (PCASA)**

PCASA supports survivors of sexual violence, promotes healing and prevention, and creates social change throughout Central Illinois. PCASA provides 24-hour hotline, advocacy, counseling, and prevention education programs free of charge. Please contact us for volunteer opportunities.

Contact information: Jody Clark (217) 744-2560

### **Salvation Army**

Our volunteers are critical partners in helping us fulfill our promise to America of "Doing the Most Good." Please contact us for information on our many different volunteer opportunities.

Contact information: Megan Hartley (217) 525-2196

### **Senior Services of Central Illinois/Daily Bread**

Springfield Specialty Meals on Wheels and Daily Bread volunteers deliver hot, nutritious meals to more than 400 people in Springfield five days a week. Volunteers drive routes of 5-20 stops at midday and we welcome single drivers, pairs, or families.

Contact information: Sara Powell (217) 528-4035 [dailybread@ssoci.org](mailto:dailybread@ssoci.org)

### **Sojourn Shelter and Services**

Sojourn Shelter and Services, Inc., was founded in 1975 with a goal to provide a safe place to help victims of domestic violence. Sojourn currently provides 24-hour emergency shelter and hotline services, court advocacy, prevention and education, volunteer opportunities, and operates Sojourn Westside Fashions.

Contact information: Melissa Jones (217) 726-5100 ext. 212



### **Springfield YMCA**

Our volunteers serve as coaches, teach classes, lend a hand at family fun night, keep a watchful eye over children in our nursery, assist with event registration and more. If you've been looking for a worthy cause to support, we may have the right opportunity for you.

Contact information: Jill Steiner (217) 544-9846 ext. 36

### **State Historic Sites at Springfield**

The State Historic Sites of Springfield includes the Dana-Thomas House, the Old State Capitol, the Lincoln Tomb and War Memorials, the Vachel Lindsay Home, and the Lincoln Herndon Law offices. Volunteers have the opportunity to protect, interpret, and help us restore State Historic sites. Volunteer positions include Tour guide, Mechanical/Maintenance, Greeter, Living History interpretation, Clerical/Office, and Special Event Facilitator.

Contact information: Preston Hardge (217) 782-6776

### **The Muni**

The Muni is a year round operation run entirely by volunteers to produce four outdoor theater shows each summer. Whatever your interest, there's a place for you at The Muni!

Contact information: Sally Fritz (217) 899-7338

### **Triumph Community Outreach Ministries**

Our mission is to help individuals and families to obtain necessities of life to become functional citizens of the community. Our volunteer needs include helping to put together graphics for an ad booklet and planning/implementing activities for young children during Singles Ministry activities.

Contact information: May Nunn (217) 553-7209

### **United Way of Central Illinois**

United Way's goal is to create long-lasting changes by addressing the underlying causes of these problems. Living united means being a part of the change. It takes everyone in the community working together to create a brighter future. Give. Advocate. Volunteer. LIVE UNITED.

Contact information: Katrina Schroeder - (217) 726-7000