

## Children and Education

- DC Diaper Bank
  - Works to ensure that babies and toddlers grow up, healthy and safe, with the diapers they need. DC Diaper Bank works to provide an adequate and reliable supply of diapers to babies, toddlers, and their families in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. It is modeled after successful diaper banks around the country, providing diapers to social service organizations that are already helping families in need through comprehensive programs and services.
  - Website: [www.dcdiaperbank.org](http://www.dcdiaperbank.org)
  - Contact: [volunteer@dcdiaperbank.org](mailto:volunteer@dcdiaperbank.org)
  - Volunteer page: <http://www.dcdiaperbank.org/get-involved/events/>
- DC Reads
  - DC Reads has worked to improve the historically low literacy rates in our nation's capital. DC Reads supports after-school enrichment programs for at-risk District youth. The collaboration consists of several community-based organizations united under one goal of youth literacy.
  - Website: <http://www.american.edu/ocl/volunteer/DC-Reads-Homepage.cfm>
  - Volunteer page: <http://www.american.edu/ocl/volunteer/DC-Reads-Become-a-Tutor.cfm>
- Barker Foundation
  - The Barker Foundation, a non-profit adoption agency based in DC, Maryland and Virginia, seeks volunteers to work in its downtown Bethesda office. Volunteers have the opportunity to learn about domestic and international adoption and assist program staff in serving children and families. They can help do community outreach, event planning, and adoption related research. Volunteers must commit to at least five hours of work per week. The Foundation is located within blocks of the Bethesda Metro Station.
  - Website: [www.barkeradoptionfoundation.org](http://www.barkeradoptionfoundation.org)
  - Volunteer page: <http://www.barkeradoptionfoundation.org/support-barker-adoption-foundation/volunteer-intern-barker>
- Brainfood
  - Brainfood uses the power of food to engage, empower, and employ DC teens and young adults. Using food as a tool, Brainfood builds life skills and promotes healthy living in a fun and safe environment. Volunteers can help in the kitchen, garden, and at special events.
  - Volunteer page: <https://brain-food.org/support-us-volunteer-donate/>
  - Website: [www.brain-food.org](http://www.brain-food.org)
  - Details/contact: <https://brain-food.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/Brainfood-Volunteer-Opportunities-Overview.pdf>
- Bright Beginnings, Inc.
  - Bright Beginnings is a child and family development center that offers a bright start for homeless infants, toddlers and preschoolers, and their families. It serves about 186 children annually whose families are living in crisis shelters or transitional housing. The center needs volunteers to assist as classroom volunteers, to help maintain a positive environment, assist the classroom staff to implement daily activities, and support the children to master key skills needed for educational achievement.
  - Website: [www.brightbeginningsinc.org](http://www.brightbeginningsinc.org)
  - Volunteer page: <http://www.brightbeginningsinc.org/volunteer.html>
- City Kids

- City Kids Wilderness Project is a nonprofit outdoor education program for underserved and at-risk inner-city youths (ages 12 to 24) from the Washington, DC metropolitan area. The program focuses on experiential learning, joins youth and staff in a cooperative family atmosphere, and utilizes the outdoor, natural environment as a classroom for academic, recreational and life skills. City Kids Wilderness Project is in need of volunteers to assist with afterschool lessons and activities. Volunteers needed for weekend adventure trips, fundraising, office projects, and daily programming.
    - Website: [www.citykidsdc.org](http://www.citykidsdc.org)
    - Volunteer page: <http://citykidsdc.org/about/volunteer-opportunities/>
  - Communities in Schools
    - Communities in Schools is a nationwide network of passionate professionals working in public schools to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. Communities in Schools of the Nation's Capital began in 2003 when a group of community leaders committed to children, youth, and families formed a task force and determined the need to develop a new organization that would join the CIS network.
    - Website: [www.cisnationscapital.org](http://www.cisnationscapital.org)
    - Volunteer page: <http://cisnationscapital.org/get-involved/volunteer/>
  - 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.
    - Website: [www.criticalexposure.org](http://www.criticalexposure.org)
    - Volunteer page: [http://salsa3.salsalabs.com/o/50914/p/salsa/web/common/public/signup?signup\\_page\\_KE Y=7878](http://salsa3.salsalabs.com/o/50914/p/salsa/web/common/public/signup?signup_page_KE Y=7878)
  - Crossroads Youth Opportunity Center
    - CYOC's Identity program provides programs for Latino youth in Montgomery County, Maryland to help them achieve a sense of confidence, connection, and control over their lives. Their goal is to reduce social and cultural barriers that hamper Latino youths' ability to participate fully in society's benefits and responsibilities.
    - Contact: [info@identity-youth.org](mailto:info@identity-youth.org)
    - Website: [www.identity-youth.org](http://www.identity-youth.org)
    - Get Involved: <https://identity-youth.org/get-involved/>
  - DC Scores
    - DC Scores goes where kids in need are and creates neighborhood teams that give kids the confidence and skills to succeed on the playing field, in the classroom, and in life. We envision a DC where every child – no matter their family income – experiences the joys of childhood: sports, arts, service, and being part of a team. Where every child – no matter their family circumstances – is empowered to find academic success and grow into an emotionally and physically healthy teen and adult. Where every neighborhood supports and celebrates its children and their accomplishments on and off the playing field.
    - Website: <http://www.americascorers.org/affiliates/dc>
    - Volunteer page: <http://volunteerdcscores.weebly.com/>
  - Gaithersburg Beloved Community Initiative

- Partnering with Wesley Theological Seminary, the Gaithersburg Beloved Community Initiative engages Asbury residents who are currently in retirement with 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders from local Gaithersburg elementary schools. This mentor program was inspired by a Martin Luther King Day sermon on the challenges facing minority youth and is named after King's vision of social justice and equality.
    - Website: <http://www.asburymethodistvillage.org/lifestyle/giving-back/gaithersburg-beloved-community-initiative>
    - Contact: [amoran@asbury.org](mailto:amoran@asbury.org) or [swmarullo@wesleyseminary.edu](mailto:swmarullo@wesleyseminary.edu)
- 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!
  - Website: [www.girlsrockdc.org](http://www.girlsrockdc.org)
  - Contact: [volunteer@girlsrockdc.org](mailto:volunteer@girlsrockdc.org)
  - Volunteer page: <http://www.girlsrockdc.org/get-involved/year-round/>
- 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.
  - Website: [www.hopeandahome.org](http://www.hopeandahome.org)
  - Volunteer page: <http://www.hopeandahome.org/get-involved.aspx>
- 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 DC. Volunteers provide weekly activities, healthy snacks, and opportunities to play and learn for the children at emergency shelter and transitional housing sites in DC.
  - Volunteer page: <http://www.playtimeproject.org/get-involved/volunteer/>
  - Website: <http://www.playtimeproject.org/>
  - Contact: [deborah@playtimeproject.org](mailto:deborah@playtimeproject.org)
- Horton's Kids
  - Horton's Kids 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.
  - Website: [www.hortonskids.org](http://www.hortonskids.org)
  - Volunteer page: <https://www.hortonskids.org/get-involved/volunteer/volunteer-center/>
- Community Bridges, Inc.
  - 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.
  - Website: [www.communitybridges-md.org](http://www.communitybridges-md.org)
  - Volunteer page: <http://communitybridges-md.org/support-cb/volunteerintern/>
  - Contact: [inform@communitybridges-md.org](mailto:inform@communitybridges-md.org)
- Jubilee Youth Services

- JYS is an after school enrichment program in the Adam's Morgan neighborhood, under the hospice of Jubilee Housing, Inc., which provides quality affordable housing to low income families and individuals in the District. JYS is a free after school program to Jubilee Housing residents and families living in the Columbia Height's/Adam's Morgan community. All the children are people of color and most come from immigrant families. Children work on many different math and reading levels. Math tutors as well as reading tutors are highly desired to work with our emergent, early, and transitional readers.
    - Website: [www.jubileehousing.org](http://www.jubileehousing.org)
    - Contact: [info@jubileehousing.org](mailto:info@jubileehousing.org)
- KEEN (Kids Enjoy Exercise Now)
  - KEEN 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 page: <http://www.keengreaterdc.org/volunteer-keen>
  - Website: <http://www.keengreaterdc.org/>
  - Contact: <http://www.keengreaterdc.org/node/14>
- New Community for Children
  - NCFC transforms the lives of children and youth in the District of Columbia by supporting academic achievement, developing life skills, fostering creativity and cultural awareness, nurturing spiritual connections and growth, and empowering children to succeed. Programs and services include college readiness and various after-school programs.
  - Contact: [info@ncfc-dc.org](mailto:info@ncfc-dc.org)
  - Website: [www.ncfc-dc.org](http://www.ncfc-dc.org)
- Sitar Center for the Arts
  - Sitar Center for the Arts 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.
  - Website: [www.sitarartscenter.org](http://www.sitarartscenter.org)
  - Volunteer page: <http://www.sitarartscenter.org/get-involved/volunteer/>
- New Community for Children (NCFC)
  - An after-school program. NCFC provides children and youth with learning experiences that build up their academic, social, and creative skills. In partnership with New Community Church, NCFC partners with the community to holistically prepare under-served children to become productive adults who in turn serve their communities.
  - Website: [www.ncfc-dc.org](http://www.ncfc-dc.org)
  - Contact: [marcusmeans@ncfc-dc.org](mailto:marcusmeans@ncfc-dc.org)
  - Volunteer page: <https://www.ncfc-dc.org/volunteer/>
- Safe Shores – DC Children’s Advocacy Center
  - Provides comprehensive and coordinated services for children and families affected by physical and sexual abuse, and witnesses to violence in our Nation’s Capital. Safe Shores works with over 1,000 children and families every year through advocacy, forensic and clinical services, and prevention efforts.
  - Website: [www.safeshores.org](http://www.safeshores.org)
  - Contact: [volunteer@safeshores.org](mailto:volunteer@safeshores.org)

- Volunteer page: <https://www.safeshores.org/get-involved/volunteer/>
- Project Transformation DC
  - Project Transformation provides two key services: 1) Leadership development and ministry exploration opportunities for college-age young adults through summer and one-year service internships. 2) Community-oriented after-school and summer day camp programming for children and youth from low-income neighborhoods. The young adults provide this second service, giving them authentic, hands-on experiences leading high-quality programs for children and youth and equally important, learning from the children and youth. PT's programs focus on enriching the body, mind, and spirit, but we place a unique emphasis on literacy. During the summer, each child is paired with a volunteer to read one-on-one. Programs are strategically housed in churches in the heart of low-income communities. These programs allow the churches to make new connections and form meaningful relationships with families in their immediate neighborhood.
  - Website:
  - Contact: [projecttransformationdc@gmail.com](mailto:projecttransformationdc@gmail.com)
- Turning the Page: Engaging Families for Student Success (TTP)
  - Links public schools, families, and our community so that together we can ensure students receive valuable educational resources and a high-quality public education.
  - Website: [www.turningthepage.org](http://www.turningthepage.org)
  - Volunteer page: <http://turningthepage.org/get-involved/support-our-work/volunteer/>