

## Housing, Homelessness, and Hunger

- N Street Village
  - N Street Village: N Street Village is a community of empowerment and recovery for homeless and low-income women in Washington, DC. Individual volunteers can work directly with clients or behind the scenes to help keep the organization running smoothly. Volunteers work as learning lab monitors, prepare and serve lunches and dinners, pick up donations, help maintain the courtyard garden, provide support with fundraising and event planning, share their professional skills with clients in workshops or special events, and offer health promotion services to women in our Wellness Center. Please see the full list of current volunteer opportunities for more information.
  - To get started, complete N Street Village's online volunteer form: <https://www.volgistics.com/ex/portal.dll/ap?ap=556080678>
  - Full list of volunteer activities: <http://www.nstreetvillage.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/N-Street-Village-Current-Individual-Volunteer-Opportunities-Fall-20162.pdf>
  - Website: <http://www.nstreetvillage.org/>
- A Wider Circle
  - The mission of A Wider Circle is to end poverty for one individual and one family after another. They work in partnership with those they serve and with those seeking to help to ensure that every child and adult has the chance to succeed and the opportunity to live well. Volunteers are at the heart of A Wider Circle's efforts. Every volunteer translates into more families having the opportunity to create stability and independence.
  - For questions, ideas for yourself or for a group, or to schedule a volunteer activity, contact: [volunteer@awidercircle.org](mailto:volunteer@awidercircle.org) or call (301) 608-3504
  - Website: [www.awidercircle.org](http://www.awidercircle.org)
- Thrive DC
  - Thrive DC works to prevent and end homelessness in DC by providing vulnerable people with a wide range of services to help stabilize their lives. Thrive DC has grown to be a comprehensive, professionally staffed, bilingual organization serving more than 2,000 men, women, and children each year who are experiencing homelessness, unemployment, housing instability, and food insecurity. Volunteers are needed to help with serving breakfast and dinner, leading employment workshops, and providing administrative support.
  - Volunteer page: <https://www.thrivedc.org/volunteer/>
  - Contact the volunteer coordinator at: [volunteer@thrivedc.org](mailto:volunteer@thrivedc.org)
- 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>
- DC Central Kitchen
  - DC Central Kitchen uses food as a tool to strengthen bodies, empower minds, and build communities. They fight hunger differently by using career training, job creation, and

sustainable business practices to strengthen local food systems and reduce disparities in health and economic opportunity. DC Central Kitchen creates opportunities for meaningful careers, sustainably expands healthy food access, and fosters long-term self-sufficiency among those they serve.

- Contact: [volunteer@dccentralkitchen.org](mailto:volunteer@dccentralkitchen.org)
- Volunteer page: <https://dccentralkitchen.org/volunteer/>
- Website: [www.dccentralkitchen.org](http://www.dccentralkitchen.org)
- Campus Kitchen—Metropolitan Memorial UMC
  - The Campus Kitchens Project is a leader in resourceful anti-hunger programs for communities around the country. The DC chapter, Housed at St. Luke’s Mission Center, focuses on weekly food recovery, meal prep, and meal delivery. Campus Kitchen is looking for volunteers to join a food recovery team to pick up donated food, as well as food preparation and delivery volunteers.
  - Contact: [http://www.nationalchurch.org/Contact\\_Us#Campus\\_Kitchen](http://www.nationalchurch.org/Contact_Us#Campus_Kitchen)
  - Volunteer sign-up: <https://campuskitchens.volunteerhub.com/lp/ckwdc/events>
  - Website: [www.nationalchurch.org/Serving/Campus\\_Kitchen](http://www.nationalchurch.org/Serving/Campus_Kitchen)
  - Additional information: [www.campuskitchens.org](http://www.campuskitchens.org)
- SOME (So Others Might Eat)
  - So Other Might Eat (SOME) is an interfaith, community-based organization that provides a wide range of social services to the poor and homeless of the DC area. SOME serves clients not only with food, clothing, and immediate health care needs, but also with services like counseling, job training, counseling, and addiction treatment. Volunteers are needed to help with serving in their dining room, tutoring or mentoring children in their affordable housing programs, helping during the holidays, work with the elderly, and event planning.
  - Website: <http://some.org/>
  - Volunteer webpage: <http://some.org/volunteer/>
  - Contact: (202) 797-8805
- Miriam’s Kitchen
  - Miriam’s Kitchen seeks to end chronic homelessness in DC. They serve high quality, nutritious meals, create community through the work of their case managers, advocate to the DC government to invest in ending homelessness, partner with other service providers and government agencies to change the way homelessness services are delivered in DC, and work towards Permanent Supportive Housing for the unhoused. Miriam’s Kitchen is looking for reliable volunteers to serve meals who can commit to joining and serving once a month, preferably on a long-term basis.
  - Visit: <https://miriamskitchen.org/volunteer/>
  - Contact: [volunteer@miriamskitchen.org](mailto:volunteer@miriamskitchen.org)
  - Volunteers can also support the advocacy team by lending writing, communications, and media skills: Contact Jesse Rabinowitz at [jesse.rabinowitz@miriamskitchen.org](mailto:jesse.rabinowitz@miriamskitchen.org)
- Back on My Feet DC
  - Back on My Feet DC takes a revolutionary approach to how our society approaches homelessness. By incorporating running into their programming, they demonstrate that if you first work to restore confidence, strength, and self-esteem, individuals become better equipped to move toward securing jobs, homes, and new lives. For all in need, we aim to provide: practical training and employment resources for achieving independence; an environment that promotes accountability; and a community that offers compassion and hope. For all with the capacity to serve—volunteers, donors, community and corporate partners—we seek to engage you in the profound experience of empowering individuals to

- achieve what once seemed impossible through the seemingly simple act of putting one foot in front of the other.
- Website: <https://dc.backonmyfeet.org/>
  - Contact: [info@backonmyfeet.org](mailto:info@backonmyfeet.org)
- Central Union Mission
    - A faith-based nonprofit organization with seven locations throughout the Washington metropolitan area. Central Union also operates an emergency shelter program, a rehabilitation program for men with life-controlling issues, a food, clothing, and furniture distribution center, a retreat and recreation center with a camp for underprivileged children, programs for isolated seniors, computer and job training, and transitional housing. Current programs serve homeless men, underprivileged women, children, seniors, families, and veterans.
    - Website: [www.missiondc.org](http://www.missiondc.org)
    - Contact: [dchambers@missiondc.org](mailto:dchambers@missiondc.org)
  - Community for Creative Nonviolence
    - 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: [volunteer@TheCCNV.org](mailto:volunteer@TheCCNV.org)
    - Volunteer page: [http://www.theccnv.org/donate\\_time.htm](http://www.theccnv.org/donate_time.htm)
    - Website: <http://www.theccnv.org/index.htm>
  - Bethesda Cares
    - Bethesda Cares is dedicated to preventing, easing, and ending homelessness in Montgomery County, Maryland. Meals are served to those in need at various locations around Bethesda.
    - Website: [www.bethesdacares.org](http://www.bethesdacares.org)
    - Contact: [susan@bethesdacares.org](mailto:susan@bethesdacares.org)
  - District Alliance for Safe Housing
    - DASH is an innovator in providing access to safe housing and services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence and their families as they rebuild their lives on their own terms. DASH seeks to strengthen and expand the local safety net for survivors by providing high quality, voluntary services that are responsive to their individual needs and by engaging lawmakers, community members, service providers, and survivors in the movement to make safe housing more accessible in the short-term and less necessary in the long-term. Volunteers play a vital role in furthering the mission of DASH.
    - Volunteer page: <http://dashdc.org/get-involved/volunteer/>
    - Website: <http://dashdc.org/>
    - Contact: <http://dashdc.org/who-we-are/contact/>
  - Friends of Guest House
    - Friends of Guest House is a nonprofit organization that helps Northern Virginia women successfully reenter the community following incarceration who are in need of basic support services to successfully transition back into society. Housing, jobs, healthcare, and family/community connection are the “four pillars of livability” that Friends of Guest House focuses on.
    - Volunteer page: [http://www.friendsofguesthouse.org/waystohelp\\_volunteer.html#volunteer](http://www.friendsofguesthouse.org/waystohelp_volunteer.html#volunteer)
    - Contact: [volunteer@friendsofguesthouse.org](mailto:volunteer@friendsofguesthouse.org)

- Website: <http://www.friendsofguesthouse.org/index.php>
- 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)
- My Sister’s Place
  - MSP is part of an interactive community committed to eradicating domestic violence. They provide safe and confidential emergency shelter and transitional-to-permanent housing to victims of domestic violence and their children. They also provide supportive programs, counseling, education and advocacy to all survivors of domestic violence. Services include a 24-hour confidential hotline, emergency shelter and transitional-to-permanent housing, therapeutic children’s programming, after-care services, residential and nonresidential counseling and case-management, community outreach and education in English and Spanish, and referrals to community partners.
  - Volunteer page: <https://mysistersplacedc.org/support/volunteer>
  - Website: <https://mysistersplacedc.org/>
  - Contact: [info@mysistersplacedc.org](mailto:info@mysistersplacedc.org)
- 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. They provide data and research to policymakers and elected officials in order to inform policy debates and educate the public.
  - Website: [www.endhomelessness.org](http://www.endhomelessness.org)
  - Contact: [info@naeh.org](mailto:info@naeh.org)
- Capital Area Food Bank
  - The mission of the Capital Area Food Bank is to feed those who suffer from hunger in the Washington metropolitan area. They believe that access to nutritious food is a basic human right and they are committed to responding to the needs of their community through food distribution and support services. Volunteers pack and sort donated food at the Distribution Center before it is delivered to children and seniors. Volunteers may also stock and label fresh produce.
  - Volunteer page: <https://www.capitalareafoodbank.org/volunteer-5/>
  - Website: [www.capitalareafoodbank.org](http://www.capitalareafoodbank.org)
  - Contact: (202) 644-9800
- Lamb Center
  - Mission statement: “The Lamb Center is working to serve the poor and homeless, transform lives, and share God's love.” Services include addiction counseling, employment preparation, free medical and dental care, regular meals, laundry, and much more.
  - Phone: (703) 691-3178
  - Website: [www.thelambcenter.org](http://www.thelambcenter.org)
  - Volunteer Contact: [dorispaul@thelambcenter.org](mailto:dorispaul@thelambcenter.org)
- Jubilee Jobs

- Since 1981, Jubilee Jobs has been connecting employers across the Washington DC metropolitan area with qualified, well-prepared candidates. We work with job candidates who have been chronically unemployed, those who are re-entering society, and those without permanent housing. Through our process of compassionate, professional job preparation and placement over 22,000 people have gone to work, meeting the needs of the business community citywide.
  - Volunteer Page: <http://jubileejobs.org/how-you-can-help/volunteer/>
  - Website: [www.jubileejobs.org](http://www.jubileejobs.org)
  - Volunteer Contact: [sdelelegn@jubileejobs.org](mailto:sdelelegn@jubileejobs.org)
- Father McKenna Center
  - The Father McKenna Center was established in 1983 to carry on the legacy of Father Horace McKenna, a Jesuit priest who devoted his life to serving the poor and homeless. Individuals come to the Father McKenna Center each weekday to get their mail, take a shower, get some clean clothes, ask for job and drug counseling, and to experience a safe and drug-free environment. The Father McKenna Center can either provide or efficiently refer guests to any service a homeless man needs. The Father McKenna Center is the last day-time drop-in center for homeless men in downtown Washington, DC.
  - Website: [www.fathermckennacenter.org](http://www.fathermckennacenter.org)
  - Volunteer form: <http://fathermckenna.hopeworksyouth.info/how-you-can/volunteer-form/>
- **Church Partners**
- Asbury United Methodist Church
  - Neighbor-to-Neighbor Breakfast & Undergarment/Toiletries Giveaway (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, 9 am (8:15 am for orientation))
    - Asbury hosts breakfast every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the fellowship hall and undergarments and toiletries are distributed. This is a great way to be in fellowship with and to serve our neighbors. Volunteers are invited to share the Word in speech, song, or poetry, to serve food, chat with our neighbors, distribute personal care items, or offer your own individual gifts and talents.
    - Contact Jesse James ([jjames\\_57@hotmail.com](mailto:jjames_57@hotmail.com)) or Carlotta Jones ([jonesc12@hotmail.com](mailto:jonesc12@hotmail.com))
    - For personal care items, contact Jeanarta McEachron ([jeanarta.mceachron@gmail.com](mailto:jeanarta.mceachron@gmail.com))
  - Food Pantry Volunteer: (Saturdays 10:30 am – 1 pm)
    - Asbury's Food Pantry is always in need of committed team members to help manage the Saturday operations. Last year the pantry issued 6,166 lunch bags and 593 bags of groceries to needy families and the unhoused. Members receive training prior to their volunteer time and our only requirement is commitment, a willing hand, and a desire to serve.
    - Contact Jackie Richardson ([richcj77@aol.com](mailto:richcj77@aol.com))
- Mount Vernon Place United Methodist Church
  - Hope 4 All: Tuesday morning meetings at 7 am
    - Hope 4 All envisions housing opportunities and paid/promising/permanent housing for all people. You are invited to become a partner in the journey of people who are seeking to make the transition from homelessness to housing. Volunteers gather every Tuesday morning at 7 am in the Community Room to speak with people who

are currently unhoused about what is needed to secure a job and/or a place to call home, and to hold each other accountable. Past opportunities have included helping craft resumes, interview preparation, strengthening basic math skills, administering a vulnerability index used to qualify people for rapid rehousing, and more.

- Contact: [Kristofor.s.erickson@gmail.com](mailto:Kristofor.s.erickson@gmail.com)
- Shower Ministry: Tuesday, Thursday (6-8 am) and Sunday mornings (8-10 am)
  - The Shower Ministry at Mount Vernon Place UMC provides people who are currently experiencing homelessness an opportunity to come inside for a hot shower, toiletries, undergarments, continental breakfast with coffee, and community on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 6-8 am and on Sunday mornings from 8-10 am. Volunteers are always needed to help serve.
  - Contact: [showerministry@gmail.com](mailto:showerministry@gmail.com)
- Eat Dinner with Friends (Two Thursdays per month, 5:30-8:30 pm)
  - Mount Vernon Place UMC provides a monthly meal and movie to many of their Shower Ministry guests on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. Volunteers are needed to help host the meal (food is already prepared) and provide hospitality during dinner and the film.
  - Contact: [showerministry@gmail.com](mailto:showerministry@gmail.com)