



## Community Development

- Latino Economic Development Center (LEDC)
  - LEDC is a community-based economic development organization whose mission is to drive the economic and social advancement of low to moderate income Latinos and other underserved residents in the Washington metropolitan area by providing the educational and financial resources they need to achieve financial independence. LEDC's vision for inclusive, just, and self-sustaining communities is built upon a foundation of stable housing and thriving small businesses, and this foundation is helping more people become actively invested and engaged in their communities.
  - Website: [www.ledcmetro.org](http://www.ledcmetro.org)
  - Volunteer page: <http://ledc.nationbuilder.com/volunteer>
- Center for Community Change
  - Center for Community Change mission is to build the power and capacity of low-income people, especially low-income people of color, to have a profound impact in improving their communities and the policies and institutions that affect their lives.
  - Website: [www.communitychange.org](http://www.communitychange.org)
  - Contact: [info@communitychange.org](mailto:info@communitychange.org)
- Central American Resource Center of Washington, DC (CARECEN)
  - CARECEN is a community based organization which offers legal, educational, housing, citizenship and civic participation programs to the Central American/Latino community. Volunteers help conduct citizenship classes, hold mock interviews, help fill out applications, lead field trips, facilitate discussions, and register voters.
  - Website: [www.carecencdc.org](http://www.carecencdc.org)
  - Volunteer page: <http://www.carecencdc.org/join-us/volunteer/>
- Citizens for Global Solutions
  - Citizens for Global Solution mission to build political will in the United States in order to achieve their vision. They do this by educating the citizens about global interdependence, communicating global concerns to public officials, and develop proposals to create, strengthen, and reform international institutions such as the United Nations.
  - Website: [www.globalsolutions.org](http://www.globalsolutions.org)
  - Volunteer page: <http://globalsolutions.org/about/volunteer>
- Coalition for Smarter Growth
  - Coalition for Smart Growth wants to ensure that transportation and development decisions accommodate growth while regenerating communities, providing more housing and travel choices, and conserving our natural and historic areas. Volunteer opportunities include event assistance, photography, filming, graphic design and web design.
  - Website: [www.smartergrowth.net](http://www.smartergrowth.net)
  - Contact: (202) 675-0016
- Fair Chance
  - Fair Chance was founded in 2002 to guarantee that all children living in poverty have access to resources such as quality programs that will enable them to reach their future endeavors. Fair Chance believes that every child in the District of Columbia should be given the

opportunity to succeed. Their mission is to strengthen the sustainability of nonprofit organizations and their leaders to change the lives of children and youth living in poverty.

- Website: [www.fairchance.org](http://www.fairchance.org)
- Contact: (202) 467-2420
- DC Employment Justice Center
  - The D.C. Employment Justice Center protects and promotes the legal rights of low-wage workers in the DC metro area. To ensure that all workers are treated equally in the workplace, the EJC uses knowledgeable employment law attorneys and policy advocates to provide high-quality, free legal advice and assistance to low-wage workers and push for modifications in the workplace fairness laws. Volunteer opportunities include advocacy, worker's rights clinics, administrative support, education programs.
  - Website: [www.dcejc.org](http://www.dcejc.org)
  - Contact: [justice@dcejc.org](mailto:justice@dcejc.org)
- Gaithersburg Beloved Community Initiative
  - An Intergenerational community engagement project located in the second largest poverty pocket and immigration destination in Montgomery County. Urban and Mission Fellows experience the dynamics of working toward a vision of Beloved Community. GBCI is initiated and operated by residents of Asbury Methodist Village (Continuing Care Retirement Community) in collaboration with several community agencies, schools and organizations. GBCI works with children, youth, and adults to engage in mentoring, community organizing, English language practice, relationship building, discussion of difficult topics like bullying, fear of deportation and relationships with law enforcement. Embedded in the Pastoral Care Department at Asbury Methodist Village, we are located two miles from end of Red Line at Shady Grove Metro Station with regular bus service to stops at Asbury. Students pick projects in consultation with GBCI staff and Asbury resident leaders. Students may fulfill PM&M requirement through GBCI and/or Asbury Pastoral Care Department.
  - Website: <http://www.asburymethodistvillage.org/lifestyle/giving-back/gaithersburg-beloved-community-initiative>
  - Contact: [MBulatovic@Asbury.org](mailto:MBulatovic@Asbury.org) or [AEllestad@Asbury.org](mailto:AEllestad@Asbury.org)
- Green DMV
  - Green DMV was founded in 2007. Since its founding, they have developed successful programs to serve disadvantaged communities. Green DMV promotes sustainability in low-income neighborhoods as a pathway out of poverty. They believe that by helping underserved communities to realize the true benefit of clean energy, they can increase the vitality of small business community, educate the next generation on environmental stewardship, and strengthen the effectiveness of community stakeholders. They are fueled by the passion to ensure that the green economy is inclusive to all people.
  - Website: [www.greendmv.org](http://www.greendmv.org)
  - Contact: (888) 625-4440
- LIFT
  - LIFT is a growing movement to combat poverty and expand opportunity for all people in the United States. Our mission is to alleviate poverty in DC and our country for engaging our nation's college students in this effort. LIFT recruits and trains a diverse corps of undergraduates who make rigorous and sustained commitment to service while in school. This volunteer corps operates a national network of service centers, where they work side

by side with low-income individuals and their families to find jobs secure safe and stable housing make ends meet through public benefits and tax credits and acquire critical support like healthcare and childcare.

- Website: [www.liftcommunities.org](http://www.liftcommunities.org)
- Contact: [info@liftcommunities.org](mailto:info@liftcommunities.org)
- 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.
  - Website: [www.neighborsc.org](http://www.neighborsc.org)
  - Contact: (202) 234-6855
- One DC
  - Our DC's mission is to exercise political strength to create and preserve racial and economic equity in Shaw and the District. With volunteer opportunities in housing, income, wellness, and education, you can learn how to be the change and make the changes needed for justice and equity to be a reality in this city and this world!
  - Website: [www.onedonline.org](http://www.onedonline.org)
  - Contact: (202) 232-2915
- Empower DC
  - The mission of Empower DC is to enhance, improve and promote the self-advocacy of low and moderate income DC residents in order to bring about sustained improvements in their quality of life. We accomplish our mission through grassroots organizing and trainings, leadership development, and community education. Empower DC is a citywide, multi-issue, membership-based community organizing project. Empower DC builds campaigns to address key issues that directly-impact our membership.
  - Website: [www.empowerdc.org](http://www.empowerdc.org)
  - Contact page: <http://empowerdc.org/contact-us/>