

Volunteer Resources

Hunger & Poverty

A Just Harvest (7649 N Paulina St., Chicago)

Mon-Sun, 4-7:30pm

This organization serves meals every day of the year through its Community Kitchen. A Just Harvest volunteers plate, serve, and bus tables in a restaurant style service. To volunteer, contact David Crawford at 773-262-2297 or email david@ajustharvest.org or Bridget Harris at byharris46@gmail.com. Visit the website: www.ajustharvest.org

Beth Emet Soup Kitchen (1224 Dempster St., Evanston)

Wednesday, 4:30-7:30pm

Volunteers assist with meal prep, clean up, and hosting. To volunteer, contact Kelly Austin at 847-869-4230 ext. 333 or bethemetsoupkitchen@gmail.com. Visit the website: www.bethemet.org

Connections for the Homeless (2121 Dewey Ave, Evanston)

Mon-Sun, various times

Connections helps individuals who are impacted by homelessness through a variety of programs. Help out with Wednesday Workdays at Connections' soup kitchen, Hilda's Place (at Lake St. Church on Lake and Chicago Ave) from 2pm-4pm, data entry, winter clothing drives, cooking dinners, creating welcome baskets, and more. To volunteer, visit <http://www.connect2home.org/volunteer.html>. Contact Lisa Todd at lt@cfthinc.org or 224-420-0803 for more information. Website: listed above

Campus Kitchens at Northwestern University (Allison Hall, 1820 Chicago Ave.)

Assemble meals for individual clients, families, and food pantries using the unserved food recovered from campus dining halls. Volunteers under 18 years must have a waiver signed by a parent/guardian. Volunteers under age 15 must be accompanied by a parent. For more info, call 847-491-6925. Find the volunteer calendar and waiver at the website: <https://campuskitchens.volunteerhub.com/lp/cknorthwestern/events>.

ESCCA (Evanston School Children's Clothing Association) (1500 McDaniel Ave, Evanston)

This organization provides school clothing for all Evanston/Skokie District 65 K-8th grade children in need. Each year over 500-600 children are provided with a full wardrobe of clothing and shoes. Volunteers sort clothes or act as shopping assistants for students in the evenings. For more information, contact Madeleine Cusick at madeleine.escca@gmail.com or 312-618-9216. Visit the website: <https://escca.org/>.

Feed My Starving Children (Schaumburg & Libertyville, IL)

Children, teens, and adults hand pack meals for malnourished children that are then shipped around the world to nearly 70 different countries. Visit the website at <http://www.fmssc.org/> for more information.

Greater Chicago Food Depository (4100 W Ann Lurie Pl, Chicago)

GCFD is a nonprofit food distribution and training center that provides food for hungry people while striving to end hunger in our community. Help out with a variety of tasks such as: loading trucks with food, repacking bulk products into individual/family sizes, checking expiration dates, labeling food, delivering food to agencies, assisting with administrative tasks, order checking, and more! Contact Janet Anderson, at volunteerservices@gcfd.org or 773-843-7794. Visit the website: <https://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/>

The Harvest Food Pantry & Clothes Closet at Vineyard Church (2495 Howard St, Evanston)

Wednesdays 5pm-8:30pm: Volunteers must sign up by noon on Monday for each week

The food pantry: serves 250 families every week and anyone who needs to make ends meet. Volunteers are needed to set up, greet patrons, help new patrons, work the registration desk, distribute food, and work in the stock room.

The Harvest Closet: accepts gently used clothing for all ages and anyone can be a patron. Volunteers set up racks and containers, and then help serve patrons and restock the racks and containers. Volunteers can also sort and organize donations in the storage rooms. Email harvest@evanstonvineyard.org to sign up for these opportunities. Visit the website: <http://www.evanstonvineyard.org/harvest> →

Hillside Food Pantry (2727 Crawford Avenue, Evanston)

Saturdays, 2-4pm

Volunteers help pick up food from donor stores and the Greater Chicago Food Depository, unload and sort various items, and pre-bag items according to family size. Email Susan Gottlieb at susangottlieb@comcast.net or call 847-251-6717 to volunteer. Visit the website: www.hillsidepantry.org

Inspiration Café (4554 N Broadway St #207, Chicago)

Serve, cook meals, or create bag lunches with dignity and respect in the warm friendly atmospheres of the cafe. Cooks and servers must be at least 14 years old. Those who wish to volunteer must attend an orientation. Fill out the Volunteer Application Form at the website: <https://www.volgistics.com/ex/portal.dll/ap?AP=1614585802>.

Interfaith Action of Evanston (PO Box 1414, Evanston)

Monday, 12pm; Thursday, 6pm; Friday, 12pm; Sunday, 3pm

Volunteer teams plan, purchase, prepare, serve, and clean up a hot meal for 115 people at these different kitchens. Email Susan Murphy at ia@interfaithactionofevanston.org or call 847-475-1150 for availability. Visit the website: <http://www.interfaithactionofevanston.org/>

Night Ministry (various locations in Chicago)

Service Saturdays: 9am-12pm

Health Outreach Bus-Street Meals: Monday-Thursday 7pm or 8:45pm; Sunday, 4pm or 7pm

The Night Ministry works to provide housing, health care, and human connection to members of our community. During Service Saturdays, volunteers sort donations and pack safe sex or personal care kits. This activity takes place at 4711 N. Ravenswood (2nd floor) and is ideal for groups of 5 to 7. Other opportunities include serving hot dogs, soup or sack suppers alongside the Health Outreach Bus throughout the year, in one of five Chicago neighborhoods. Contact Volunteering@thenightministry.org or 773-784-9000 ext. 7012 to volunteer. Visit the website: <https://www.thenightministry.org/>

Soup at Six (Hemenway United Methodist Church, 933 Chicago Ave, Evanston)

Tuesdays, 4-6pm

Volunteers are needed to cook, serve, and clean up. If you would like to help cook and set up, come any time after 12pm. Email Julie Cowan at jcowan@solidprint.org or call 847-869-6363 to sign-up. Visit the website: www.soupatsix.org

St. Mark's Episcopal Church (1509 Ridge Ave.)

Tuesdays: 6-6:45pm

Volunteers will make sandwiches for our neighbors in need. The sandwiches are served on Wednesdays at the St. Mark's and St. Matthew's Episcopal Churches food shelter Episcopal churches of Evanston. Go to <http://bit.ly/2wq70zk> to sign up. For questions or more information, contact Joanne Wilson at jtwilson@umich.edu.

St. Paul's Lutheran (1004 Greenleaf St, Evanston)

Sundays, 1-4pm

Help prepare, serve, and clean up after the community food service held every Sunday. Contact office@stpaulevanston.org or 773-262-2297 ext. 24 to sign up. Website: <http://stpaulevanston.org/>

Additional Information

ETHS Community Service--Volunteer Opportunities

On our website, find current volunteer opportunities and a database of organizations that seek student volunteers: http://www.eths.k12.il.us/community/community_service1.aspx.

NU--ETHS Partnership Office

Kristen Perkins--NU/ETHS partnership liaison. Can assist students and connect them with NU programs, offices, and departments in any area of interest, especially the sciences: perkinsk@eths.k12.il.us.

Volunteer Evanston

The mission of Volunteer Evanston is to connect volunteers to opportunities in Evanston and assist local organizations that serve the Evanston community: www.volunteerevanston.org.

This list is provided as a resource and is in no way inclusive of all agencies providing volunteer opportunities. The inclusion of this information and links to these sites does not imply endorsement by ETHS District 202. Specific questions regarding any content or volunteer opportunities provided should be directed to the appropriate agency or organization.