

SERVE TO LEAD

PIONEER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



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Community Partner Site Descriptions



Access Gallery/ VSA Colorado is an inclusive nonprofit organization that engages the community by opening doors to creative and educational opportunities for people with disabilities to access and experience the arts.

Volunteer Detail:

Volunteers at Access Gallery can serve in a wide variety of positions. They need help with gallery openings/operations, working with students in one of our programs or general administrative functions. You also may assist with fundraising and special events.

Website:

www.accessgallery.org



The Bridge Project provides educational opportunities for children living in Denver's public housing neighborhoods so they graduate from high school and attend college or learn a trade.

Volunteer Detail:

Every school year each Bridge Project child is matched with a special adult called a tutor. The close relationship that develops over the school year is transformative for DU students and Bridge kids alike. PLP students will be assigned two students for a two hours session every week for the school year ending in May. **Please get started today at: <http://www.du.edu/bridgeproject>

Website:

www.denverbridgeproject.org



Café 180 recognizes our universal appetite for delicious, nourishing food and social connectedness. Café 180 is dedicated to eliminating hunger and social barriers associated with food by feeding all people regardless of their ability to pay, in a dignified and respectful manner.

Volunteer Detail:

Volunteers help in a variety of ways at Café 180: food preparation, cooking, serving, dishwashing, cleaning, maintenance, marketing, etc. Your service will depend on your interests.

Website:

www.cafe-180.org



Children's Hospital Colorado sets out to be a leader in providing the best healthcare outcomes for children. Our modern-day mission is to improve the health of children through the provision of high-quality coordinated programs of patient care, education, research and advocacy. As a private, not-for-profit pediatric healthcare network, The Children's Hospital is 100-percent dedicated to caring for kids at all ages and stages of growth.

Volunteer Detail:

Volunteers will help in a variety of ways with hospital duties. For example, spending time with patients and patient's siblings, performing hospital administrative tasks, or supporting fundraising activities.

Website:

<http://www.thechildrenshospital.org/>



Cooking Matters is a groundbreaking cooking based nutrition education program that teaches families how to prepare healthy, tasty meals on a limited budget. We provide knowledge and skills that help surround kids facing hunger with healthy foods where they live, learn and play. We believe that the negative health and economic effects of hunger and poor diet can be avoided if families know how to shop for and prepare healthy, low cost meals.

Volunteer Detail:

Volunteers help in a variety of ways at Cooking Matters. Your service will depend on your interests and qualifications.

Website:

co.cookingmatters.org



Caring exclusively for patients with spinal cord and brain injuries.

Craig Hospital is a world-renowned rehabilitation hospital that exclusively specializes in the neuro-rehabilitation and research of patients with spinal cord injury and traumatic brain injury.

Volunteer Detail:

Volunteers will help in a variety of ways with hospital duties. For example, spending time with patients, performing hospital administrative tasks, or supporting the physical therapy, occupational therapy, therapeutic recreation or nursing units.

Website:

<http://www.craighospital.org/>



Denver Urban Debate League (DUDL) is committed to improving urban education in Denver by helping students learn and achieve through Debate. The mission is to provide opportunities for competitive debate to every student in the Denver area. DUDL emphasizes education over competition, using debate as a tool to build valuable academic and life skills that will ensure Denver's students future college and career success.

Volunteer Detail:

You can either be a debate judge who leads a discussion with the debates that serves as a debate critique and an opportunity for the judge to mentor the four students regarding their education and future goals. Or you could be a debate mentor/assistant coach, where you assist the debate teacher coach at each school in running debate practice sessions or classes at their school.

Website:

www.DenverDebate.org



Denver Urban Gardens (DUG) comes alongside residents, and together, we cultivate gardeners, grow food and nourish community. DUG offers neighborhoods the essential resources for community gardens, including on-going technical expertise with:

- Securing sustainable land for gardens;
- Designing and building gardens;
- Supporting garden organization, leadership, outreach and maintenance;
- Utilizing gardens as extraordinary places for learning and healthy living;
- Linking gardens with related local food system projects and policy.

Volunteer Detail:

Volunteers help in a variety of youth programs, including: Garden to Cafeteria, Youth Farm Stands, and the Healthy Seedlings program. Your service will depend on the need of participating elementary schools, as well as your interests.

Website:

www.dug.org



The Gathering Place
a refuge for rebuilding lives

The Gathering Place exists to serve women, their children and transgender individuals experiencing homelessness or poverty by providing a community of safety and hope where positive relationships, choice, and essential resources transform lives. The Gathering Place is Denver's only daytime drop-in center for women, their children, and transgender individuals experiencing poverty and homelessness.

Volunteer Detail:

Over 200 volunteers serve on-site weekly, 2-5 hours per week for a minimum of 3 months. Our volunteers serve throughout our agency; greeting clients at our Welcome Desk, running our Computer Lab, supporting artists in Card Project, tutoring in our GED program, distributing food and clothing in our on-site boutique and pantry, supporting families in our Family Area and much more.

Website:

www.tgpdenver.org



Littleton Immigrant Resources Center serves immigrants on the pathway to citizenship using cultural exchange between volunteer mentors and immigrants to foster a more inclusive and integrated community. LIRC is staffed by knowledgeable employees who can direct immigrants to various community organizations and who can assist with anything from housing, to healthcare, to English language classes. We also provide citizenship classes and one-on-one English language and citizenship mentoring programs.

Volunteer Detail:

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Being a tutor with English as a Second Language programs or serving as a one-on-one citizenship mentor at a public place of your choice to help immigrants prepare for their citizenship examination
- Classroom assistant in ESL or citizenship classes, typically M-R: 10a-12p
Office- greeting, answering phone calls, citizenship preparation, scholarship applications

Website:

www.littletonimmigrants.org



Platte Forum gives hope and direction to underserved youth who collaborate with professional artists from around the world. This experience transforms the lives of underserved youth who work closely with the resident artists' 5-8 week projects and the community.

Volunteer Detail:

Volunteers at Platte Forum can serve as mentors to students while they work with visiting artists. Alternatively, volunteers can work as an artist assistant supporting the artists, helping with studio and gallery projects, installation and de-installation. Must be a self-starter and flexible.

Website:

www.platteforum.org



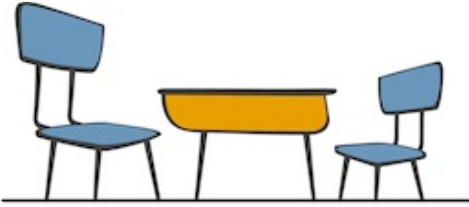
Project C.U.R.E. seeks to identify, solicit, collect, sort and distribute medical supplies and services according to the imperative needs of the world. Since 1987, Project C.U.R.E. has helped bridge the staggering global health resource gaps by matching donated supplies and equipment with those in need. Today, Project C.U.R.E. is the largest distributor of donated medical supplies to patients, families and children in more than 130 countries.

Volunteer Detail:

Volunteers help in a variety of ways at Project C.U.R.E. Your service will depend on the agencies needs as well as your interests.

Website:

<http://www.projectcure.org/jobs>



readingpartners

one tutor. one child. infinite possibilities.

Reading Partners is a nonprofit organization that matches volunteers with struggling young readers. They focus on one-on-one time that provides individual attention to low-income communities to try to increase the literacy rate of students who are reading below grade level.

Volunteer Detail:

Volunteers will be matched one-on-one with an elementary school student K-5th grade. Training provided; no education background necessary.

Website:

<http://readingpartners.org/colorado/colorado-schools/>



RedLine is an innovative, mixed-use arts space that combines an artist residency program with project-based community engagement in the arts. RedLine offers arts education for at-risk youth, weekly workshops for homeless artists, and programs for the public at large.

Volunteer Detail:

RedLine Contemporary Art Center fosters education and engagement between artists and communities to create positive social change. Volunteers at RedLine can serve in a variety of ways and will be required to assist/participate in at least 5 hours of hands-on programming. Additionally, volunteers will work on individual projects and will have small written assignments throughout the year. RedLine will work with individuals to set-up a valuable experience for those interested in the local art scene and socially engaged art practice.

Website:

www.redlineart.org



South High School: The Future Center is a college resource center that provides direct services to South HS students who plan to enroll in postsecondary education. The services include college exploration and understanding college admissions and financial aid along with completing college applications, scholarship applications and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) process.

Volunteer Detail:

Student volunteers will assist students in various capacities related to college access and postsecondary planning. Looking for enthusiastic mentors to work with 1-2 seniors to work through their college process, examples include college application support, essay revision, searching for scholarships, interview prep, etc.

**Must be flexible; be proactive and creative.

Website:

<http://south.dpsk12.org/scholarship.html>



Street's Hope provides holistic restorative services to women escaping sex trafficking and the commercial sex industry and nurtures the resilience needed to heal, transform and thrive. Street's Hope envisions a healthy community void of sex trafficking and the commercial sex industry where every woman is empowered and restored to her humanity.

Volunteer Detail:

Females only- Volunteers will help in a variety of ways with direct client services, outreach, administrative tasks and more.

Website:

www.streetshope.org



Women's Homelessness Initiative (WHI) is a consortium of churches and congregations centered in the Denver Capitol Hill and Park Hill neighborhoods and reaching out beyond those boundaries to offer sanctuary and hospitality every night for women who are homeless. WHI is called to serve, to educate and to advocate on the issue of homelessness.

Volunteer Detail:

WHI offers a variety of ways, days and times you can work with us. Men and women are welcome. Possibilities include: program set-up/greeting/being present (evenings); clean-up/being with (early mornings); overnight presence; special events.

Website:

www.Chumdenver.org