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SERVE TO LEAD
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

Staff Contact: Cris Ciani | cris@accessgallery.org | 303-777-0797

Address: 909 Santa Fe Dr, Denver, CO 80204

Days/Service Time: Weekdays; Requires flexibility. First and Third Friday evenings available.



Asbury Elementary- Special Education Room is a neighborhood Denver Public elementary school which serves grades K-5. Asbury also hosts a centers-based Multi-Intensive special education program. Multi-Intensive classrooms include a wide variety of students. Students have physical, cognitive, and/or emotional disabilities.

Volunteer Detail: Volunteers are a vital component to the success of the MI classroom. Volunteers will work on reading, math, writing, and speech goals with the students as needed. They will either work one on one with the students or in small groups, leading group play activities, helping the students with their social skills, vocabulary, and creative play skills.

Website: <http://asbury.dpsk12.org/>

Staff Contact: Patrick Cole | patrick_cole@dpsk12.org | 720-424-7282

Address: 1320 E Asbury Ave, Denver, CO 80210

Days/Service Time: Mon-Fri 8:30a-3:00p for 1-hour timeslots

Additional Information: 6 spots available



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.

Website: www.denverbridgeproject.org

Staff Contact: Phoung Phan | pphan@du.edu (email preferred)

Address: PLP students will work out of three different schools.
Lincoln Park | 1265 Mariposa St
Columbine | 2390 West Cedar Ave Denver, CO 80223
Westwood | 855 South Irving Street

Days/Service Time: Monday – Thursdays 3:30 to 8:00pm (Early release at Lincoln Park on Thursdays 1:00 to 8:00pm)

Additional Information: Phoung can accept 10 students total. Email Phoung directly to sign up to volunteer. She will connect you with the school and students.



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: The volunteers at Cafe 180 help in a variety of ways, with two everyday staff, the volunteers act as the other "volunteer staff" of the Cafe. Tasks range from prepping food, chopping veggies for the day, preparing our homemade soup, baking our delicious cookies, doing the dishes, bussing/ serving tables, to making the salads our guests order. No prior kitchen experience needed!! We do all the training day of while you are here. Tasks will depend on the volunteer's interests.

Website: www.cafe-180.org

Staff Contact: Boo Crosby | cafe180volunteer@gmail.com | 303-761-4510

Address: 3315 S. Broadway, Englewood, CO 80113

Days/Service Time: Monday – Saturday 10:00am – 12:30pm or 12:30 – 3:00pm

Additional Information: Sign-up for shifts as far out in advance as possible. Connect with Boo to request weekly times; he can override the sign-up system to accommodate for additional PLP students! Comes with the added perk of a meal.



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. *Volunteers at the Children's Hospital must commit to at least 3 hours per week for at least 6 months (excluding winter break).*

Website: www.thechildrenshospital.org

Staff Contact: Kathleen McBride | 720-777-6489
Kathleen.mcbride@childrenscolorado.org

Address: 13123 E. 16th Ave, Aurora, CO

Days/Service Time: Must commit at least 3 hours per week for at least 6 months (excluding winter break)

Additional Information: *This particular site has a great deal of pre-volunteer screenings to be completed.

1. Interview with Kathleen (contact her as soon as possible to schedule)
 2. Health screening (possible blood draw)
 3. Orientation
 4. Background check
 5. Patient activity training (choose 1 from the trainings below)
- Tues, Sept 25: 6:30-9:00p

-Sat, Oct 13: 1:00p-4:00p

6. Shadowing

**If you are not willing to start this process right away, please do not choose this site! If you do choose this site, make sure to tell Kathleen you are in PLP, and she will fast-track you as much as possible. Also, you are strongly encouraged to pick a particular floor/unit.



Cooking Matters is helping end childhood hunger by inspiring families to make healthy, affordable food choices. When kids eat good food, they're stronger and healthier. But shopping and cooking healthy food is tough, even more so for low-income parents struggling with limited food budgets and a lack of options.

Our programs teach parents and caregivers with limited food budgets to shop for and cook healthy, affordable 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

Staff Contact: Heather Crandall | covolunteer@strength.org | 303-927-0619

Address: Varies depending on class/tour location

Days/Service Time: Monday-Saturday: 8:00am – 8:00pm; each class is 2 hours/week and lasts for 6 weeks; there are one-time grocery store tours.

Search the schedule to see specific trainings and classes:

<http://co.cookingmatters.org/sf/calendar>

Additional Information: Maximum 9 students. Three available orientations: be Wednesday, September 18th, 11:30am-1:30pm (Carpenter Rec. Center, 11151 Colorado Blvd, Thornton, CO 80233). Tuesday, October 8th, 5:30-7:30pm or Saturday, October 19th, 9-11am (1824 Lincoln St, Denver, CO 80203)



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

Staff Contact: Ruby Nunez | rbynunez@urbandebate.org | 303.257.1366

Address: Various schools around the Denver Metro, Thornton, and Aurora.

Days/Service Time: Monday -Thursday 2:00pm - 6:00pm; Friday 3:00pm - 9:00pm; Sat 8:00am - 8:00pm

Additional Information:



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

Staff Contact: Cortney Mabry | cortney@tgpdenver.org | 303-996-9028

Address: 1535 High Street Denver, CO 80209

Days/Service Time: Varies by placement. Generally, 2-3 hours week with a minimum 3-month commitment during our busiest program hours- Monday-Friday 8:30a-5:00p

Additional Information: Limited spots available



Kavod Senior Life is a non-profit, HUD-subsidized senior living home. With over 400 residents from all over the world, we are a vibrant and accepting community. We have an array of life enrichment programs including classes, trips, musical guests, and activities. We recently implemented two nationally-renowned intergenerational programs - Music & Memory, and Opening Minds through Art (OMA). They provide opportunities to create meaningful connections with, hear stories from, and give new perspective to, a senior generation. The music and art provide residents with opportunities for creativity and autonomy. Importantly, the programs give students the opportunity to overcome fears or biases towards people with dementia by showing capacity for storytelling and connection.

Volunteer Detail: Students will be paired one-on-one with residents in the Music & Memory or OMA class. In the former, students listen to their partner's favorite music together. Students ask questions that help unlock memories and develop connection. In Opening Minds through Art, students work with their partner to create "failure free" abstract. Again, this is an opportunity to tell stories and form meaningful relationships, while relaxing with art.

Website: www.kavodseniorlife.org

Staff Contact: Grace Trautman | gtrautman@kavodseniorlife.org | 720-382-7839

Address: 11. S Adams St, Denver CO, 80209

Days/Service Time:

Opening Minds through Art (OMA): Weekly from 12:10 – 1:30 on Tuesdays, plus 1hr of training sometime before the first session. Final Art Show every 2 months, which lasts 1.5hrs. The first one will be on November 12th from 6 – 7:30.

Music and Memory: Weekly from 12:30 – 1:30 on Thursdays, plus one hour of training sometime before the first session.

Additional Information: 14 students max (7 per program)



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

Staff Contact: Erica Bisbey | ebisbey@littletongov.org | 303-734-8411

Address: 6014 S Datura St., Littleton, CO 80120

Days/Service Time: Flexibility. 1-3 hours per week. Weekends/Evenings also available

Additional Information: 4 volunteers maximum. Will **only** accept students who will be in town all year. Program doesn't work with students who are not in Denver during November/December, as students need consistent tutoring throughout the year.



Metro Caring meets people's immediate food needs while addressing the root cause of hunger: poverty. Metro Caring provides nutritious groceries to neighbors, and offers comprehensive anti-hunger resources so that families can break the cycle of poverty. The Fresh Foods market is at the heart of Metro Caring. Shoppers choose from an array of nutritious foods based on their dietary needs and preferences, and leave with a week's supply of groceries, including fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains, dairy and lean protein.

Volunteer Detail: Volunteer opportunities include:

- Front End Team: Welcome Desk Assistant, Community Connectors, Child Care
- Food Access Team: Restocker, Cart Attendant, Sorter, Check In & Check Out Volunteers

- Team Garden/ Activation, Garden Specialist, Community Activators
- Nutrition Team: Nutrition Educator:

Website: www.metrocaring.org

Staff Contact: Deena Duwaik | dduwaik@metrocaring.org | 303.350.3699

Address: 1100 E 18th Ave, Denver, CO 80218

Days/Service Time: Monday – Friday 9:30am – 3:00pm

Additional Information: Flexibility with volunteer opportunities.



Project C.U.R.E. delivers health and hope to the world, since 1987. We are the largest distributor of donated medical supplies to patients, families and children in 134 different countries. Thousands of people die every day in the developing world because local hospitals & clinics don't have the medical supplies and equipment needed to save lives in their communities. Children are missing the chance to get an education and live a full life due to illnesses that would be treatable if they had access to proper health services. It's Project C.U.R.E.'s mission to change that. Together we will deliver health & hope to the world.

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: www.projectcure.org/jobs

Staff Contact: Denise Farrar | denisefarrar@projectcure.org | 720.490.4011

Address: 10377 E Geddes Ave, Centennial, CO 80112-3740

Days/Service Time: Office Hours 8:30a-4:00p; Warehouse Hours 9:00a-3:00p
Must be able to commit at least a 4-hour block every week.

Additional Information: 4-5 spots available. First come- first served.



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: www.readingpartners.org/colorado/colorado-schools/

Staff Contact: Primary Contact - Quinn Boden | 720.409.9909
Quinn Boden (Organization Contact) | quinn.boden@readingpartners.org
Brett Butler (Supervisor) | brett.butler@readingpartners.org
Zach Ward (Program Contact) | zachary.ward@readingpartners.org

Address: Force Elementary | 1550 S. Wolff St. Denver, CO 80219 or
College View | 2675 S Decatur St, Denver, CO 80219

Days/Service Time: Monday – Thursday 8:00am - 3:00pm (must commit to 1 hour a week)

Additional Information: Each school can have 4 volunteers



Severe Weather Shelter Network partners with organizations and agencies in the community to provide emergency overnight shelter on life threatening winter nights for individuals living on the streets.

We work with local churches to provide sites to host our guests overnight. At these Host Churches, guests can enjoy a hot, homemade meal as well as friendly conversation around the table. Aside from supplying a safe, warm environment overnight, we also connect our guests with other resources as their needs become known.

Volunteer Detail: Students can work with SWSN staff to develop and coordinate a communication and development plan including social media, newsletter, website maintenance, video/written interviews, and assisting with fundraising. Students can also serve as “on call” evening or overnight shelter volunteers on severe weather nights (severe weather nights determined by 10:00am). For additional volunteer roles and details visit swshelternetwork.com/volunteers/

Website: <https://swshelternetwork.com/>

Staff Contact: Christy | christy@swshelternetwork.com | 720-210-8069

Address: multiple sites dependent on weather

Days/Service Time: administrative service work is flexible and can be scheduled with Christy. Shelter service hours dates are dependent on weather shifts vary from 6:00am to

Additional Information: This is a new community partner. This site will serve as a great opportunity for students to step outside of their comfort zone and connect with community members who are less fortunate.



STEM Club at STRIVE Prep aims to make STEM more accessible to under-represented youth in the Denver area. This project will continue a previously established program and curriculum developed by PLP students as their sophomore CCI project. This project works with STRIVE-Prep Federal Middle school, a public charter schools that challenges scholars to learn to change their worlds. The school is 90% students of color who are also from low-income families.

Volunteer Detail: Students will build off an existing curriculum created by PLP students, while also running an afterschool program and plan an end-of-year field trip to DU. The curriculum will be adapted to fit each PLP student's specialty and passion.

Website: www.striveprep.org

Staff Contact: Jenny Brown | jbrown@striveprep.org | 720-460-2800 (main office)

Address: Federal Middle School | 2626 W Evans Ave, Denver, CO 80219

Days/Service Time: Wednesdays afternoon (exact time TBD with Jenny Brown)

Additional Information:

PLP students will work as a team. Onsite duties will begin winter quarter E=every Wednesday afternoon, with additional off-site program management to develop curriculum. Fall quarter will be used for introductions, setup, and training. After school club will restart in the Winter Quarter.



Swedish Medical Center, part of HCA's HealthONE, is located in the south metro Denver area where it has been a proud member of the community for more than 110 years. An acute care hospital with 408 licensed beds, annually Swedish cares for more than 200,000 patients with a team of approximately 2,000 dedicated employees, 300 volunteers and 1,400 physicians.

Volunteer Detail: Volunteers will help in a variety of ways with hospital duties. For example, rounding on patients offering comfort items. Restocking linens and supplies. Escorting patients and families around the hospital. Delivering flowers.

Website: www.swedishhospital.com

Staff Contact: Theresa Lelong | Theresa.Lelong@HealthONEcares.com | 303-788-6826

Address: 501 E. Hampden Ave. Englewood, CO 80113

Days/Service Time: Students **MUST** commit at least 4 hours per week for at least 6 months. (100 hours of service **required**).

Additional Information: (100 hours of service **required**). This particular site has a great deal of pre-volunteer screenings to be completed. Fill out application and background check forms and submit to Theresa Lelong. Hospital Orientation – Contact Theresa September 23 and October 7 from 7:30am – 11am, and October 10 from 4pm – 8pm. Ensure you have your TB and Flu shot done. Recommend going to PCP or Health Center on Campus



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

Staff Contact: Diana Flahive | flahive@flahive.us | 303-832-4188, 303-297-3588

Address: Office: 624 Lafayette St., Denver 80218. *However, the WHI overnight sites are at various churches around the Capitol Hill and Park Hill Communities*

Days/Service Time: The WHI Director will work with you to match your needs and the needs of our various sites. WHI operates every night of the week from approx. 4:00pm – 8:00am. Choices could be: set-up from 4:00p-8:00p; clean up from 6:00a–8:00a, overnight from 9:00p-6:00a, and special events.

Additional Information: Flexibility to study during night shifts
