

# Economic Justice

## Volunteer Opportunities

### **Family Place**

**244 10th St E**

**St Paul, MN 55101**

**Vol. Coord.: Bob Fallat, (952) 938-3903**

**<http://www.famplace.org>**

This is a day shelter centered around the needs of families who do not have permanent housing. Volunteers can work with children's programming, help with meals, complete administrative work, and staff the front desk.

### **Habitat for Humanity**

**3001 Fourth Street SE**

**Minneapolis, MN 55414**

**Campus Contact: [hfh@macalester.edu](mailto:hfh@macalester.edu)**

**<http://www.tchabitat.org> or [www.macalester.edu/hfh](http://www.macalester.edu/hfh)**

Volunteers work on homes being built with and for low-income future homeowners. The Macalester Habitat Campus Chapter sponsors one-time and weekly opportunities, as well as alternative break trips.

### **Hope Community**

**611 East Franklin Avenue**

**Minneapolis, MN 55404**

**Vol. Coord.: Betsy Sohn, (612) 874-8867**

**<http://www.hope-community.org>**

A catalyst for change, growth and safety in the neighborhood, Hope community provides emergency shelter, low-cost housing, children's programs, and community building events. Volunteers can help with maintenance, special projects and ESL tutoring.

### **Keystone Community Services**

**2000 St. Anthony Avenue**

**St. Paul, MN 55104**

**Vol. Coord.: Hollie Ott, (651) 603-6650**

**<http://www.keystonecommunityservices.org>**

Keystone Community Services works to strengthen the capacity of individuals and families to improve the quality of their lives. It operates a preschool, a food shelf, senior programs and meals on wheels.

### **Minnesota Community Action Partnership**

**100 Empire Drive, Suite 202**

**Saint Paul, MN 55103**

**Vol. Coord: Pam Johnson, (651) 645-7425, x2**

**<http://www.mncaa.org>**

Community Action Partnership works to better focus available local, state, private and federal resources to assist low-income individuals and families to acquire useful skills and knowledge, gain access to new opportunities and achieve economic self-sufficiency.

### **Our Saviour's Housing**

**2219 Chicago Ave S**

**Minneapolis, MN 55404**

**Vol. Coord.: Maryellen Skan, (612) 872-4193, x25**

**<http://www.osom-mn.org/programs>**

Our Saviour's Housing provides emergency shelter, transitional housing, and aid to people experiencing homelessness. Volunteers can work in the evening during resident check-in, answer phones, distribute bedding and towels, and assist with computers. Groups can serve meals on weekends.

### **Project for Pride in Living, Inc.**

**1925 Chicago Ave**

**Minneapolis, MN 55404**

**Vol. Coord.: Julie Huck, (612) 455-5111**

**<http://www.ppl-inc.org>**

PPL's mission is to assist low and moderate income people in becoming self-sufficient by addressing their housing, job and neighborhood needs. There are various volunteer positions available in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

### **Second Harvest Heartland**

**1140 Gervais Avenue**

**St. Paul, MN 55109**

**Vol. Coord.: Denny Scott, (651) 209-7939**

**<http://www.2harvest.org>**

Second Harvest Heartland is a food bank that distributes donated grocery products to 700 human service agencies in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Group and individual volunteer projects include repackaging bulk food donations, and sorting and assembling food packages.

### **Simpson Housing Services**

**2740 1st Avenue South**

**Minneapolis, MN 55408**

**Vol. Coord.: Christina Giese, (612) 455-0859,**

**<http://www.simpsonhousing.org>**

Simpson Shelter is an emergency overnight shelter in Minneapolis serving men every night. Volunteering requires an overnight commitment from 6:30 pm to 7 am the following morning. Volunteers help with the registration of the clients, serve dinner, and watch over the sleeping room at night.

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# RELATED LINKS

## **Catholic Charities**

<http://www.ccspm.org>

Catholic Charities is a local Catholic organization that is dedicated to helping “the poorest of poor” within the 12-county Minneapolis/St. Paul archdiocese.

## **Center of Excellence for Sustainable Development**

<http://www.mhponline.org>

Helps communities design and implement strategies that enhance the local economy, environment, and quality of life.

## **Census Bureau – Poverty and Health Statistics Branch**

<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty.html>

## **Change Communications Links**

<http://www.change.org>

A social network for social activism.

## **Families USA**

<http://www.familiesusa.org>

“A national nonprofit organization, advocates high-quality, affordable health and long term care for all Americans. Families USA works at the national, state, and grassroots levels with organization and individuals to help them participate constructively in shaping health care policies in the public and private sectors.” Includes extensive reports on numerous health care issues.

## **The Hunger Site**

<http://www.thehungersite.com>

If you visit The Hunger Site, you will be asked to click a button. By clicking, you initiate a group of corporate sponsors to donate food to hungry people around the world. There is no catch, all you have to do is take a minute and click on a button for someone in need to be fed.

## **Idea Central: Welfare and Families**

<http://www.movingideas.org>

Bi-monthly collection of articles from various political perspectives about this issue.

## **Minneapolis Consortium of Community Developers**

<http://www.mccdmn.org>

Established in 1982, the Minneapolis Consortium of Community Developers is an association of nonprofit community development organizations that share a common vision, mission, and values.

## **Minnesota Housing Partnership (MHP)**

<http://www.mhponline.org>

Minnesota Housing Partnership, helps create, preserve and promote affordable housing across Minnesota.

## **Neighborhood Planning for Community Revitalization**

<http://www.npcr.org>

NPCR connects neighborhood-based revitalization organizations to Twin Cities university resources. The primary goals are to enhance the capacity of Twin Cities community-based organizations by providing relevant applied research and technical assistance and to introduce university students and faculty to new community research and learning opportunities.

## **Oxfam America**

<http://www.oxfamamerica.org>

Oxfam America funds the self-help efforts of poor and marginalized people—landless peasants, indigenous people, women, refugees, and survivors of war and natural disasters. Oxfam’s support is crucial, giving people access to vital resources, such as land, water, seed, credit and training, so they can overcome the root causes of poverty.

• *It is estimated that nearly 9,000 Minnesotans are homeless and an additional 11,500 are at risk of becoming homeless on any given day in Minnesota.*

• *The number of homeless people increased by 10% between 2000 and 2003. The increase was driven by a dramatic rise in the number of homeless men (38%), and increase in the number of homeless women (13%) and a slight decline in the number of homeless families and children.*

• *Wages increased for all types of jobs. For lower-paying industries, wages increased faster in Minneapolis and the west metro. The average wage in low-paying industries equals about \$24,300 per year, compared to about \$44,700 in higher-paying industries.*

• *A wage of \$14 an hour is needed for the average one-bedroom apartment in the metro area to be affordable (30% or less of income).*

• *Throughout the 1990s, more than half of low-income households had unaffordable housing costs.*

• *While the number of homeless people in the metro area has more than doubled since 1991, the number of homeless children has almost quadrupled.*