

Women and Gender Volunteer Opportunities

Casa de Esperanza

P.O. Box 71577 - St. Paul, MN 55175

Vol. Coord.: Amber Hanson, (651) 646-5553, x101

<http://www.casadeesperanza.org>

Casa de Esperanza works to mobilize Latinas to end domestic violence. Their work includes marriage counseling for couples, a shelter for battered Latina women, creating easy access to legal facilities for Latinas, and creating peer support networks for women within the Latina community. Volunteers who have Spanish fluency may work on the crisis line, as an office assistant, or as an after-school group leader for Latino youth.

Chrysalis

4432 Chicago Ave S - Minneapolis, MN 55407

Vol. Coord.: Joanie Braun, (612) 871-0118

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

Chrysalis provides health and human service programs to women, children, and families, including programs in Chemical Health, the Mental Health Clinic, Legal Assistance for Women, Community and Professional Education, Support Groups, and the Kid's Cocoon Child Care Center. Volunteers can assist and support these programs.

Family Tree Clinic

1619 Dayton Avenue, Suite 205

St. Paul, MN 55104

Vol. Coord.: Rebecca Pederson, (651) 523-0171, x142

<http://www.familytreeclinic.org>

Family Tree provides education and reproductive health care services for women, men and teens. Charges for services are on a sliding scale based on income, and supplies are low-cost. Volunteers can educate patients one-on-one regarding family planning, STDs and birth control. Training provided.

Harriet Tubman Family Alliance

3111 1st Ave S - Minneapolis, MN 55408

Vol. Hotline: (612) 825-3333

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

Harriet Tubman Center provides direct service through advocacy, support, and education for battered women and their children. Volunteers are needed to help the women at the shelter find legal assistance, resources, social services, employment and medical assistance and to work with children in the daycare center. Volunteers are required to attend a training session.

OutFront Minnesota

310 38th Street East #204

Minneapolis, MN 55409-1337

Vol. Coord.: John Czyxcon, (612) 822-0127, x100

<http://www.outfront.org>

OutFront Minnesota works to eliminate heterosexism and homophobia through programs and services to the GLBTQAI communities in the areas of public policy, advocacy, education and training, anti-violence, schools, and the law. Volunteers can work with the office, special events, and outreach programs.

Planned Parenthood of Minnesota

1965 Ford Parkway - St. Paul, MN 55116

Vol. Coord.: Nikki Miller, (651) 698-2401

<http://www.ppsmsd.org>

For over 75 years, Planned Parenthood has been driven by the belief that all citizens deserve full rights to compassionate, high quality reproductive health care and information, to allow them to build healthy families and productive lives. Volunteers serve as receptionists, patient educators, or medical assistants. Other opportunities include involvement in community education, advocacy and special projects.

Quatrefoil Library

1619 Dayton Avenue, Suite 105 - St. Paul, MN 55104

Vol. Coord.: Jeremy Wardein, (651) 641-0969

<http://quatrefoillibrary.org>

Quatrefoil Library exists to collect, preserve, and share GLBT materials and information in order to promote communities, raise awareness of diversity and history, and foster understanding. Collections include books, videos, materials, and information which members may check out. Volunteers can sort donated books, work as a desk volunteer, and help at book sales.

Women's Advocates

588 Grand Avenue - St. Paul, MN 55102

Vol. Coord.: Alaena Dunn, (651) 726-5203

<http://www.wadvocates.org>

Women's Advocates is a peaceful and welcoming shelter for battered women and their children. Services are provided to shelter residents in a respectful and compassionate manner. Volunteers are needed for a number of activities including helping with child care activities. Training for volunteers through the Coalition for Battered Women is required and paid for by Women's Advocates.

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RELATED LINKS

CAVNET: Communities Against Violence Network

<http://www.cavnet2.org>

Among the topics dealt with here are gender inequality worldwide; sexual violence on campus; trafficking in women; gays and lesbians; men's efforts to end men's violence against women; and a multi-issue section on violence against women. There's an up-to-date news/events section, recommended readings, and a searchable Knowledge Base, all of which can be accessed by clicking on "Browse CAVNET."

Faith Trust Institute

<http://www.faithtrustinstitute.org>

FaithTrust Institute offers a wide range of services and resources to provide communities and advocates with the tools and knowledge they need to address the religious and cultural issues related to abuse.

Center for Reproductive Rights

<http://www.reproductiverights.org>

The Center for Reproductive Rights (formerly the Center for Reproductive Law and Policy) is a nonprofit legal advocacy organization dedicated to promoting and defending women's reproductive rights worldwide. The site provides news coverage of reproductive rights legal issues, information about the status of reproductive rights around the world, fact sheets and other resources, an online newsletter, and more. Some materials are available in Spanish and French as well as English.

DIANA: International Human Rights Database

<http://www.law-lib.utoronto.ca/Diana>

This part of the Women's Human Rights Programme is a database devoted to women's human rights. It includes links to legal research; documents from governmental and non-governmental organizations; and a bibliography of women's human rights documents.

National Women's Law Center

<http://www.nwlc.org>

Organization whose mission is "to protect and advance the progress of women and girls at work, in school, and in virtually every aspect of their lives." Its informative web site provides news, information, and activist alerts in support of its mission in such categories as Athletics, Child & Family Support, Education, Employment, Health, Social Security, and more.

FamilyPlanet - International Family Planning

<http://www.familyplanet.org>

Explores the link between family planning, environment, maternal, and child health.

The Independent Women's Forum

<http://www.iwf.org>

The Independent Women's Forum is dedicated to advancing the spirit of enterprise and self-reliance among women, and supporting the principles of political freedom, economic liberty, and personal responsibility.

Society for Women's Health Research

<http://www.womenshealthresearch.org>

Includes useful information about issues in women's health care and well-organized statistics and links to related sites.

- *Minnesota has the highest female labor participation rate in the country.*
- *Among female victims, friends or acquaintances committed 40% of the rapes and sexual assaults, strangers 32%, and intimates 24%. The intimate offender was more likely a boy/girlfriend or ex-boy/girlfriend (14.3%) than a spouse (7.3%).*
- *In 92% of all domestic violence incidents, crimes are committed by men against women.*
—Department of Justice, January 1994
- *Nearly one third of American women (31%) report being physically or sexually abused by a husband or boyfriend at some point in their lives.*
—Commonwealth Fund survey, 1998
- *Of women who reported being raped and/or physically assaulted since the age of 18, three quarters (76%) were victimized by a current or former husband, cohabitating partner, date or boyfriend.*
—Department of Justice, November 1998

	1980	1990	2000
Female population (%)	50.9	50.8	51.1
Life expectancy (years)	78	79	80
Female labor force (%)	58	64	70
Contraceptive prevalence (%)	68	76	64
Female unemployment (%)	7.4	5.5	4.1

<http://devdata.worldbank.org/genderstats/genderRpt.asp?rpt=profile&cy=USA,United%20States&hm=home>