

# Group Volunteer Opportunities / Events

This list is compiled from the various opportunities the Civic Engagement Center receives from local non-profit organizations throughout the year; feel free to contact the individual organizations to find out more about their opportunities/events. Many opportunities throughout the Twin Cities are listed on these searchable databases: Hands on Twin Cities <http://www.handsontwincities.org/>, Volunteer Match: <http://www.volunteermatch.org/>

**The CEC student organizers listed here have more information and can help you find the right opportunity (transportation provided to some locations).**

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**For more information, contact one of these students or the Civic Engagement Center directly at X 6040 or email: [cec@macalester.edu](mailto:cec@macalester.edu).**

ORGANIZATION - LOCATION - CONTACT INFO	DATE	EVENT - DESCRIPTION	NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS
Family and Children's Service	Saturday, November 21, 2009 4:00-6:30 p.m.	<i>Community Leaders Honoring Banquet to Kick Off National Family Week</i>	1-10
South High School 3131 19th Avenue South Minneapolis 55407 CONTACT: Kim Ferencik <a href="mailto:kferencik@fcsmn.org">kferencik@fcsmn.org</a> 612-341-1611		Volunteers are need to help set up, help with greeting, registration, and coat check, serve dinner and cake, and clean up after dinner. Please RSVP by Nov 11.	Group Event

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Aeon Downtown or south Minneapolis	Daytimes, Evenings, Weekends -	<b>Painting Party</b> Come have a painting party with us! Aeon's 1,503 affordable-housing units require a lot of upkeep, so we always have projects both large and small, indoors and outdoors. Most painting is done in common areas, though we also paint units. Snacks provided.	5-20
CONTACT: Colleen O'Connor coconnor@aeonmn.org			Group Event
Books for Africa 4th St., Suite 200, St. Paul, MN 55101	6 weeks out from the end of semester	<b>Organize Book Drive</b> Through our partnership with Better World Books, a student/class would organize a bookdrive on campus at semester's end in support of Books For Africa. Collection supplies, promotion/marketing materials, and shipping costs provided for.	
CONTACT: Niko Tomlinson niko@booksforafrica.org			Group Event
Cheerful Givers 1287 Berry Ridge Road Eagan, MN 55123	Every Thursday Nov 12-Dec. 31, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	<b>Birthday Bag Blitz</b> Volunteers are needed to create toy-filled birthday bags and deliver them to a shelter or food shelf in your area. Volunteers need to gather a group with 20 small toys and register at <a href="http://www.cheerfulgivers.org">http://www.cheerfulgivers.org</a> .	
			Group Event
Council on Crime and Justice 822 South Third Street Minneapolis, MN	One year commitment; provide hotline coverage for a minimum of 3 8 hour shifts per month, and attend all service meetings and in-staff trainings	<b>Crime Victim Advocate Volunteer/Intern</b> The volunteer/intern would provide crisis counseling, support, and information to victims, witnesses, and others who call the 24-hour hotline, educate victims about their rights and the criminal justice system and provide appropriate referrals to victims. Advocate training classes are required.	
CONTACT: Ellen Longfellow longfellowe@crimeandjustice.org 612-353-3005			Group Event

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Family Place  244 10th St E St Paul, MN 55101 (651) 225-9354 CONTACT: Bob Fallat fallat1@earthlink.net 952-938-3903	4:30 pm Saturday or Sunday - 6pm - 9pm	<b>Weekend Dinners</b>  Provide/serve dinner meal. Dates are arranged by calling.	Group Event
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Guild Incorporated  130 South Wabasha St. Suite 90 St. Paul, Minnesota 55107	Friday afternoons from 2-4 p.m.	<b>Game Day</b>  Play board games with the people who attend the drop-in center. Must be at least 18 years old to volunteer.	Group Event
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Jeremiah Project  Jeremiah Program, Minneapolis or Saint Paul locations CONTACT: Beth Garland bgarland@jeremiahprogram.org 612-259-3011	Tues/Thurs evenings	<b>Cook For Kids</b>  Provide a meal to families	Min: 4-5 Max: 8-10
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Jeremiah Project  Jeremiah Program, Minneapolis or Saint Paul locations CONTACT: Beth Garland bgarland@jeremiahprogram.org 612-259-3011	Tues/Thurs/Sat	<b>Caring for Kids</b>  Help out in the child development center	Max: 8-10 Min: 4
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Neighborhood Involvement Program  Minneapolis, MN	Ongoing opportunity: from Oct. 23 to Nov. 15	<b>Rake Yards for Seniors</b>  Groups of volunteers are needed to rake yards for seniors. If possible volunteers can provide rakes, gloves, and plastic bags.	Group Event
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PPL Industries  CONTACT: Jim Fournier Jim.fournier@ppl-inc.org (651) 455-5111	flexible hours 8:00 am - 4:00 pm	<b>Brush'n and Roll'n</b>  Brighten our walls with paint. Adult groups are needed for one-time painting projects at PPL housing sites in an effort to provide decent, affordable rental housing in the city. A group of 12 or more can finish a project in 3-4 hours.	Group Event
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St. Paul Recreation Center  25 W. 4th St. 400 CHA Saint Paul, MN 55102	Oct. 15-16, Dec. 28-30, March 29-31, April 1-2; Time schedule varies by grade.	<b>No School Day</b>  Volunteers commit to at least one single hour session teaching environmental curriculum to school-age children. St. Paul Parks and Recreation can provide the programming or the volunteers can come up with it on their own.	Group Event
CONTACT: Allison Bunge alison.bunge@ci.stpaul.mn.us (651)632-2453			
United Way  Volunteers of America of MN 7625 Metro Blvd Edina, MN 55439	Oct. 31-Nov. 16	<b>Thanksgiving Event in a Box</b>  The United Way is looking for groups to hold Thanksgiving food and grocery store gift card collection drives at their business, organization, or church, pack up the food, and deliver it to a Volunteers of America-Minnesota program site the week of November 16th. Groups need to be registered in advance.	Group Event
CONTACT: Kristin Cook kcook@voamn.org 952-945-4039			
United Way  Neighborhood House 179 Robie Street St. Paul, MN 55107	Oct. 30-Nov. 30 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.	<b>Volunteer at the Food Shelf</b>  Volunteers are needed to to assist staff members, stock shelves, repackage bulk items, keep the fold shelf space clean, conduct intake interviews and assist participants with shopping.	unlimited
CONTACT: Julie Dyste dystej@unitedwaytwincities.org			
United Way  House of Charity 714 Park Ave S Minneapolis, MN 55404	Nov. 12 7:15-9:00 a.m. and Nov. 13 7:15-9:00 a.m.	<b>Serve Breakfast at House of Charity</b>  Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve meals at the House of Charity. Volunteers must be 18 or older.	8
CONTACT: Julie Dyste dystej@unitedwaytwincities.org			
University Academies for Boys and Girls at North End Elementary  University Academies for Boys and Girls at North End Elementary 27 E Geranium Ave St. Paul, MN 55117	Ongoing, M or W 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	<b>Library Organization</b>  Volunteers are needed to help the librarian inventory, organize, label, and shelve books. A basic knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel preferred.	Group Event
CONTACT: Julia Schumacher julia.briggs.schumacher@gmail.com 293-8795 ex. 239			

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Please remember that a statistics sheet should be completed when a group volunteers on a regular basis OR for a one-time service event.

Statistics are utilized in several important ways:

First, they are used so the college can have accurate stats about how many people have participated in what kinds of projects. These stats are vital for grant writing, grant reports, and other institutional kinds of reporting. (In other words, we need everyone to fill out stat sheets so we can continue to serve students and the community!!)

Importantly, they are also used to help students keep track of what they have been involved in over their time at Macalester. For instance, if a student is requesting a recommendation letter, he can come to the office and get a printout of all the CEC activities he has participated in, and the letter-writer can reference these.

We also reference stats sheets to tell more qualitative stories about the college's involvement in the community. Having a record of what happened what went into planning is important for future planning purposes!

The statistics form is available on the CEC website: <http://www.macalester.edu/cec/students/statsform.html>

If you have any questions regarding the form, contact the Civic Engagement Center at X 6040 or [cec@macalester.edu](mailto:cec@macalester.edu).