

Spanish Language Volunteer Opportunities

Casa de Esperanza

P.O. Box 71577

St. Paul, MN 55175

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<http://www.casadeesperanza.org>

Casa de Esperanza works to mobilize Latinas and Latina communities to end domestic violence. Their work also 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.

Centro

1915 Chicago Ave.

Minneapolis, MN 55404

Vol. Coord.: Roxana Linares, (612) 874-1412

<http://www.centromn.org>

Centro is a community meeting place for Latino families and their children. It's a center where Latinos may gather and celebrate their individual history, culture and traditions. Students can help with the bi-lingual daycare, with the senior center or with English instruction.

Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio (CLUES)

797 East Sevent Street

St. Paul, MN 55106

Vol. Coord.: Kerstin Cardenas, (651) 379-4200

<http://www.clues.org>

CLUES is a leading provider of social services for the Latino community in Minnesota through its five core service areas of Mental Health, Chemical Health, Employment, Education and Elder Wellness. All services are provided in Spanish or English, and are culturally appropriate for Latinos. No matter what your level of training, you can volunteer to help make a difference in the lives of Latinos right here in Minnesota.

Guadalupe Alternative Program

381 East Robie Street

St. Paul, MN 55107

Vol. Coord.: Erika Vazquez, (651) 222-0757

<http://www.gapschool.org>

GAP is a not-for-profit human services agency on the West Side of St. Paul. GAP touches the lives of more than 700 persons annually through its alternative junior and senior high schools, adult education and its family and student support services. GAP seeks out and trains volunteers to serve in the areas of adult education, tutoring, day-care and high school classroom aides. Transportation often provided.

Hispanos en Minnesota: Youth-At-Risk

155 South Wabash Street, #128

St. Paul, MN 55107

Vol. Coord.: Peter Guevara, (651) 227-0831

Youth-At-Risk is an after school program that teaches children ages 6-12 the skills necessary to live chemical-free lives through feeling recognition, decision making, self-esteem building, and drug education. These are accomplished through lessons, arts and crafts, videos, games, and field trips. Volunteers co-lead small groups and prepare lessons and games for children ages 11-14. Transportation often provided.

La Oportunidad, Inc.

2700 East Lake Street, Suite 3100

Minneapolis, MN 55406

Vol. Coord.: Haley Buenzli, (612) 872-6165

<http://www.oportunidad.org>

La Oportunidad is a non-profit agency that serves the Latino community. Its mission is to "reduce crime, violence and recidivism by providing culturally relevant services that strengthen individuals and families in our multicultural society." LO offers comprehensive services in the Youth and Family Services Program, the Domestic Violence Program, the Hispanic Leadership Program and the Transitional Housing Program.

Neighborhood House

179 Robie Street East

St. Paul, MN 55107

Program Contact: Adam Thompson, (651) 789-2502

<http://www.neighb.org>

Neighborhood House is a multicultural, multilingual community center for people of all ages. Programs and services include emergency & long-term assistance, licensed child care, youth activities, culturally specific education, and seniors programming. Volunteers serve as board and committee members, and work with staff in areas such as Social Services, Food Shelf, Administration, Child Care, Youth Action, English as a Second Language, and Meals on Wheels.

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RELATED LINKS

Chicano Latino Affairs Council

<http://www.clac.state.mn.us>

The primary mission of CLAC is to advise the governor and the state legislature on issues of importance to Minnesota's Chicano Latino community.

CLAC serves as a liaison between local, state and federal governments and the Chicano Latino community. CLAC also ensures that Chicano Latinos in Minnesota are connected to the appropriate government agencies and community-based organizations to address their concerns, which range from immigration and education to discrimination and social welfare.

Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute

<http://www.chci.org>

As the premier national Hispanic educational organization, CHCI has created a pipeline for Latino youth from high school through college, graduate school, and on to the workforce. CHCI's educational programs, services, and activities have an extremely successful record of developing effective Hispanic leaders. CHCI firmly believes it is vitally important that Hispanic youth are provided with the tools necessary to compete in today's rapidly changing environment.

HACER: Hispanic Advocacy and Community Empowerment Through Research

<http://www.hacer-mn.org>

HACER identifies research needs and delivers quality research products that strengthen the Latino communities of Minnesota. HACER trains students to become culturally competent researchers in an environment that fosters responsibility for meeting community needs.

International Institute of Minnesota

<http://www.iimn.org>

The IIM seeks to provide a center for information and assembly for all nationalities and races; develop fellowship and understanding among such persons through group meetings and activities; promote the welfare of our foreign-born population and their families; and preserve and stimulate intercultural values.

LULAC: League of United Latin American Citizens

<http://www.lulac.org>

The Mission of the League of United Latin American Citizens is to advance the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, health and civil rights of the Hispanic population of the United States.

Multicultural Development Center

<http://www.mcdc.org>

MCDC promotes cultural understanding and inclusiveness to enhance workplace performance and community relationships, through workshops, presentations, conferences, and publications. It also has a list of upcoming cultural events in the Twin Cities.

The National Council of La Raza

<http://www.nclr.org>

NCLR is the largest national constituency-based Hispanic organization and the leading voice in Washington, D.C. for the Hispanic community.

- *Numbering 38.8 million, Latinos comprise 13% of the national population.*
- *The number of Hispanic people in Minnesota more than doubled between 1990 and 2000. While Minnesota's total population grew modestly (12%), the Hispanic/Latino population grew sharply (168%).*
- *A high percentage of the Hispanic/Latino population is under 18. In 2000, almost 39% of Minnesota's Hispanic/Latino population was under the age of 18. This rate was 3 percentage points higher than the rate of all Minnesotans under the age of 18 (26%).*
- *In 2000, more than 28% of Minnesotans over the age of five who spoke Spanish at home spoke English "not well" or "not at all". This rate was almost twice the rate of 1990, when the rate was 15%.*
- *The median household income for Hispanic/Latino households is almost \$35,933.*
- *Currently, Latinos make up about 3.3% of the MN population. The State Demographic Center at Minnesota Planning projects that by 2010, Latinos will make up 4.1%. In 2025, Latinos will make up 5.61%, at a growth rate of 248%*

Find detailed demographic information online at <http://www.clac.state.mn.us/chicanos.htm>