

**OPPORTUNITIES:
WAYS TO HELP
IN
THE COMMUNITY**

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The Church and Society Committee of the First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York invites you to consider giving the precious gifts of your time and talent to one of the organizations listed in this booklet. An index dividing volunteer activities according to theme is listed in the back of the booklet.

Ascension Tutoring Program

ADDRESS: 12 West 11th Street, New York, NY 10003

TELEPHONE: (212) 254-8620

AGENCY CONTACT: Pamela Benning (212) 966-4695, (917) 689-1505

DESCRIPTION OF AGENCY: A program that provides tutoring in remedial reading for children in grades 2-8 on Mondays from 5:15-6:15 p.m.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Tutoring one-on-one evening per week.

Bailey House Inc.

ADDRESS: 275 Seventh Avenue, 12th Floor, New York, NY 10001

TELEPHONE: (212) 633-2500

AGENCY CONTACT: Sheila Johnson, Volunteer Coordinator

CONGREGATIONAL CONTACT: Liz Hubbell Riggs (212) 247-0355

DESCRIPTION OF AGENCY: A center for AIDS support that administers, among other programs, Bailey House, a group residence for homeless men and women who have been diagnosed with AIDS.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Assist FPC members and members from Church of the Ascension in shopping for, preparing and serving Sunday dinner on fifth Sundays. Also, volunteers are needed for tutoring (high school equivalency and English as a Second Language), vocational education planning and helping with special events/fundraisers and weekday assistance within our office staff and recreational programs.

BRC—Bowery Residents' Committee

ADDRESS: 324 Lafayette Street, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10012

TELEPHONE: Office: (212) 803-5720, Fax (212) 533-1893

AGENCY CONTACT: Rick Akin, Coordinator, Volunteer Services

DESCRIPTION OF AGENCY: BRC is a voluntary, non-denominational non-profit organization addressing the needs of persons with limited resources. Our clients are homeless, chemically dependent, psychiatrically disabled, aged, and persons with HIV/AIDS in metropolitan New York City. The agency provides housing, meals, detoxification, mental health and addiction services, health care, vocational rehabilitation, AIDS services, community education, and advocacy. By providing these services, BRC offers its clients the means to function successfully in society, and seeks to improve the quality of life in the community.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Volunteer opportunities range from office assistance, client graduation special events, meal preparation and service, knit & crochet hat and scarf clubs, movie marathons, book, DVD, and VHS video tape drives, mural painting, recreational activities, book clubs and more.

Bridges to Community

ADDRESS: 95 Croton Avenue, Ossining, NY 10562

TELEPHONE: (914) 923-2200

WEB SITE: www.bridgestocommunity.org

AGENCY CONTACT: Rusty Pederson

CHURCH CONTACT: Dick Pease

DESCRIPTION OF AGENCY: Bridges to Community organizes and facilitates international cross-cultural service trips for volunteers to live and work in rural villages in developing countries. We are currently working in Nicaragua and Kenya. Bridges is non-sectarian and is pleased to work with all types of groups: universities, high schools, civic organizations, business, and religious institutions. A Bridges travel experience is somewhat unique. From the outset of each trip, the goal is to have people exposed to and engaged with something radically different from what they may be accustomed. Bridges wants people to catch an authentic glimpse of how a vast majority of the world's population lives. On a Bridges trip, we encourage volunteers to think critically and carefully about our global interdependence, foreign policies, economic impact, and stereotypes. Though Bridges trips are typically thought of as service trips, we encourage volunteers to think of service as an experience of "what we can do together" rather than "what we can do for them." Our sincere hope is that by living and working along side one another we can build friendships and understanding that are life changing for volunteers on both sides of the "bridge." Most trips to Nicaragua are 8-10 days, trips to Kenya are 2 weeks. Both include: an orientation upon arriving in the host country, the experience of living in and working with a local

community, and a little sightseeing. Without question, the Bridges travel experience is challenging—intellectually, physically, and spiritually. Volunteers find themselves sleeping on cots, eating staple foods, using outhouses, and dealing with heat and insects. We want Bridges volunteers to be fully exposed to the realities of living in a materially poor country. For we believe that it is only through this level of engagement that we can learn from and be in solidarity with our brothers and sisters living in contexts that are radically different from our own.

Cabrini Immigrant Services

ADDRESS: 139 Henry Street, New York, NY 10002

TELEPHONE: 212-791-4590

AGENCY CONTACT: Sr. Pietrina Raccuglia, MSC

DESCRIPTION OF AGENCY: In the spirit of St. Francis Cabrini, Patroness of Immigrants, the Cabrini Immigrant Services Office in conjunction with the mission of Cabrini Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation provides broad-based essential services to immigrants, refugees, asylees and other newcomers. We help with the process of naturalization and immigration issues. We assist in procuring benefits—food stamps, SSI, Medicaid, etc. We coordinate health care screening and referral. We provide ESOL classes (English for Speakers of Other Languages). We provide a program for immigrant families which includes support and educational groups.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: ESOL teachers, food pantry distribution days, data base entry for our services and immigration lawyers.

The Caring Community

ADDRESS: 20 Washington Square South, New York, NY 10011

ADMINISTRATIVE TELEPHONE: (212) 777-3555

Arthur Makar, Executive Director

DESCRIPTION OF AGENCY: A not-for-profit agency focusing efforts on behalf of the elderly to help them maintain their independence, self-sufficiency and presence in the community
Caring Community Senior Center at First Presbyterian Church

CENTER CONTACTS: Nicole Brown, Director; Olivia Duerr, Social Worker

CENTER TELEPHONE: (212) 924-2810 Dick Pease, Church Liaison, (212) 675-6150

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: **The Caring Community Senior Center** meets in First Presbyterian's Esther Morrow Room of the South Wing Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers escort members to medical appointments, give friendly visits to the homebound, help to serve the daily lunch, teach classes on issues relating to aging, help with arts and crafts, do clerical work, and do light shopping for members.

Church of Ascension Food Pantry

ADDRESS: 12 West 11th Street, New York, NY 10003

TELEPHONE: (212) 254-8620

AGENCY CONTACT: Matthew Snow (212) 473-5942

DESCRIPTION OF AGENCY: Collects food and distributes it two days per week, Tuesdays and Saturdays from 8:00 - 9:00am.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Donate money or volunteer once a month distributing food on Tuesday and/or Saturday. Each volunteer participates once a month. Please contact Matthew Snow for scheduling prior to volunteering.

Church of Gethsemane

ADDRESS: 1012 Eight Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11215

TELEPHONE: (718) 499-3419

CONTACT: Debora Jacques (212) 809-4800

Mary Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Director of Community Life

DESCRIPTION OF AGENCY: The Church of Gethsemane is a Presbyterian Church (USA) congregation created by the Presbytery of New York City in 1989 to evangelize prisoners, ex-prisoners, their families and people who feel called to a church that is focused on all aspects of prison ministry. We have worked to fulfill this mission, first by providing a church home for families and ex-prisoners and also through weekly visits with individuals in local prisons and an extensive letter-writing correspondence between volunteers and prisoners.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

1. The Gethsemane Children's Reading Program is a monthly informal workshop that involves both group and individual interaction with children ages 7 and up, making it rewarding for both kids and volunteers alike. In many instances, reading improvement and mentoring are closely linked. For first time volunteers, it is ideal because there is no commitment beyond showing up, bringing your willingness to share, and a couple of sandwiches and juice (as everyone has lunch together afterwards). The commitment is for one Sunday a month from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
2. Preparing care packages for Project Connect members who are in prison. Items requested for these packages include:
 - tube socks (in sealed plastic bags)
 - soap (in sealed packages of three)
 - canned soups, stews, tuna, mackerel, and sardines
 - peanut butter (in plastic containers)
 - cookies and crackers (in boxes sealed in plastic)
 - candies (in plastic bags with individual wrappers around candies).
3. Join Elder Chibueze Okorie and other Gethsemane members on visits to nearby prisons to bring words of encouragement and hope, and share about the Project Connect program at Gethsemane.
4. Help collect food for our food pantry and place in the collection baskets in the lobby of The First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York or volunteer to help put food into individual bags for clients. High protein items that will provide a full meal that can be prepared without other ingredients are requested. Please check expiration dates.
5. Join Gethsemane on the 3rd Sunday of each month to write letters to Project Connect members in prison. Meet in the lobby of First Presbyterian Church after the service. We will travel together to Church of Gethsemane.

Directions to the Church of Gethsemane: F train to 7th Avenue in Brooklyn—it is best to exit from the front of the train (which will leave you at 9th Street and 8th Avenue). The Church is located at 1012 8th Avenue between 10th and 11th Streets.

City Harvest

ADDRESS: 575 Eight Avenue, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10018

TELEPHONE: (917) 351-8700

AGENCY CONTACT: Daniel Morgan, Manager of Volunteer Service (917) 351-8762

DESCRIPTION OF AGENCY: City Harvest is committed to feeding hungry people in New York City using a variety of innovative, practical and cost-effective methods. Our primary approach is to rescue food that would otherwise be wasted and deliver it to those who serve the

hungry.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

GREENMARKETS

Volunteering to work with City Harvest at greenmarkets benefits both the farmer and the hungry person. Volunteers visit the market to collect excess food from farmers and then load the food onto City Harvest trucks, which deliver directly to community programs that feed hungry people.

Greenmarket Location and Days of the Week

Union Square (17th Street/Broadway), Monday, Wednesday,

Friday and Saturday, 5:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (times may change seasonally).

Dag Hammarskjold (47th & 2nd Ave.) Wednesday, 5:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

MOBILE MARKET

The Mobile Market is a hands-on way to work with City Harvest staff to provide two valuable products: fresh produce and nutrition education. Every week a City Harvest team will set-up an on-site market at one of our NYC Housing Authority locations to distribute fresh food to agency clients and provide them with nutrition education resources. Volunteers will assist in set-up, service, outreach and clean-up. There are Mobile Market sites in two boroughs (Bronx and Staten Island) and at least four Mobile Markets every month. Bronx Mobile Markets are the second Saturday and fourth Wednesday of the month and Staten Island Mobile Markets are the first Tuesday and third Saturday from 9 am-12 pm.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Want to meet people through volunteering and don't have a lot of free time? Join our special events team. City Harvest has many events that run throughout the year and we need your help to make them a success. Volunteers collect food at the end of an industry food show, distribute City Harvest literature, gather canned food or help with fundraisers. These events are a lot of fun and you get to work with a team of great people. Events are announced via our email list and/or in our quarterly volunteer newsletter.

OPERATION FRONTLINE

If you have culinary, nutrition and/or budgeting expertise, City Harvest's operation frontline needs you. Operation Frontline, a program of Share Our Strength and City Harvest, nationally sponsored by Tyson Foods Inc., is a nutrition education program that teaches low-income people the skills they need to make healthy and economical food choices. City Harvest Operation Frontline brings together New York City's culinary and nutrition professionals to share what they know about cooking, nutrition and food budgeting with people who are at risk of hunger, including those who may rely on public or private food assistance. Operation Frontline activities include six-session cooking classes that focus on nutrition education as well as cooking and food budgeting skills. Classes are taught at City Harvest agencies, most of which are non-profit, community-based organizations that serve people with low incomes. Special Requirement: Afternoon availability.

OFFICE OPPORTUNITIES

Work with City Harvest staff members to help organize events and ongoing food rescue activities, make phone calls to donors and/or assist with mailings. This is essential work to enable City Harvest to successfully rescue food. Volunteers are needed Monday through Friday during business hours.

SPREAD THE NEWS

City Harvest Volunteer Services distributes a bi-weekly e-newsletter and we need your help! If you've had a great experience or a moving moment and you'd like to share it with the volunteer

community, then by all means, write up a quick paragraph or two. We've found that sharing your personal stories and moments is far more effective coming from folks like you!

Coalition of Concerned Legal Professionals

ADDRESS: 25 Chapel Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201

TELEPHONE: (718) 522-1619

ORGANIZATION CONTACT: Susan Prensky, Operations Manager

CONGREGATIONAL CONTACT: Liz Hubbell Riggs (212) 247-0355

GENERAL DISCRIPTION: An independent all-volunteer association of attorneys, students, paralegals, court reporters, law librarians, the working poor and other concerned community residents who have joined together to fight for the rights of low-income workers and their families to legal and economic justice.

CCLP accepts no governmental funding and builds entirely through volunteer participation and support.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Our volunteers work together to meet some of the most pressing needs for legal recourse through an ongoing program of education, information and lay advocacy. Volunteers learn through on-the-job training to aggressively seek any available resources—with no strings attached—to fill a request for help. Volunteer legal professionals are needed, for example, to explain the law on specific topics at regular CCLP-low-income communities; CCLP also needs volunteers for advocacy, photography, writing, driving, office work, desk-top publishing for our magazine, the Verdict, phoning and learning organizing skills to fight for economic justice.

Commission on Voluntary Service and Action, Inc.

ADDRESS: 1 Union Square West, Suite 902, New York, NY 10003

TELEPHONE: 646-486-2446

AGENCY CONTACT: Susan Angus, Executive Director

MISSION: Since 1946, CVSA has published the most comprehensive catalogue of non-government voluntary services opportunities in North America and throughout the world. Published annually, the catalogue entitled Invest Yourself: A Guide To Action is available by phoning the number listed above. The latest edition sells for \$10.00 per single copy plus \$2.00 postage & handling within the U.S. This 280-page publication provides alphabetical, geographical, and subject-matter indices along with descriptive text about each organization including their contact information. There are many, many entries for opportunities to volunteer in New York City.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Are available at the CVSA in Union Square to help with publications and communications across the country, hours are flexible.

The Elder Craftsmen

ADDRESS: 307 Seventh Avenue, New York, NY 10001

TELEPHONE: (212) 319-8128

AGENCY CONTACT: Patricia Manzione, Executive Director

DESCRIPTION OF AGENCY: Since its beginning in 1955, the mission of the Elder Craftsmen has been to help men and women 55 and older be creative, productive and

independent. It seeks broader recognition by the general public of the skills and capabilities of older people. Programs include: Trade the Trainers Craft Workshops, Craft Programming Service, Elder Craftsmen Teaching Others (ECTO), Community Service Projects, Elder Crafters Helping Others (ECHO) Intergenerational Projects and Craft Exhibits.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Artist Assistant. Do you enjoy viewing unique and beautiful art projects? Elder Craftsmen operates an Artist-in-Residence program for older adults that includes water color and gouache paintings, collage, visual journals, quilts and other visual arts projects that we need help with to exhibit at public venues. Work with a talented, friendly staff a minimum of three hours a week and help make a difference in an older person's life. Qualifications: Some matting, framing and exhibit skills helpful, but willing to train. Good vision, some physical ability needed to assist with hanging exhibits. Willingness to travel throughout New York City and Westchester with program director for Spring and Fall exhibits.

Crafts Assistant. Work in a friendly, creative atmosphere with fellow crafters. Here's an opportunity for experienced crafters and novices who love crafting and working with craft supplies and materials to volunteer one morning or afternoon a week. Help put together a variety of crafts kits for the training classes we operate at senior centers all over the city. Sort and cut fabrics, organize and sort beads, yarns, buttons, ribbons and other embellishments. Select appropriate materials, colors, etc. when putting the crafts kits together. Other crafting or other administrative activities as needed. Qualifications: Love of crafts and working in a friendly, creative environment. Good vision and manual dexterity, good organizational skills. Some familiarity or experience with crafting helpful, but willing to train.

Fundraising Assistant. Help a wonderful organization that enhances the lives of older adults all over New York City. Elder Craftsmen, a fifty year old organization that teaches arts and crafts to seniors, needs help to implement an e-philanthropy strategy to encourage online donations. Qualifications: Excellent writing and/or marketing skills. Knowledge of e-philanthropy or experience using the internet for research, sales, etc. is preferred. Excellent communication and computer skills. Experience in fundraising highly desirable, but willing to train.

Marketing Associate. Help a wonderful organization tell its story to the general public to raise funds, grow programs and broaden its audience. Elder Craftsmen, a 50-year-old organization that teaches arts and crafts projects to older adults throughout New York City, seeks an experienced professional to help us institute a marketing plan that enhances our visibility. Help us develop a press kit and marketing materials that will help us bring the wonderful work we do to enhance the lives of seniors to the general public. Qualifications: Previous marketing skills and experience highly preferred. Excellent writing, computer and communication skills. Experience with website development; brand marketing a plus. Willing to work with a talented graduate student seeking work experience in a creative, friendly environment.

Gilda's Club

ADDRESS: 195 Houston Street, New York, NY 10014

TELEPHONE: (212) 647-9700

AGENCY CONTACT: Lindsey Fry, Volunteer Director

DESCRIPTION OF AGENCY: A free nonresidential, social and emotional support community for men, women and children who have all types of cancer, their families and friends.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Cancer survivors to facilitate new member meetings and to welcome newcomers to the community, professional social workers to handle individual interviews, volunteers to help with office work, fundraising, translating, and work with children

in “Noogieland.”

Gay Men’s Health Crisis

ADDRESS: The Tisch Building, 119 West 24th Street, NY, NY 10011

TELEPHONE: (212) 367-1000

AGENCY CONTACT: Andrew Frasier (212) 367-1011

DESCRIPTION OF AGENCY: A non-for-profit, volunteer-supported and community-based organization committed to national leadership in the fight against AIDS. Their mission is to reduce the spread of HIV disease; help people with HIV maintain and improve their health and independence; and keep the prevention, treatment and cure of HIV an urgent national and local priority. In fulfilling their mission, they will remain true to their heritage by fighting homophobia and affirming the individual dignity of all gay men and lesbians.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Working directly with GMHC clients- certified Life coach volunteer, certified instructors in message, yoga, rekiki, rolfing, acupuncture & chiropractic care, certified instructors in the arts-dance, art, drama, writing, and music, group leader, kitchen assistant, library assistant, computer lab assistant, & instructors for GED program (monitoring, tutoring, & team instructing.)

Working with the public- community educator, hotline counselor, hotline e-mail counselor, volunteer income tax preparer.

Working with GMHC staff - development in-office special events volunteer, development research assistant, financial management program volunteer, IGMH training assistant, IGMH health research assistant, MATCH program assistant, paralegal (Immigration Project), publicity & outreach assistant (GMHC Action Center), program assistant.

God’s Love We Deliver

ADDRESS: 166 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10013

TELEPHONE: (212) 294-8100

AGENCY CONTACT: Volunteer Services (212) 294-8104

DESCRIPTION OF AGENCY: Their mission is to improve the health and well-being of men, women and children living with HIV/AIDS, cancer, and other serious illnesses by alleviating hunger and malnutrition. They prepare and deliver nutritious, high-quality meals to people who, because of their illness, are unable to provide or prepare meals for themselves. They also provide illness-specific nutrition education and counseling to their clients, families, care providers, and other service organizations.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Kitchen Volunteers - Assist the GLWD chefs to prepare more than 3,000 meals every weekday. The kitchen is open Sunday through Friday. Duties involve food preparation (slicing, dicing, and cleaning food) and food packaging. The kitchen schedule Mondays-Fridays is 6:30-8:30 a.m., 9 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-4 p.m., 4-6 p.m., 6-8 p.m. The Saturday schedule is 6:30-8:30 a.m. and 9 a.m.-12 p.m. The Sunday schedule is 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 1-4 p.m.

Neighborhood Meal Distribution Center Volunteers - A neighborhood meal distribution center (NMDC) is a location that is central to a group of GLWD clients. The agency brings the prepared food to the NMCD by 11 a.m. and around lunch time the NMCD’s staff and volunteers bag up the meals and deliver the clients according to the paperwork with addresses and phone numbers supplied by GLWD. NMCD is convenient to First Presbyterian at the following locations:

The GLBT Center (208 West 13th Street at 7th Ave.)

Greenwich House (26 Barrow Street at 7th Ave.)

Leo House (332 West 23rd Street at 8th Ave.)

Grace Church (801 Broadway)

Delivery Van Assistants - Accompany driver from GLWD's Soho location on their routes, delivering meals to both NMDC's and individual clients.

Office Assistance - Answer phones, handle mail, process donations, and assist in all general office work.

Special Events - Volunteers play an integral role in the success of GLWD's fundraising events. They also represent the organization at community outreaches, street and health fairs and benefits. These events raise funds, increase public awareness, and recruit volunteers. Volunteers also participate in holiday-specific projects like assembling Thanksgiving baskets and wrapping holiday gifts.

Habitat for Humanity New York City

ADDRESS: 111 John Street, 23rd Floor, New York, NY 10028

TELEPHONE: (212) 991-4000

WEB SITE URL: www.habitatnyc.org

CONGREGATIONAL CONTACT: Andrew Olsen, Volunteer Coordinator (ext. 320), aolsen@habitatnyc.org

DESCRIPTION OF AGENCY: Habitat for Humanity New York City (HFH-NYC) is an independent affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. As a not-for-profit builder of affordable housing, we work in the belief that no one in New York City should go to sleep without a decent roof over his or her head. We provide a rewarding volunteer experience for all who join us, an opportunity for New York's religious community to put its faith into action, and a hand up to our Family Partners, as they work with volunteers to build their own homes and transform their lives and communities. HFH-NYC focuses its efforts on areas of need in which we feel we can have an impact, in both the short term and the long term.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Skilled Volunteers. In order to support additional unskilled volunteers we are presently seeking individuals with construction/building experience to join our skilled crews.

For more information on opportunities for skilled volunteers, please contact our Skilled Volunteer Recruitment Coordinator Erin Jalloh at ext 315 ejalloh@habitatnyc.org.

Cornerstone Volunteers. Cornerstone Volunteers (CVs) give administrative support to the organization. There is ongoing need for CVs, especially during the months of September through April. CVs work during the week (M-F) between the hours of 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Schedules are flexible to accommodate the availability of volunteers. For more information, please contact our Volunteer Program Coordinator, Debra Nocella at ext. 310 or dnocella@habitatnyc.org.

Group Volunteers. Groups of 10 individuals above the age of 16 are able to join our building crews on our construction site. Community and faith group coordinators may contact our Group volunteer Coordinator, Andrew Olsen at ext 320. Corporate group coordinators may contact our Director of Volunteer Programs, Debra Nocella at ext 310 or dnocella@habitatnyc.org for information on corporate volunteer group involvement.

.Homeless Shelter at First Presbyterian Church

ADDRESS: 12 W. 12th Street, New York, NY 10011

TELEPHONE: (212) 675-6150

GENERAL COORDINATOR &

CONGREGATIONAL CONTACT: Diana Pardue (212) 645-4387

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM: The shelter program for homeless men, a cooperative effort by First Presbyterian Church and St. Luke's-in-the-Fields (Episcopal), is currently housed in our First Presbyterian Mellin-Macnab Church House. We house 10 men, Sunday through Friday nights. In 2007-2008, the Shelter will be open from November 5, 2007 through April 25, 2008.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Overnight volunteers stay from 9:00 p.m. to 7:30 a.m., assist with setting up cots, prepare light evening snacks and breakfast, cleanup. Coordinators work with volunteers to set up each evening. Food shoppers buy food each week.

ICARE

Interfaith Coalition of Advocates for Reentry and Employment

ADDRESS: 3041 Broadway, Mailbox 37, New York, NY 10027

TELEPHONE: (212) 280-1386

ORGANIZATIONAL CONTACT: Susan Mareneck, Acting Director

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The Interfaith Coalition of Advocates for Reentry and Employment (ICARE) engages communities of faith in advocating for the Restoration of Rights of formerly incarcerated people, while assisting congregations in the development of prison and reentry ministries. Our coalition consists of communities of faith, direct service providers and policy organizations. We collaborate with other organizations to strengthen their advocacy efforts.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: You can get involved with ICARE through –

- **HELPING** out with clerical and database work in the ICARE office
- **SUPPORTING** a formerly incarcerated person through a “Circle of Care” letter writing and reentry ministry.
- **VISITING** persons incarcerated in New York State Correctional Facilities
- **ASKING** your congregation, agency or institutional affiliation to support ICARE’s “Restoration of Rights” advocacy platform through becoming an *Endorsing Partner*. We hope to have 100 endorsements within the next year.
- **ORGANIZING** a “Prison Sunday” or “Restorative Justice” forum within your faith (or other) community.
- **SENDING** letters to your state Assembly and Senate members’ offices inviting them to attend the service or event.
- **LOBBYING** your state Assembly and Senate members’ in support of the “Restoration of Rights” campaign.
- **ATTENDING** an ICARE legislative advocacy day in your home district and/or Albany.

International Center in New York, Inc.

ADDRESS: 50 West 23rd Street, 7th Floor

TELEPHONE: (212) 255-9555, EXT. 216

WEB SITE URL: www.intlcenter.org

AGENCY CONTACT: Nicki Fietzer

DESCRIPTION OF AGENCY: Founded in 1961, The International Center in New York is a unique volunteer-driven community where immigrants, refugees, students and other newcomers to the United States come to practice English, learn about American culture and acquire new

personal and professional skills.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Share your skills and knowledge in a variety of ways including:

(1) One-to-one partnerships with members focusing in on conversation, writing, pronunciation, American culture or career skills. Volunteers participating in the one-on-one partnerships must demonstrate native English fluency. (2) Leading a discussion group class (3) Teaching professional skills in a workshop (4) Organizing social and cultural events (5) Working behind the scenes to support ICNY's programs.

The Jefferson Market Garden

ADDRESS: 70a Greenwich Avenue (PMB 372) New York, NY 10011-8358

TELEPHONE: (212) 777-3677

AGENCY CONTACT: Bob Arkins, Director of Volunteers

Website: www.Jeffersonmarket.org

DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION: Some 30 years ago, The Women's House of Detention in Greenwich Village, at the junction of Greenwich Avenue and Ninth Street, was torn down. The community rallied and worked successfully with the city administration to establish a garden on the site. The Parks Department was given title to the property and the community group agreed to raise the funds needed to design and maintain the garden. And it has, with the help of dedicated volunteers and the generosity of its supporters.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Volunteers are needed May – October as gardeners under the supervision of the horticulturist, and as gate greeters who talk to visitors from near and far about the garden. It's an opportunity to meet people from the neighborhood, from the entire city, from New York, other states and from foreign countries. The garden provides a beautiful setting for volunteers to spend some time outdoors as well.

Those who wish to volunteer as gardeners may send their name, e-mail address and phone number to Jefferson Market Garden-Greenmail@RCN.com

Lutheran Social Services of New York (Refugee Program)

ADDRESS: 475 Riverside Drive

TELEPHONE: (212) 870-1100

AGENCY CONTACT: Diana Solomon-Glover

CONGREGATIONAL CONTACT: Peter Francis (718) 802-1831

DESCRIPTION OF AGENCY: Assists in refugee resettlement. Outreach involves orienting those who have fled homelands due to persecution to a new life in NYC. There is a need for friendship as well as clothes and furniture. Recent arrivals include people from West Africa and Eastern Europe.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Volunteers can assist in the following: making good neighbor contacts, collecting and delivering household items, assisting in one-on-one English conversation.

New York City Fair Trade Coalition

ADDRESS: Use information below

TELEPHONE: 917-701-6403

WEBSITE AND EMAIL: www.fairtradenyc.org.

fairtradenyc@gmail.com

DESCRIPTION OF AGENCY: Fair Trade is an alternative system of trade based on economic justice and environmental sustainability. The New York City Fair Trade Coalition is a coalition dedicated to raising and increasing visibility and availability of Fair Trade products.

WHAT WE DO: Encourage and support organizations and institutions to switch to Fair Trade products. Support local businesses that sell Fair Trade products by doing Fair Trade tables at their cafes and stores. Host public events to educate and raise awareness of Fair Trade products.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: JOIN US! We have a General Meeting once a month. Email for more information. BUY FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS. See our website for a list of Trade products. MAKE THE SWITCH! Get your office or congregation or community to ASK FOR FAIR TRADE wherever you shop!

New York Presbyterian Hospital Adult and Pediatric AIDS Programs

ADDRESS: 525 East 68th Street, F-24, New York, NY 10021
TELEPHONE: (212) 746-3326

DESCRIPTION OF AGENCY: The Adult and Pediatric AIDS Programs, important components of the New York-Presbyterian Hospital, provide inpatient and outpatient services to patients infected with, and families affected by, HIV/AIDS.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Volunteers are needed at two sites for several programs with varying time and talent commitments. At the Chelsea Center for Special Studies (located at 525 East 68th Street), volunteers are present at all clinics and perform a variety of tasks to support the medical staff. The goal is to create a welcoming environment for patients and their families. Also volunteers are needed for the inpatient setting, which involves visiting patients and offering support to those who are hospitalized.

The Partnership for the Homeless

ADDRESS: 305 Seventh Avenue, 13th Floor, New York, NY 10001-6008
TELEPHONE: (212) 645-3444 ext. 107
WEB SITE URL: www.partnershipforthehomeless.org
AGENCY CONTACT: Ms. Ed Snowden, volunteer resource manager.
CONGREGATIONAL CONTACT: Diana Pardue (212) 645-4387

DESCRIPTION OF AGENCY: The Partnership, one of the nation's largest service-providing agencies dealing with homelessness, provides a vast array of services to help people move off the streets and into housing and jobs. It seeks to motivate all levels of government, the faith communities, private industry, charitable foundations and the general public to join in housing and otherwise serving homeless New Yorkers.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: More than any other opportunity we need **shelter volunteers**. One of our other opportunities is assisting in our office.

Presbyterian Senior Services

ADDRESS: PSS, 2095 Broadway, Suite 409, New York, NY 10023
PHONE: 212.874.6633
EMAIL: dtaylor@pssusa.org
AGENCY CONTACT: David S. Taylor, Executive Director
CONGREGATIONAL CONTACTS: Joan Ryan, PSS President

DESCRIPTION OF AGENCY: Presbyterian Senior Services (PSS) is a not-for-profit agency founded in 1962 by the Presbytery of New York City with a mission "to develop and provide a

variety of supportive services and programs for and with older adults, having a special focus on the needs of poor, frail and minority persons.” PSS fulfills its mission through a network of six senior centers, five in the Bronx and one in Harlem, serving 150,000 meals annually, a Family Caregivers Support Program and the PSS/WSF GrandParent Family Apartments for grandparents raising grandchildren.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: PSS is seeking board members with expertise in insurance, finance, marketing, fund development and media. Volunteer opportunities will soon be available for intergenerational experiences with grandchildren living in the PSS/WSF GrandFamily house.

Presbyterian Welcome

ADDRESS: 2095 Broadway, Ste. 306, New York, NY 10023

TELEPHONE: (917) 441-8638

WEB SITE URL: www.presbyterianwelcome.org.

AGENCY CONTACT: Mieke Vandرسال

CONGREGATIONAL CONTACT: Sorrel Ann Alburger

DESCRIPTION OF AGENCY: Presbyterian Welcome is a place for healing and transformation; we minister with gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, questioning and queer people as well as other supporters in the Presbyterian Church (USA), especially in the New York City area, who are looking to advocate for a denomination that is celebratory and welcoming to all of its members. **We worship together** three times a year, in various locations in the city. For up-coming events and to stay current, visit our website listed above. **Vision of Presbyterian Welcome:** As followers of Christ, convinced by Scripture and the Reformed tradition, we envision a world as inclusive as God’s grace and a church where God’s call to service is affirmed in all persons. **Mission of Presbyterian Welcome:** Presbyterian Welcome, a validated ministry, is a community of congregations and individuals in the New York area. Our mission is to build up and repair the Body of Christ by working for the full inclusion of all disciples, without regard to sexual orientation and gender identity. In being a resource for the church we aim to:

- Provide leadership and education for the exploration of human sexuality in a theological framework;
- Reform the Church constitution to remove barriers to inclusion;
- Raise awareness, encourage discipleship and promote welcome in local congregations;
- Witness to God’s faithfulness for those who face difficulty in responding to God’s call;
- Join in partnerships with like-minded organizations to accomplish these goals.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: This rich ministry is open to volunteers with various gifts! Please contact us to get involved.

Statue of Liberty NM and The Ellis Island Immigration Museum Liberty Island

ADDRESS: New York, NY 10004

TELEPHONE: (212) 363-3206, ext.. 150

AGENCY & CONGREGATIONAL CONTACT: Diana Pardue (212) 645-4387

DESCRIPTION OF AGENCY: A unit of the National Park Service, responsible for preserving and interpreting the history and significance of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. Open to the

public every day except Christmas Day. Includes exhibits, movies, research library and museum collections, as well as special tours and programs, museum programs, library, and maintenance and administration projects.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Assist with public programs

Village Nursing Home

ADDRESS: 607 Hudson Street, New York, NY 10014

TELEPHONE: (212) 255-3003, ext. 237

AGENCY CONTACT: Amy Montgomery Wilson

DESCRIPTION OF AGENCY: Residential nursing care facility for elderly Village residents.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Help with leisure programs; transport for religious services and other activity programs; friendly visits; escort residents to appointments; shopping for residents; feeding encouragement. Special language skills can be helpful.

Visiting Neighbors

ADDRESS: 611 Broadway, Suite 510, NY, NY 10013

TELEPHONE: (212) 260-6200

AGENCY CONTACT: Howie Square, Volunteer Coordinator

DESCRIPTION OF AGENCY: Visiting Neighbor's volunteers help older adults alleviate loneliness and isolation, provide mental stimulation and emotional security, and encourage physical independence. VN champions the power of the volunteer, bringing generations together to share life experiences and gain respect for each individual's uniqueness. VN promotes a positive acceptance of life after sixty and the value of the elderly in society.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Friendly visiting, shop and escort service, remembering special occasions, information referral, and special programs (in-home safety checks to eliminate hazards, use of a large-print reader and help reading mail for visually impaired seniors, and advocacy to help seniors obtain needed services). Volunteers spend 2 hours a week with a senior; schedules are flexible.

Welfare Rights Initiative (WRI)

ADDRESS: 695 Park Avenue, Rm. E1029 (Hunter College), NY, NY 10021

TELEPHONE: (212) 650-3329

AGENCY CONTACT: Maureen Lane, Executive Director

DESCRIPTION OF AGENCY: Welfare Rights Initiative is a student activist and leadership development organization mobilizing students receiving public assistance to advocate for themselves and others in accessing education and training.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Our rapid response team, which aids our advocacy efforts, needs a liaison at First Presbyterian Church. The Liaison would help mobilize advocacy on issues that need immediate action.

YMCA (McBurney)

ADDRESS: 122 West 17th Street, New York, NY 10011

CHELSEA CENTER: (same as above) - where many of our youth programs and English programs for adult immigrants and refugees are held.

TELEPHONE: (212) 741-9210

AGENCY CONTACT: Jamie Farnam, Membership Director

DESCRIPTION OF AGENCY: The McBurney YMCA is a community service organization that promotes positive values through programs that build spirit, mind and body, welcoming all people with a focus on youth. Programs include: Nursery, Day Camp, AfterSchool, Adult 16 Fitness, Teens, Active Older Adults and English as Second language with employment services and computer skill-building for immigrants and refugees.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Adults are needed to help build reading, conversation and computer skills to immigrants and refugees (bilingual adults are especially needed, but this skill is not required). Volunteers are needed to share their talents with McBurney Nursery School students— music, art and story-telling skills. Volunteers of all ages are needed to help provide interesting older adult programs. Those interested in planning cultural events, trips, lectures and other activities for seniors are all welcome. Opportunities exist to become part of our volunteer Board of Managers (please call Connie Angeles for more information on requirements for these positions). We are also looking for community members interested in serving on committees that contribute to the future direction of our brand—Finance, Communications, Fundraising and Building Committees.

Church and Society Ways to Help by Mission Theme

Arts and Music

Statue of Liberty NM and the Ellis Island Immigration Museum
Liberty Island

Community Outreach

The Jefferson Market Garden
Visiting Neighbors

Education

Ascension Tutoring Program
Cabrini Immigrant Services
Church of Gethsemane Reading Program
The Elder Craftsman
International Center in New York, Inc.
Madison Square Boys and Girls Club at Genesis House/
Robert F. Kennedy Apartments
Presbyterian Senior Services
YMCA (McBurney)

Health and Healing

The Caring Community
Gay Men's Health Crisis
Gilda's Club
New York Presbyterian Hospital Adult and
Pediatric AIDS Program
Village Nursing Home
Presbyterian Senior Services

Housing and Meals

Bailey House Inc.
Bridges to Community
Cabrini Immigrant Services
Church of Ascension Food Pantry
Church of Gethsemane Food Pantry
City Harvest
God's Love We Deliver
Habitat for Humanity New York City
Homeless Shelter
The Partnership for the Homeless

Social Justice

Cabrini Immigrant Services

Church of Gethsemane Project Connect
Coalition of Concerned legal Professional
ICARE
Lutheran Social Services (Refugee Program)
Presbyterian Senior Center
Presbyterian Welcome
Welfare rights Initiative (WRI)

Keep in Mind for Additional Opportunities to Serve

Holmes Camp and Conference Center
Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen
Presbyterians for Restoring Creation
St. James Partnership

To update information or add an organization to this list,
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