



DOMINICAN
VOLUNTEERS
USA

Ministry Possibilities

IMPORTANT NOTE: The following is a list of ministry sites that have hosted or have indicated an interest in hosting Dominican Volunteers (DVs). *Inclusion on this list is not a guarantee that a certain site has submitted a request for a volunteer for the current year or that funding is available for that site.* Rather, this list serves only to give an example of the kinds of agencies at which DVs serve each year. Applicants are welcome to list specific sites of interest in their application understanding that these help better indicate to staff the nature of the applicant's interest in ministry. However, if a specific placement is sought by a volunteer, they can call the DVUSA office to find out if a particular site has 1) requested a volunteer for the current year, and 2) has not yet been filled by another applicant. Please keep an open mind when discerning placement, as ministry is only one of many variables that determine a successful volunteer year.

Applicants are encouraged to apply by the December 31st priority deadline for the best availability of ministry options. Please call the DVUSA office at 312-226-0919 to discuss ministry options.

EAST

Homecoming Farm

Amityville, NY (St. Hugh's Community)

Homecoming Farm is a certified organic CSA (community supported agriculture) project and sponsored ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Amityville, New York. The farm engages locals in the growing process from soil preparation through harvest and grows shares for area homeless shelters and soup kitchens through the Interfaith Nutrition Network. The volunteer will educate participants about farming practices, CSA functions, environmental policies and work outdoors 90% of the time throughout the year. *Must be able to work in inclement weather, lift 40 LBS, and engage in the rigorous physical labor of farming.

www.homecomingearth.org

Opening Word

Wyandanch, NY (St. Hugh's Community)

The Opening Word Program is a literacy, ESOL, and job readiness program, the purpose of which is to unlock the language ability of adult participants, providing them with a key to future personal empowerment, increased civic responsibility and enhanced skills for membership in the work force. The volunteer will provide literacy, English as a Second Language, and job readiness assistance to primarily immigrant women.

www.theopeningword.org

Catholic Charities

Rockville Centre, NY (St. Hugh's Community)

As a ministry of the Roman Catholic Church, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rockville Centre assists in serving the basic needs of the poor, troubled, weak, and oppressed and is committed to addressing the causes of injustice. They aim to organize and empower people to secure the participation of all in the life of the community, from senior service to most recently Tropical Storm Sandy relief efforts. Volunteer responsibilities to be determined based on needs.

www.catholiccharities.cc

Dominican Youth Movement USA, INC.

Amityville, NY (St. Hugh's Community)

The Dominican Youth Movement USA connects today's youth and young adults to the Dominican tradition of preaching and the participant's own call to preach. Through their programs and workshops that offer a time, place, and context for establishing impactful relations, they build faith and strengthen young people's commitment to God, community, family, preaching, social, justice and the Dominican Order. This office incorporates all national DYM programs as well as two regional programs. The volunteer will be the Assistant to the Executive Director of Dominican Youth Movement USA, INC.

www.dymusa.org

St. Agnes Academic High School

College Point, NY (St. Hugh's Community)

Founded in 1908 by the Dominican Sisters of Amityville, St. Agnes Academic High School serves young women grades 9-12 of diverse ethnic backgrounds. The school boasts a dedicated faculty of lay and religious teachers, guidance counselors, and administrators. Their campus ministry program is in its initial phases and offers many opportunities for growth and creativity. The volunteer will be the Campus Minister.

www.stagneshs.org

Bethany House

Amityville, NY (St. Hugh of Lincoln Community)

Bethany House provides the basic right of shelter to women and children experiencing homelessness in the Long Island area. The organization provides a home-like atmosphere, connects residents with support services to help care for their health and become self-sufficient, advocates for necessary resources and services, and seeks to educate the larger community about the causes of homelessness to promote prevention and effective responsiveness. The volunteer's main job responsibilities will fall into two categories: Assistant House Manager and Assistant to the Development Team.

www.bethanyhouseeny.com/

Queen of the Rosary Motherhouse

Amityville, NY (St. Hugh of Lincoln Community)

Queen of the Rosary Motherhouse provides complete care for retired Sisters. The practiced concept of care embraces physical, mental, social, and spiritual healthcare. A team of caring healthcare professionals collaborates to provide best care practices for the aging and dying.

*Certified Nursing Assistant, Personal Care Attendant or Home Health Aide in the State of New York

*Constant standing and walking; frequent turning, stooping, bending, stretching and lifting

*Exposure to pathogens

www.amityvilleOP.org

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www.amityvilleOP.org

United Nations

New York, NY (Benincasa Community)

The Dominican Sisters Conference operates an NGO at the United Nations in New York City to support global action for justice and peace nationally, and to bring the perspective of the United Nations to the Dominican Family. The volunteer will minister alongside Sr. Margaret Mayce, OP (Amityville), through building support for justice initiatives both through workgroups and committees and also through the NGO's affiliation with the UN's Department of Public Information and ECOSOC.

www.domlife.org/dlc/NGO_UN/Aboutus.htm

Dominican Sisters Family Health Services

Bronx, NY (Benincasa Community)

DSFHS is a community-based, nonprofit home health agency with offices in three counties. After an extensive orientation, volunteer nurses will conduct home visits to apartment complexes (with an escort) to care for patients with HIV/AIDS, diabetes, and many other diseases/conditions. The population of the area is primarily Hispanic from Central and South America and has the highest incidence in New York State of AIDS and single parent families under 25. *Must be a Registered or Licensed Nurse (application for license in NY state required) and at least one year of professional experience is preferred. Spanish helpful.

www.dsfhs.org

Siena House

New York, NY (Benincasa Community)

Siena House is a temporary residence for women with children under 3 or who are pregnant and searching for suitable affordable housing. Siena House seeks to assist homeless women and their children to move from a situation of homelessness and poverty to independence and self-worth. Volunteer will provide assistance to women in seeking appropriate housing and job opportunities as well as provide programming for the children of Siena House residents.

www.sienahouseshelter.org

Saint Dominic's Home, Family Foster Care Program

Bronx, NY (Benincasa Community)

The Family Foster Care Program at Saint Dominic's Home works to achieve permanency for children as quickly as possible and to provide services to children who have been abused and neglected as well as those who have physical, mental, social, development and emotional problems. The ultimate aim of Family Foster Care is to reunite children with their biological families. Volunteer will serve as a casework assistant to the child, biological, and foster family, providing needed support for a stable home environment along with the family's social worker.

www.stdominichome.org

Saint Dominic's Home, Developmental Disabilities Residential Program

Bronx, NY (Benincasa Community)

The Developmental Disabilities Residential Program provides therapeutic services to adults with developmental disabilities using a "person-centered planning" philosophy. The volunteer will serve as a Nurse and provide daily care to residents. *Must be a Registered and Licensed Nurse (application for license in NY state required).

www.stdominichome.org

Polaris Project

Newark, NJ (LaCordaire Community)

Polaris Project is committed to combating human trafficking and modern-day slavery, and to strengthening the anti-trafficking movement through a comprehensive approach. With ten years of extraordinary impact, Polaris Project is transforming the way that individuals and communities respond to human trafficking, in the U.S. and globally. Volunteer will work alongside staff to provide assistance to the survivors of human trafficking served at the project office.

www.polarisproject.org

Tri-State Coalition for Responsible Investment

Montclair, NJ (LaCordaire Community)

The TRI-State Coalition for Responsible Investment (CRI) is an alliance of Roman Catholic institutional investors that utilize their power as shareholders to hold corporations accountable to social and environmental concerns. Volunteer will work closely with the Executive Director on several issues not limited to, human trafficking, global climate change, food sustainability, justice in the financial sector and access to health care. The volunteer will hold the position of Program Associate which consists of research, writing, communication, and administrative support.

www.tricri.org

Link Community School

Newark, NJ (LaCordaire Community)

Link Community School started as a project of the Sisters of St. Dominic of Caldwell, New Jersey, and developed into a middle school uniquely positioned to change the lives of urban youth. Volunteer will serve as a teacher's assistant.

www.linkschool.org

Caldwell University Campus Ministry

Caldwell, New Jersey

Founded in 1939 as a Catholic liberal arts college by the Sisters of Saint Dominic, Caldwell University embraces the charism of preaching the Gospel to all people. Caldwell University encourages its student body to work for social justice, to seek volunteer and outreach opportunities, and to serve the larger community. The campus ministry boasts a supportive, collaborative staff eager to establish and maintain a chapter of Dominican Young Adults as an integral part of campus life. The volunteer will be an essential key player in establishing this new chapter on campus.

www.caldwell.edu

MIDWEST**ARISE**

Chicago, IL (House of Connections)

ARISE Chicago builds partnerships between faith communities and workers to fight workplace injustice through education and organizing and advocating for public policy changes. The organization helps workers (primarily Spanish and Polish immigrants) recover stolen wages and compensation, educate themselves for various trades, and rise above intimidation and harassment that attempts to prevent unionization. The volunteer will serve as an organizer of faith communities to support the worker efforts. *Spanish required.

www.arisechicago.org

Casa Juan Diego

Chicago, IL (House of Connections)

Casa Juan Diego is a youth center sponsored by St. Pius V Parish, serving as a response to chronic needs in the community: improving education and opposing youth involvement in gangs. They provide a balanced meal, individual homework help, and small-group literacy instruction as well as providing a safe place for children to recreate. Volunteer will serve as a small-group instructor, providing literacy education to 8-10 students, as well as conducting formal evaluation and testing. Spanish recommended.

www.casajuandiego.org

Heartland Alliance Human Care Services

Chicago, IL (House of Connections)

Heartland Alliance is a service-based human rights organization that provides housing, health care, human services, and human rights protections to the most poor and vulnerable people in our society. In the Refugee & Immigrant Education and Vocational Services department, Heartland provides on-site language training and vocational classes for refugees and asylees in addition to welcome packages, childcare, and counseling services. Volunteers will serve in a variety of roles, including tutoring and/or teaching students in English Language Training and Vocational workshops and providing individuals with job development and financial literacy.

www.heartlandalliance.org

Capacity: 2 volunteers

Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly

Chicago, IL (House of Connections)

Little Brothers is an agency devoted to relieving the loneliness and isolation of the elderly. They operate under the motto, "flowers before bread," believing that in addition to the basic necessities of life, each one of us, including the elderly, has a strong need for the special pleasures that make life worth living. Volunteer's primary responsibilities are to visit with elderly at their homes, assist in helping them meet their daily needs, and coordinate special celebrations including holiday parties, vacations, and birthdays.

www.littlebrotherschicago.org

Sarah's Inn	Chicago, IL (House of Connections)
<p>The mission of Sarah's Inn is to stand with women and their families to ensure freedom from domestic violence in every community. Serving Chicago's West Side, Oak Park, and more than 20 local communities, this ministry provides services including a crisis line, emergency housing, advocacy work, counseling, and support/education groups for women, teens, and children. Volunteers will be working with adults and their children who have experienced domestic violence. Work will include individual and group services as well as assisting victims navigate community and government resources.</p>	
www.sarhsinn.org	Capacity: 1-2 volunteers
Visitation Catholic School	Chicago, IL (House of Connections)
<p>Since 1891, Visitation has served the Englewood and Back of the Yards neighborhoods on Chicago's south side. The school includes a before and after-school program, athletics, two Gospel choirs, and religious education, as well as the standard curriculum for grades K-8. Volunteers serve in a variety of roles, including as teachers, teaching assistants, youth ministers, scholarship program assistants, and coordinators/chaperones for the Junior Scholars Program, which provides enrichment activities and field trips to high-potential students.</p>	
www.visitationschoolchicago.netorg	Capacity: 1-2 volunteers
Permaculture/ Office of Peace & Justice/ Adrian Rea Literacy Center	Adrian, MI (Siena House Community)
<p>A five-member team, consisting of two Dominican Volunteers and three Adrian Dominican Sisters, sets monthly goals to cover the needs of these three integrated ministry positions. Set in rural, small town Adrian, MI, this team serves the local working class community through modeling care of creation through right relationship with the earth, planning activities and events that advocate for peace and justice, and providing adult ESL tutoring. Volunteers will divide their time between these three integrated ministries; the volunteer will be an ESL tutor, a farm-hand, and an advocate for peace and justice events and programs.</p>	
<p>* Must be able to lift 30 lbs, have no lethal allergies to bugs or bees, and not afraid to get dirty.</p>	
www.adriandominicans.org	Capacity: 1-2 volunteers
Indiana University – St. Paul Catholic Center	Bloomington, IN (St. Paul Community)
<p>St. Paul Catholic Center, the Newman Center at Indiana University, is a diverse community rooted in the saving compassion of Jesus Christ. The volunteer will serve as an assistant campus minister providing peer ministry, organizing student retreats and activities as well as service projects. *Must be male to live in community with friars.</p>	
<p>www.hoosiercatholic.org.</p>	
HOPES Center	Racine, WI (Villa Community)
<p>HOPES Center is committed to building awareness of the causes and consequences of poverty. Staff and community volunteers provide case management, mental health counseling, and healing arts services to the homeless of Racine. The volunteer will primarily be responsible for coordinating the services of community volunteers and promoting the ministry to recruit new local volunteers. *Car preferred.</p>	
<p>www.racinedominicans.org/HOPESCenter.cfm</p>	
Racine Vocational Ministry	Racine, WI (Villa Community)
<p>RVM provides a holistic approach to job training for the unemployed by not only training the individual in the appropriate vocational skills, but also providing services to address negative in their lives such as drugs and alcohol, homelessness, or emotional health problems. The program also has one of the highest job retention rates by providing intense follow up after a job is secured for a participant. Volunteer's primary responsibility will be support for the Community Re-entry Program Director (a program for ex-offenders), but will be involved in all aspects of programming. *Car preferred.</p>	
<p>www.rvmracine.org</p>	

LGBT Ministry

Racine, WI (Villa Community)

The LGBT Center of South East Wisconsin seeks to build a safe, supportive, and active community for LGBT people of all ages and their families, friends and allies. The center focuses on creating a vibrant and visible community. This volunteer position is still in development for the 2015-16 year.

Aquinas College

Grand Rapids, MI (Benincasa Community)

The oldest Dominican college or university in the country, Aquinas College has more than 2,100 students and offers 60 majors. Founded by the Dominican Sisters of Grand Rapids in 1886, it remains closely connected and has an active campus ministry department. Volunteer will serve as an Assistant Campus Minister, leading bible studies, retreats, service trips, and other activities, working with campus ministry staff and student leaders to fulfill the spiritual needs of Aquinas' students and help connect their service experience to social justice.

www.aquinas.edu

SOUTH**Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School**

Atlanta, GA (Penn Community)

Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School opened its doors in August 2014. Cristo Rey Atlanta provides an affordable, quality Catholic education to underserved and lower-income communities. The Cristo Rey model is unique in that every student is involved in the Corporate Work-Study Program that provides invaluable workplace skills and experience while funding their private education. Students are prepared for college and the work place, proving that at-risk populations are capable of academic and professional success when provided with adequate resources and opportunities, breaking the cycle of poverty and violence in their communities. The volunteer will serve as the Corporate Work-Study Program Associate, assisting in various areas including job coaching and professional development
*Spanish speaking recommended * Valid driver's license required

www.cristoreyatlanta.org

Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement

Atlanta, GA (Penn Community)

At Catholic Charities the volunteers have been responsible for helping refugees from Iraq, Burma, Congo, and other countries secure employment in and around Atlanta. The volunteer will make new contacts with local employers, conduct pre-employment classes focusing on culture and expectations in the American job market, support resume and interview skill development, and then help connect individuals with open positions. Spanish, French, Swahili, or Arabic recommended but not required.

*Car required.

www.catholiccharitiesatlanta.org/services/refugee-resettlement-services/

Catholic Charities Housing Counseling

Atlanta, GA (Penn Community)

Catholic Charities Housing Counseling services focus on mortgage default/delinquency and foreclosure intervention and prevention. By offering workshops, one-on-one assistance, and intervention advice, CCHC works to keep people in their homes in this tough economy. A HUD-certified organization, all comprehensive counseling services are offered free of charge. A volunteer is needed to work as a housing counselor, assisting clients on every step of the way. *Spanish required.

www.catholiccharitiesatlanta.org/services/family-stabilization

Catholic Charities Instructor for English Language and Citizenship Education

Atlanta, GA (Penn Community)

The Catholic Charities Adult Education Services Team provides refugees from Iraq, Burma, Congo, and other countries with English Language and citizenship classes. The volunteer will collaborate with the team to organize, plan, and implement ESL and citizenship classes and help coordinate volunteers, embracing diversity and respect for the cultural differences among clients and staff. *Spanish fluency preferred

www.catholiccharitiesatlanta.org/services/family-stabilization/educational-services/

WEST

Immaculate Conception Academy

San Francisco, CA (Immaculate Conception Community)

Immaculate Conception Academy (a part of the Cristo Rey Network) is an all girl Catholic college preparatory high school that promotes academic excellence, life-long learning skills, and service to God, family and community. Located in the Mission District of San Francisco, it serves a diverse population, including white, Hispanic, and African-American students. Volunteer(s) minister as Work Study chaperones, assist in the finance and Corporate Work Study offices, and teach religion.

www.icacademy.org

Capacity: 3 volunteers

St. Francis Center

Redwood City, CA (Casa Alianza Community)

The St. Francis Center a nonprofit organization helping families in need to live in dignity and become self-supporting members of the community. The Center provides the local community with essential services such as housing, food, clothing and education and strives to adhere to the motto: "Compassion Not Judgment." Volunteers have ministered as religion teachers, computer/technology instructors, assisted with afterschool homework help and provided supplemental instruction to students. *Car strongly preferred.

www.stfrancisrwc.org

Capacity: 2 volunteers