**Important**

Please note that SWRK 251 requires volunteer experience that involves direct service to a vulnerable population. Confirm with the agency and Social Work Advising if you have any questions about the specific volunteer position that you are signing up for.

**General Agencies:**

Big Brothers Big Sisters is a mentoring program with branches in many cities, including Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, Detroit, and Jackson. Visit their website here: [http://www.bbbwashtenaw.org/](http://www.bbbwashtenaw.org/)

Boys & Girls Clubs offer skill-building programming for children around Southeast Michigan. They have locations in Ypsilanti, Adrian, and throughout metro Detroit. To learn more, visit: [http://www.bgcsm.org/ClubSites/HuronValleyClub.aspx](http://www.bgcsm.org/ClubSites/HuronValleyClub.aspx)

FEMA is an agency that utilizes large numbers of volunteers to provide disaster relief and other emergency services. Learn more about opportunities in your area: [http://www.ready.gov/volunteer](http://www.ready.gov/volunteer)

Planned Parenthood is dedicated to fighting for reproductive rights, sharing sex education, and providing family planning. Learn more about their volunteer opportunities here: [http://www.stjoesannarbor.org/volunteering](http://www.stjoesannarbor.org/volunteering)

Salvation Army operates several locations in Southeast Michigan. Click here to learn more about the location nearest you: [http://www.usc.salvationarmy.org/usc/www_usc_washtenaw.nsf](http://www.usc.salvationarmy.org/usc/www_usc_washtenaw.nsf)

United Way is dedicated to working on a variety of community-based social issues. To learn more about what they are doing in your area, click here: [http://www.liveunitedsem.org/pages/our-mission](http://www.liveunitedsem.org/pages/our-mission)

**Washtenaw County**


Ann Arbor Center for Independent Living offers a variety of programs that aim to assist people in managing disabilities. Visit their website at: [http://www.annarborcil.org/](http://www.annarborcil.org/)

American Friends Service Committee is vital in helping people to advocate for loved ones who are incarcerated in the Michigan Department of Corrections. AFSC provides training and experience for

Avalon Housing seeks to provide housing for people who are experiencing, or are at risk for, homelessness in Washtenaw County. Visit their website at: [http://www.avalonhousing.org/](http://www.avalonhousing.org/)

Back Door Pantry is a food pantry that primarily operates on Thursdays. Visit their website at: [http://www.backdoorfoodpantry.org/](http://www.backdoorfoodpantry.org/)

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Cancer Support Community of Ann Arbor is seeking volunteers to help educate and support those dealing with the far-reaching effects of cancer. [http://www.cancersupportannarbor.org/](http://www.cancersupportannarbor.org/)

Council for Independent Living is dedicated to accommodating the needs of people living with disabilities. Learn more about gaining experience, while providing a valuable service: [http://www.annarborcil.org/offices/volunteering/](http://www.annarborcil.org/offices/volunteering/)

Ele’s Place is committed to providing a safe and validating place for grieving children and teens. They provide training and support to volunteers who are interested in this long-term service opportunity: [http://elesplace.org/get-involved/volunteer](http://elesplace.org/get-involved/volunteer)

Food Gatherers aims to curb hunger in Michigan through their community kitchens, food drives, and pantries. Learn about their direct service opportunities here: [http://www.foodgatherers.org/?module=Page&sID=get-involved](http://www.foodgatherers.org/?module=Page&sID=get-involved)

Friends in Deed is an interfaith network that aims to connect people with the resources they need, including emergency financial assistance and other agency referrals: [http://www.friendsindeed.info/](http://www.friendsindeed.info/)

Habitat for Humanity Huron Valley is a non-profit organization that aims to provide affordable housing to lower income families: [http://www.h4h.org/](http://www.h4h.org/)

Jewish Family Services offers a variety of programs and opportunities, including immigration and naturalization education, financial assistance, and work with the elderly. Learn more about their volunteer opportunities at: [http://jfsannarbor.org/](http://jfsannarbor.org/)

Kite Network provides grief one on one support through the coordinated work of professional counselors and compassionate volunteers. Learn more: [http://thekitenetwork.org/counselors.html](http://thekitenetwork.org/counselors.html)

Mentor2Youth of Ypsilanti offers mentorship, tutoring, and other educational opportunities for grades 4-12. Learn more at: [http://www.mentor2youth.com/](http://www.mentor2youth.com/)

Neighborhood Senior Services aims to identify the challenges and meet the needs of everyday living for the elderly: [http://www.nssweb.org/](http://www.nssweb.org/)
Ozone House provides a variety of services to at risk youth and their families. Learn more about those opportunities here: http://ozonehouse.org/

Peace Neighborhood Center and Rose Martin offer volunteer opportunities that adapt with the needs of the community. Learn how to get involved: http://www.peaceneighborhoodcenter.org/

Robert J. Delonis Center is the main shelter facility of Washtenaw County. Volunteers assist staff in coordinating intakes and maintaining regular operation in the facility. Learn more here: http://annarborshelter.org/volunteer

SafeHouse is a shelter and support center for people who have been affected by sexual assault and domestic violence. Learn more about their training program here: http://www.safehousecenter.org/volunteer-information/

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SOS Community Services has a variety of direct-contact volunteer opportunities, including with their housing and children’s services programs: http://www.soscs.org/

SouthernCare Hospice provides services to those who are moving beyond curative healthcare. Learn more about their volunteer opportunities here: http://www.southerncareinc.com/content.php?ID=38 or contact Kristen Cooper at kristen.cooper@southerncareinc.com

St. Joseph Mercy offers a variety of hospital-based human service experiences, including bereavement, coordinating special events, and direct patient care: http://www.stjoesannarbor.org/volunteering

Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels is challenged with delivering meal to people who are homebound due to illness, disability, or advanced age. Learn more about how to get involved: http://ymow.org/

EMU ElderQuest is a program that aims to bring more people over the age of 65 into the EMU community, though academics and civic engagement. More about ElderQuest can be found here: http://www.emich.edu/elderquest/index.php

EMU MAGIC-Mentorship Access Alliance in College aims to provide mentorship, guidance, and hope to people who have aged out of the foster care system and are transitioning to the next phase of their lives. Learn how to get involved here: http://www.emich.edu/magic/index.php

EMU Upward Bound is dedicated to bridging the gap between high school and university. This is a critical time, when guidance and continued learning are critical. Learn more: http://www.emich.edu/upwardbound/employment.php

EMU Vision Volunteer Center is aimed at educating and finding ways for students to get involved in local organizations. Click here to learn more: http://www.emich.edu/vision/

EMU WGSSA-Women’s & Gender Studies Student Association is a group who works to address women’s, gender, and other diversity issues through volunteerism. Learn more at: http://www.emich.edu/studentorgs/wssa/
Jackson County

Aware provides shelter and support for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Learn more about how to sign up for training here: http://www.awareshelter.org/volunteers/

United Way is dedicated to working on a variety of community-based social issues in Jackson. Click here to learn more about what they are doing now: http://www.uwjackson.org/

High Fields, Inc. focuses on mentoring and social support as a means of transforming the tone and direction of challenged communities. Ask about them about opportunities for direct service volunteerism: http://highfields.org/donate/volunteer/

Salvation Army offers direct services experiences in their eldercare and children’s programs. Learn more here: http://sajackson.org/get-involved/

Shelter services are provided through several agencies around Jackson. For a reference to their names and pages, click here: http://www.homelessshelterdirectory.org/cgi-bin/id/city.cgi?city=Jackson&state=MI

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Lenawee County

Communities in Schools (CIS) is an agency dedicated to keeping kids in school and successful in their scholastic endeavors. They encourage this through micro-mentorship and macro-advocacy. Learn more by visiting their page: http://www.cislenawee.org/

Hope Community Center offers volunteers a variety of opportunities to help address the needs of disabled community members. Get involved: http://www.hopecenterlenawee.org/volunteer.html

Hospice of Lenawee is taking volunteers to assist them with meeting the challenges faced by the families and those facing end-of-life transitions: http://www.hospiceoflenawee.org/lend-a-hand-volunteer/

Lenawee County resource guide provides the names and contact information for many different kinds of specialized agencies. Many of these agencies would likely accept volunteers and be able to provide direct-service opportunities: http://volunteer.lenaweecf.org/servlet/servlet.FileDownload?file=015A0000001nSBT

United Way is dedicated to working on a variety of community-based social issues in Lenawee County. Click here to learn more about what they are doing now: http://www.lenaweeunitedway.org/
Livingston County

Here is a resource list that might be helpful in finding a qualified volunteer position:
http://www.livoniacsd.org/Data/Documents/Counseling/Livingston%20County%20Resources.pdf

Gleaners Community Food Bank operates several locations in the metro Detroit area. They offer a variety of interesting experiences, including several direct service opportunities. Learn more here: http://www.gcfb.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pg_volunteeropportunities

LACASA is a Howell-based agency that is dedicated to addressing the needs of survivors of domestic violence and trauma. Learn about their training: http://lacasacenter.org.mytempweb.com/

Livingston County resource guide provides the names and contact information for many different kinds of specialized agencies. Most of these agencies will likely accept volunteers and be able to provide direct-service opportunities upon inquiry: http://www.keycenters.org/resources.html

United Way is dedicated to working on a variety of community-based social issues. In Livingston County, they are affiliated with several partner agencies. Click here to learn more about what they are doing now: http://www.lcunitedway.org/get-involved.html

Macomb County

A Friend’s House Adult Daycare Services is looking for volunteers to help care for consumers with cognitive and physical challenges. Learn more here: http://www.agingcare.com/local/A-Friends-House-Adult-Day-Center-Charter-Township-Of-Clinton-Adult-Day-Care-MI

Dominican Literacy Center aims at sharing the gift of literacy and communication skills via tutoring and computer-based workshops. This opportunity is not limited to Spanish speakers. Learn more about trainings here: http://www.dcliteracy.org/

Macomb County offers volunteer experiences that satisfy many areas of social work. This resource links students with many of those agencies: http://www.macombgov.org/Volunteer/

Macomb County resource guide provides the names and contact information for many different kinds of specialized agencies. Many of these agencies would likely accept volunteers and be able to provide direct-service opportunities: http://macombresources.info/ **This link includes an expansive list of agencies who are looking for volunteers in multiple counties.

Macomb County Homeless Shelters seek to meet the needs of people without a safe and stable place to live. Here is a list of area shelters. Ask them about direct service volunteer positions: http://www.macombcountymi.gov/seniorservices/homeless_shelters.htm

Macomb County Volunteer Program seeks to match students with a variety of volunteer and internship opportunities, including the areas of foster care, adoption, and juvenile justice. Click here: http://www.saveourchildrencoalition.org/volunteer-donate/macomb-county-volunteer-program.html
Turning Point provides their volunteers crisis intervention training to assist survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in learning about what resources are available to them. To learn more about this agency, click here: http://www.turningpointmacomb.org/tp/give-now/volunteer/

Monroe County

Council for Independent Living is dedicated to accommodating the needs of people living with disabilities. Learn more about gaining experience, while providing a valuable service: http://www.annarborcil.org/offices/monroe-cil/

Hope Network specializes in identifying and working to meet the needs of those with spinal cord injuries, as well as mental and other physical disabilities. Ask them about their direct service volunteer positions: http://www.hopenetwork.org/

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Monroe County is home to several agencies that specialize in physical and cognitive disabilities, respite care, and mentoring. Many of those agencies, and a contact person, are listed here: http://www.misd.k12.mi.us/departments/specialed/transition/communityresources/

Save Our Children Coalition is working to develop a collaboration of agencies that with children involved with the foster care system. Contact them to see who is looking for help: http://www.saveourchildrencoalition.org/monroe-county/foster-care-agencies/

Oakland County

America’s Promise alliance has a goal of reducing dropout rates for children and youth. They rely on volunteers for their mentorship program: http://www.americaspromise.org/Act/Volunteer.aspx

Boys & Girls Clubs offer skill-building programming for children around Southeast Michigan. They have locations in Ypsilanti, Adrian, and throughout metro Detroit. To learn more, visit: http://www.boysandgirlsclubs.us/

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Oakland County resource guide provides the names and contact information for many different kinds of specialized agencies. Many of these agencies would likely accept volunteers and be able to provide direct-service opportunities: http://www.oakgov.com/courts/foc/Pages/info_pub/dir_default.aspx
United Way is dedicated to working on a variety of community-based social issues in Oakland County. Click here to learn more about what they are doing now:
http://liveunitedsem.org/partners/agency/lighthouse-of-oakland-county

**Wayne County**

Alternatives for Girls is a Detroit-based agency dedicated to the empowerment of young women through mentoring, shelter, educational programming, and outreach. Learn more here: http://www.alternativesforgirls.org/ContactUs.html

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The Coalition on Temporary Shelter (COTS) is a Detroit shelter that also provides childcare, literacy, and other services to people in need. Follow this link for more information: http://www.cotsdetroit.org/

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Jewish Family Services provides a great way to get involved with hospice work, immigration, elder care, mentoring, and more. http://www.jfsdetroit.org/volunteers/ongoing-volunteer-opportunities

Matrix Human Services provides a dynamic array of services, including employment preparedness workshops, Michigan Prison ReEntry programming, mentoring, and HIV/AIDS, and more. Learn more here: http://www.matrixhumanservices.org/

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United Way is dedicated to working on a variety of community-based social issues in Detroit. Click here to learn more about what they are doing now: http://www.liveunitedsem.org/pages/our-mission

Volunteers in Prevention Mentoring (VIP) operates in downtown Detroit. They aim to connect youth burdened poverty, the stigma of an incarcerated parent, or other debilitating family circumstance with volunteer mentors. http://www.vipmentoring.org/?page_id=10

**Resources**

The following is a list of homeless and emergency centers around Canton and in Detroit: http://www.homelessshelterdirectory.org/cgi-bin/id/city.cgi?city=Canton&state=MI
Here is a resource list that might be helpful in finding a qualified volunteer position around Livonia:
http://www.livoniacsd.org/Data/Documents/Counseling/Livingston%20County%20Resources.pdf

EMU Campus Life:  http://campuslife.emich.edu/about-us/our-student-staff-and-volunteers

EMU Alumni Admissions Recruitment Team:  https://emich.edu/alumni/getinvolved/volunteer/

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Save Our Children Coalition is working to develop a collaboration of agencies that with children involved with the foster care system. They operate in several counties across Southeastern Michigan. Contact them to see who is looking for help: http://www.saveourchildrencoalition.org/about-socc.html