

**\*\*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:**

Alzheimer's Association – Michigan Great Lakes Chapter. [https://www.alz.org/get-involved-now/volunteer/volunteer\\_locally](https://www.alz.org/get-involved-now/volunteer/volunteer_locally)

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.bbbs.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: <https://www.bgcsm.org/ways-to-give>

Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan - <https://ccsem.org/volunteer-opportunities/>

ConnectUS was established to fill a need for quality programming for adults with severe multiple impairments (SXI) who use wheelchairs. Our program is designed to provide stimulating activity for our members, as well as educational and social connections for student interns and volunteers. See how you can help at <http://connectus-livonia.org/>

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization that serves to build affordable housing for disadvantaged groups and communities. See how you can become involved at: <https://www.habitatmichigan.org/>

Henry Ford Health System – They are looking for volunteers to provide the following services: greet our guests with a smile and escort them to their destination, get a blanket for a patient who is feeling cold, conduct pet therapy visits, and support our staff by performing various clerical duties: <https://www.henryford.com/locations/henry-ford-hospital/volunteer>

Hospice of Michigan is an organization that seeks to make end-of-life more comfortable for those suffering from a terminal illness. They seek to relieve physical, emotional, and spiritual pain for patients using a comfort care approach. Find out more by visiting: <http://www.hom.org/>

Jewish Family Services of Metro Detroit – They provide services uniquely tailored to the specific needs of each individual or family, and center around three core areas: services for older adults, mental health and wellness, and safety net services: <http://www.jfsdetroit.org/volunteer/>

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>

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: <https://www.gcfb.org/give-time/>

Meals on Wheels in Southeast Michigan - <https://www.aaab.org/services-and-seniors/meals-on-wheels/>

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) – Michigan. <http://namimi.org/>

Neighborhood Service Organization (NSO) provides critical services, outreach and assistance to children, youth, adults and families. These services help to strengthen communities through service. Learn more at <https://www.nso-mi.org/>

Planned Parenthood is dedicated to fighting for reproductive rights, sharing sex education, and providing family planning. Learn more about their volunteer opportunities here: <https://www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-michigan>

Salvation Army operates several locations in Southeast Michigan. Click here to learn more about the location nearest you: <http://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/usc/volunteer>

SouthernCare Hospice provides services to those who are moving beyond curative healthcare. Learn more about their volunteer opportunities here:  
<http://www.southerncarehospice.com/volunteer>

Special Olympics of Michigan: <http://www.somi.org/>

Starfish Family Services – provides a number of family related programs throughout the Metro Detroit area: <http://www.starfishfamilyservices.org/get-involved/volunteer-opportunities/>

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: <https://unitedwaysem.org/>

YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit: <https://ymcadetroit.org/>

## Washtenaw County

826Michigan utilizes its volunteers to help run writing workshops in downtown Ann Arbor. Visit their website at: <http://www.826michigan.org/>

A Brighter Way - A mentoring program designed to increase self-efficacy, intentional problem solving, and communication skills that promote the stability of the individual by providing quality mentoring for men and women returning to Washtenaw County from incarceration. [https://connect2community.umich.edu/agency/detail/?agency\\_id=57093](https://connect2community.umich.edu/agency/detail/?agency_id=57093)

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/> or call: 734.971.0277.

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 those interested in macro social work/advocacy. Volunteering for American Friends requires at least a semester commitment on the part of the student. <http://www.prisoneradvocacy.org/getinvolved/volunteer/>

American Red Cross. Attend a one hour training session to become a volunteer at blood drives in the Washtenaw county area. Minimum commitment: 6 hours every 3 months, and a background check must be completed. <http://www.redcross.org/>

Arbor Hospice: <https://www.arborhospice.org/volunteer/>

Autism Collaborative Center at EMU. Help out the ACC by working with the children, helping out therapists (materials prep, equipment cleaning, transitional room set ups, video/audiotaping), or by assisting with other administrative work such as copying/laminating/shredding/etc. <http://www.emich.edu/acc/>

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/>

Back Door Pantry is a food pantry that primarily operates on Thursdays. Visit their website at: <http://www.backdoorfoodpantry.org/>

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.bbbswashtenaw.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/locations/huron-valley-club/>

Camp Tall Tree is an **overnight summer camp for children with autism** and their siblings. <http://www.campalltree.com>

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/>

Catholic Social Services of Washtenaw County has several different volunteer opportunities with many different populations: <http://csswashtenaw.org/list-of-volunteer-opportunities/>

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/>

Community Action Network (CAN) provides programs and services to families living in low income Ann Arbor neighborhoods. We help create brighter futures by offering educational support to children and youth, housing stabilization services for adults and families, and positive community building activities for neighborhoods. Get involved by visiting: <http://www.canwashtenaw.org/>

The Corner Health Center provides judgement-free, high-quality, affordable health services to young people aged 12 -25. <http://www.cornerhealth.org/?module=Page&sID=get-involved>

DAPCO (Destiny and Purpose Community Outreach) Become a community liaisons, assist with event planning or office work, interact with clients, and much more. <http://www.dapco.org/>

Dawn Farms - Dawn Farm assists addicts and alcoholics in achieving long term recovery. Assist with the Dawn Farm garden, cooking and housekeeping, or at special events. Call at (734) 485-8725 or check out their website at <http://dawnfarm.org/get-involved/volunteer>

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: <https://www.elesplace.org/get-involved/volunteer-opportunities>

Emmanuel House, Home for the Elderly - Looking for volunteers. <http://www.emmanuel-house.org/volunteers.html>

Food Gatherers aims to curb hunger in Michigan through their community kitchens, food drives, and pantries. Learn about their direct service opportunities here:  
<https://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/>

GrieveWell provides grief one on one support through the coordinated work of professional counselors and compassionate volunteers. Learn more: <http://grievewell.com/>

Growing Hope – uses gardening as a way to further social educational and environmental issues in the local community. <http://growinghope.net/get-involved/volunteer/>

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

Hoarding Task Force of Washtenaw County -  
[http://htfwashtenaw.org/how\\_to\\_help/cap\\_volunteering](http://htfwashtenaw.org/how_to_help/cap_volunteering)

Home of New Vision – work with individual struggling with substance use disorders. <https://homeofnewvision.org/volunteer-opportunities/>

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/>

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

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) – Washtenaw County: <http://www.namiwc.org/>

Neighborhood Senior Services (CSS of Washtenaw County) aims to identify the challenges and meet the needs of everyday living for the elderly:  
<http://csswashtenaw.org/seniors/neighborhood-senior-services/>

The Neutral Zone is a diverse youth-driven teen center dedicated to promoting personal growth through artistic expression, community leadership and the exchange of ideas.  
<https://www.neutral-zone.org/volunteer-1>

Ozone House provides a variety of services to at risk youth and their families. Learn more about those opportunities here: <http://ozonehouse.org/>

Parkridge Community Center - the Mission of Parkridge Community Center is to enhance the quality of life for Ypsilanti's residents by supporting children, youth and families through a wide range of programs and services.

[https://www.facebook.com/pg/Parkridge-Community-Center-271220362955770/about/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/Parkridge-Community-Center-271220362955770/about/?ref=page_internal)

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/>

Safe House 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/>

Salvation Army operates several locations in Southeast Michigan. Click here to learn more about the location nearest you: <http://centralusa.salvationarmy.org/emi/southeastmi>

Shelter Association of Washtenaw County. Provides a wide array of services for those experiencing issues of homelessness. For volunteer opportunities: Phone (734) 662-2829 x221, email [volunteers@ewashtenaw.org](mailto:volunteers@ewashtenaw.org) or, check out their website

<http://annarborshelter.org/volunteer>

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

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>

Washtenaw Child Advocacy Center provides a child friendly, protective environment for the investigation and intervention of all cases of child sexual abuse in Washtenaw County. See how you can make a difference by visiting <http://csswashtenaw.org/parenting-families/washtenaw-child-advocacy-center/>

Washtenaw County Hoarding Task Force is a partnership of public and private agencies, which seek to raise awareness of hoarding and to preserve safe and appropriate housing. If interested, please visit <http://htfwashtenaw.org/>

Washtenaw Literacy - <http://washtenawliteracy.org/>

The Women's Center of Southeastern Michigan – promotes self-determination for women and families by providing professional services that build confidence, strengthen connections and create positive change. <https://womenscentersemi.org/get-involved/volunteers/>

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 MAGIC- Aims to increase the graduation rates among students who have experienced foster care or homelessness by removing barriers that interfere with academic success and the process of becoming an interdependent adult. Learn how to get involved here: <http://www.emich.edu/asp/programs/magic/volunteer.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 Swoop's Food Pantry - Swoop's Student Food Pantry is a campus-based organization that is run by a leadership board consisting of EMU faculty, staff, students and alumni volunteers. Help assist with inventory records and stock, hand out food to students, provide resources to those seeking additional services, maintain a sanitary and healthy environment. <http://www.emich.edu/swoopspantry/>

## **Genesee County**

Genesee services (United Way of Genesee County) list many different volunteer opportunities in the Genesee County area. <http://www.geneseeserves.org/>

## **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://www.highfields.org/get-involved/>  
Home of New Vision – Jackson Recovery Resource Center offers linkages to the recovering community in Jackson. <https://homeofnewvision.org/jackson/>

Jackson County is looking for volunteers - Mostly with the elderly:  
<https://www.co.jackson.mi.us/738/Volunteer-Opportunities>

Salvation Army offers direct services experiences in their eldercare and children’s programs. Learn more here: <https://www.facebook.com/salvationarmyjackson/>

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>

## **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://hopecenteradrian.org/>

Hospice of Lenawee is taking volunteers to assist them with meeting the challenges faced by the families and those facing end-of-life transitions:  
<https://www.hospiceoflenawee.org/volunteer.php>

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://lenaweegreatstart.org/local-resources/family-services>

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.unitedwaymlc.org/>

## **Livingston County**

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://www.lacasacenter.org/>



Livingston County Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers with the elderly. Opportunities and contact info is listed on their website: <http://www.livingstoncatholiccharities.org/volunteer/>

Livingston County Resources. A list of local service programs in Livingston County: [http://www.greatstartlivingston.org/local\\_programs.html](http://www.greatstartlivingston.org/local_programs.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/>

## **Macomb County**

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.dlcliteracy.org/>

Macomb County offers volunteer experiences that satisfy many areas of social work. This resource links students with many of those agencies: <http://living.macombgov.org/living-inmacomb-VolunteerOpportunities>

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: <https://turningpointmacomb.org/>

## **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: <https://monroe.lib.mi.us/center-independent-living>

Family Counseling and Shelter Services (Monroe County) - <http://www.fcsmc.org/>

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/>

## **Oakland County**

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/>

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.oaklandcountyresources.org/>

Premiere Hospice - <http://premierhospiceandhomehealth.com/hospice/services/volunteer/>

## Wayne County

Alternatives for Girls is a Detroit-based agency dedicated to the empowerment of young women through mentoring, shelter, educational programming, and outreach. Click here: <http://alternativesforgirls.org/>

Cass Community Social Services - The Detroit-based agency works across in areas of concentrated poverty providing programs for food, health, housing, and jobs. <https://casscommunity.org/>

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/>

Habitat for Humanity Detroit works with local agencies and organizations to provide affordable housing for people in the Detroit area. If you want to get involved with the Detroit branch, visit <http://www.habitatdetroit.org/>

Homeless and emergency centers resource list Wayne County: <http://www.homelesshelterdirectory.org/cgi-bin/id/city.cgi?city=Canton&state=MI>

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/>

Methodist Children's Home Society helps hundreds of children each year by providing safe havens, creating forever families and raising responsible young men. To learn more, visit <http://www.mchsmi.org/>

Southwest Solutions has served SW Detroit since 1970 with a variety of different programs. <http://www.swsol.org/volunteer/>

Starfish Family Services - Looking for volunteers to read to preschoolers, help in our community garden, tutor elementary or middle school students, or assist with food drives: <https://www.starfishfamilyservices.org/get-involved/volunteer-opportunities/>

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](http://www.vipmentoring.org/?page_id=10)