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Sites at Which You May Be Serving ...

Be Concerned has operated one of the largest free food pantries in Northern Kentucky since 1987. Volunteers help in the food pantry or thrift shop.

Bethany House provides a full range of services for homeless and low-income women and children, including housing, education, and assistance programs. Volunteers usually help with sorting and cleaning. Occasionally the opportunity arises to read to and play with the kids. They hold a large Carnival each summer that volunteers can attend and work.

Bridge Ministry offers a safe place to talk and pray with individuals moving from dependency to independency. Volunteers help with hospitality and community as well as assisting with Bible Study and lunch at 12:30pm.

Brighton Center provides a uniquely comprehensive range of programs and services to create a community of support. Their mission is to create opportunities for individuals and families to reach self-sufficiency through support services, education, and leadership. Volunteers help to sort donations of food/clothing for their Emergency Food Pantry & Clothing Closet.

Centennial Barn – Community Garden is a community garden on the grounds of St Clare Convent, where many of the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor reside. Volunteers help with planting, weeding and harvesting. Many of the foods grown here are donated to local agencies who serve the poor. Depending on the time of year, volunteers could be weeding, planting, or harvesting.

Children, Inc offers nationally accredited child care and early childhood education programs in a variety of settings throughout Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati. Children, Inc is dedicated to creating a world that understands young children and their needs. Volunteers will be help to maintain playgrounds and facilities for the children to use.

Churches Active In Northside (CAIN) is an ecumenical ministry located in what it called Northside. Volunteers could help with check-in, hospitality, sorting, packing, or shopping with clients at their choice food pantry.

FreeStore FoodBank is the largest food distribution group in the Cincinnati area. Volunteers will help in one of their warehouses sorting and packing items for distribution, with food distribution in their Food Room, or in their garden.

Grace Place is a community that envisions a world without hunger, homelessness, war and all other forms of violence. Rooted in the Catholic Worker tradition, our work focuses on: Hospitality, Justice, Community, and Spirituality. Volunteers help with painting, landscaping, or similar projects.

Habitat for Humanity strives to build simple, decent, affordable houses for families in need. Though the vast majority of volunteers have no construction experience or building skills, volunteers are involved in most phases of construction.

Healing Center offers practical, social, and spiritual support to individuals and families. Services include, but are not limited to: food and clothing, job skills training and job search assistance, auto repair (Saturdays only), mentoring, financial counseling, tutoring, prayer, life skills training, and helpful information about local community services. Volunteers may help assembling food bags or sorting clothing and food donations

Heartfelt Tidbits assists local refugees and immigrants with adjusting to life and become self-sufficient in the US, particularly those here between two months to eight years. With help of local partners and volunteers we offer English and citizenship training, tutoring, mentorship, teen empowerment, community gardening, job assistance and a host of other activities for local refugees. Volunteers may help with tutoring or summer camps.

Housing Opportunities of Northern Kentucky (HONK) is an agency which focuses on housing. They work on restoring homes or building new homes in order to provide home ownership for the working poor. Volunteers are usually involved in demolition or renovation of their properties or yard work.

InterParish Ministry provides food, clothing, and other communal support to those in need. Volunteers help with food distribution from the Food Truck.

Madisonville Education and Assistance Center believes in the pure potential behind every act of giving. By giving direct aid, MEAC raises up households one at a time. Volunteers usually help in the Food Pantry.

Matthew 25 Ministries is an international aid organization trying to bridge the gap between available resources and the world's neediest populations. They also assist with humanitarian aid and disaster relief. Matthew 25 is one of Cincinnati's most well-known organizations. Volunteers help sort, count, and pack items, mix paints, or bale donations.

New Life Furniture is an organization that takes donations of gently used furniture. Items are then cleaned, repaired, and delivered to individuals coming into new homes from shelters, domestic abuse situations, or as veterans needing assistance. Volunteers may help in the cleaning/repair of pieces, assembling New Home Baskets, sorting at the warehouse, or delivering furniture.

Our Daily Bread is the largest soup kitchen in Cincinnati. It serves 350 – 500 lunches per day. Volunteers will assist the staff in preparation of lunches and organizing freezers and storage areas. They will also assist in serving and clean-up.

Our Lady of the Woods is an independent living community for low-income elderly. It is a sister ministry of the Franciscans for the Poor. Volunteers will help to maintain the grounds and do odd jobs around the facility. Occasionally volunteers help on field trips.

Over the Rhine Soup Kitchen helps to alleviate hunger in our community by serving the poor in an environment of respect, care, and hospitality. Volunteers may help to prepare/serve meals or assisting in the pantry.

Peaselee Neighborhood Center is a space for children to engage with others in education to enhance their own creative expression and foster social change. Volunteers typically work with the children, or help with clean-up/maintenance projects or gardening.

People Working Cooperatively (PWC) is an agency which provides thousands of low-income, elderly, and disabled homeowners with a higher quality of living. Volunteers are usually involved in renovation of their properties or yard work.

Redwood School guides children and adults with severe and multiple disabilities to achieve independence and reach their high potential. Volunteers usually spend time with individuals of all age groups and often help with everyday tasks or bigger projects.

Ronald McDonald House is a home away from home for families whose seriously ill or injured children are being treated at Children's Hospital. Volunteers will prepare and serve lunch to those staying at the House. If your group is there for the afternoon also, you will be assisting with cleaning and odd jobs – they are very big on killing germs!

Rose Garden Mission provides for the food and clothing needs of the area while reaching out and supporting young mothers and the unborn. Volunteers assist with donations, packing/unpacking boxes, and distribution of donations to participants.

ShelterHouse is Cincinnati's largest homeless shelter. They provide care as well as a link to resources to move towards stability. Volunteers participate in an array of tasks such as food distribution, maintenance help, and sorting and organizing donations.

Stepping Stones is an agency that provides year round services for children, teens and adults with a wide range of disabilities including autism, cerebral palsy, down syndrome and intellectual disabilities. Volunteers will assist one-on-one with clients.

St Francis Seraph School is a Catholic inner city school. Volunteers will either be help to prep the building for the school year or to close it down for the summer. Occasionally volunteers will be able to assist with tutoring and activities with the students.

St Joseph Home is a comfortable and enriching home for people with severe to profound developmental disabilities - caring for the whole person. Here, possibility overcomes disability. Volunteers will be help with on-site activities or day-trips for the residents.

St Vincent DePaul offers personal assistance with food, clothing, medicine, rent and utilities, as well as transportation services to individuals facing economic, emotional or spiritual crises. Volunteers tackle an array of tasks such as food packaging and distribution, cleaning, or sorting donations. There is always a chance that volunteers will help at the new site they are rehabbing.

UPSPRING works to remove barriers to education for children and youth experiencing homelessness. Volunteers help with their summer camp programs or with their tutoring facilities based on the time of the year.

Visions is a daycare that primarily serves the children of mothers who are still in high school. The children served are from infancy to pre-school age. Visions also provides GED classes and other support for the families they serve. Volunteers have the opportunity to work with the children and also assist in tasks that are needed by the agency.

Walnut Hills Soup Kitchen – see Over The Rhine Soup Kitchen above.

Washington United Church of Christ runs a summer day camp for children. Volunteers help with this camp – tutoring, swimming, going on a field trip, or simply playing with the kids.

Welcome House is a shelter in Northern Kentucky for homeless women and children. Volunteers help with assembling food bags for distribution to those in need. They may also assist with cleaning.

Wesley Chapel Mission Center focuses on community building in Over the Rhine, Cincinnati. Volunteers will typically work on a current project for the Center (painting, etc) or with tutoring, after school activities, or summer camps that the Center runs.

Working in Neighborhoods (WIN) is a multi-faceted agency which focuses on housing and environmental issues. They work on restoring homes and apartments in order to provide safe and affordable housing. Volunteers usually are involved in yard work or demolition/renovation of properties.

