

Catholic Charities Volunteer Opportunities

Catholic Charities Volunteers play a critical role in the organization, giving their time and energy to serve the poor and most vulnerable among us. Volunteers are recruited and welcomed regardless of faith, race, ethnicity, marital status or condition in life.

Prospective volunteers must print and fill out a [volunteer application](#) and [send it to the program](#) they are interested in working with.

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El Programa Hispano Volunteer Opportunities

Since 1982, El Programa Hispano has provided a wide array of social services to low-income Latinos in the Portland metro area. El Programa Hispano's mission is threefold: Increase self-sufficiency within the Latino community; empower individuals to achieve a better quality of life; and promote mutual understanding and respect among cultures.

Anti-Poverty Services Assistant

- Assists with anti-poverty efforts by helping to do intake work for clients or by helping clients with paperwork to obtain utility assistance
- Covers 3 to 4 hours per week
- Bilingual (English/Spanish)
- Computer literate (know MS Word, Excel and how to do Internet searches)

ASPIRE Mentor

- Inspire Latino high school students to pursue a post-secondary education
- Provide students with the tools to graduate high school
- Guide students through the college admission process
- Mentors must be at least 18-years-old; pass a criminal background check; take Into to ASPIRE & College 101 trainings; agree to meet weekly with your mentee through the school year

Front Office Assistant

- Welcomes clients and visitors who come in and provide basic information.
- Answer and direct phone calls for intake and referrals
- Computer literate (know MS Word, Excel and how to do Internet searches)

- *Bilingual (reads and writes in both English and Spanish)*
- *Availability to cover for at least 3 hours per day, Monday through Thursday*

SUN School Mentor

- *Provides academic and enrichment activities to students and families in east Multnomah County schools*
- *Takes place during the week in the evenings from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.*
- *Criminal background check required*
- *Available for long-term commitment*

UNICA Domestic Violence Crisis Line Operator

- *Answers crisis line calls; works with clients and staff to fulfill needs*
- *Bilingual (English/Spanish)*
- *Available for long-term commitment*

UNICA Domestic Violence Advocate

- *Answers crisis line calls; works with clients and staff to fulfill needs*
- *Co-facilitate support groups*
- *Must participate in 40 DV/SA training provided by agency*
- *Bilingual (English/Spanish)*
- *Available for long-term commitment*

UNICA Prevention Educator

- *Promotes sexual assault prevention outreach to youth*
- *Works with after school groups*
- *Engages young men in prevention initiatives*
- *Coordinates public events such as spoken word, music, art that focus on prevention*

Bilingual Interpreters

- *Position involves interpreting for clients during women's medical appointments for annual exams*
- *Candidates must be culturally sensitive to the Hispanic community, and have basic knowledge of medicine*
- *Ideal candidates will be available on an on-call basis Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.*
- *If interested please contact Laura Berrutti by phone 503.489.6822 or email Lberrutti@catholiccharitiesoregon.org*

Housing Transitions Volunteer Opportunities

Housing Transitions provides outreach, assessment, planning, placement into affordable housing, and case management for homeless women.

House Assistant

- Help HTP office during drop-in hours (M-F, 10am-1pm) performing various tasks to assist with donations, phones and help teach computer skills
- Sets up/cleans up before and after drop-in, answers phones, makes coffee, and greets clients
- Comfortable using phone and directing calls
- Finds services located in various publications in resources guides, online, and by phone
- Submit to a background check

Resident Services Volunteer Opportunities

Resident Services helps individuals and families living in affordable housing access the resources and services they need to thrive. Depending on the location, Resident Services assists with linking residents to community services, financial planning, helps overcome language and cultural barriers, advocates for residents with agencies and institutions, organizes enrichment programs and events, and helps build community. Different volunteers are needed depending on the resident population. At Kateri Park, we serve low income families, including many refugee families. The two St. Vincent de Paul properties serve individuals who are elderly and/or disabled.

Volunteer Driver

- Loads and transports furniture from the Oregon Community Warehouse in North Portland to one of two subsidized apartment complexes in North or East Portland
- Must have own vehicle (a large vehicle such as a truck or large van), a drivers license, and proof of insurance
- Requires weekday availability, but would only be needed occasionally
- Criminal background check required

Art class leaders and volunteers
 Citizenship teacher and tutors
 Computer expert
 ESL teachers
 Family helpers
 Girls' Club leaders
 Homework Helpers
 Individual ESL tutors for adults
 Individual tutors for children
 Moving Assistants
 Preschool teachers and helpers
 Volunteers for special events

- Ease in multicultural communication, teaching experience, ESL experience, computer skills, arts and crafts ability
- Criminal background check, driver's license and insurance if applicable
- Available for long- or short-term commitment

Immigration Legal Services Volunteer Opportunities

ILS provides high-quality immigration legal services to low-income immigrants and refugees. The program engages in public education, training and community outreach in order to promote justice for all newcomers for their full participation in American society.

Law students

- *Assist in client cases for hands-on work experience*
- *Legal research and writing*
- *Bilingual (Spanish, Vietnamese, Russian, others)*
- *Available for long- term commitment*

Bilingual interpreters

- *Speak Spanish and English at any level*
- *Volunteers will be asked to assist in a variety of activities, including live interpretation and written translation of birth and marriage certificates, declarations and letters of support*

Pregnancy Support and Adoption Volunteer Opportunities

Catholic Charities Pregnancy Support & Open Adoption Services is the oldest continuous program at Catholic Charities. The program provides counseling to women in crisis pregnancies, protects the unborn, and facilitates adoptions to loving families.

Moms Helping Moms Mentor

- *Serve as a positive role model to pregnant or newly parenting mothers*
- *Provide friendship, practical experience, emotional support, encouragement, parenting advice or transportation for new moms who may feel isolated or without support*
- *Average commitment is just one hour per week*
- *A criminal background check is required*

Donation Coordinator

- *Organize donations to the PS&A program at the Clark Family Center and Elizabeth House*
- *Transport the “traveling crib” between area parishes monthly*
- *Time commitment varies 3-6 hours per week*
- *A criminal background check is required*

Project Rachel Volunteer

- *Help with the planning and implementation of Rachel’s Vineyard Retreats, which provide confidential ministry for anyone who desires healing after being impacted by abortion*
- *Time commitment varies; retreats are scheduled 3 to 6 times per year*
- *Volunteers must be committed to a pro-life position and who can respond to others in need in a compassionate and not non-judgmental manner*

Refugee Resettlement Volunteer Opportunities

The Refugee Resettlement Program assists individuals and families from all parts of the world that must leave their home lands due to a fear of persecution because of their race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, and political opinions.

Please note: Refugee Resettlement uses a unique application form, different from other Catholic Charities Programs. Click [here](#) for the Refugee Resettlement Volunteer Application Form.

Donation Volunteer

- Assists staff with coordination of donations
- Some lifting and driving may be necessary, in which case a valid drivers license is required
- Criminal background check required

ESL Tutor

- Assists children and adults with language and reading comprehension
- Time commitment varies
- Foreign language skills helpful
- Criminal background check required

Family Support Mentor

- Orients newcomers to the local community and culture; assists them in learning how to manage their households, budgets, and other practical matters
- Time commitment varies
- Foreign language skills helpful
- Suggested two-hour per week commitment for six months
- Criminal background check required

Volunteer Driver

- Transports newly-arrived refugees to school, medical appointments and government agencies as needed
- Requires weekday availability, a current drivers' license and proof of insurance
- Criminal background check required

Program Locations:

El Programa Hispano - (503) 669-8350
138 NE 3rd Street, Suite 140, Gresham, Oregon 97030

Housing Transitions Program - (971) 222-1880
2740 SE Powell Boulevard, #6, Portland, Oregon 97202

Immigration Legal Services - (503) 542-2855

2740 SE Powell Boulevard, #2, Portland, Oregon 97202

Pregnancy Support and Adoption - (503) 238-5196
2740 SE Powell Boulevard, Portland, Oregon 97202

Refugee Resettlement - (971) 222-1883
2740 SE Powell Boulevard, #8, Portland, Oregon 97202