

AGENCY LIST
2008 - 2009

URBAN SERVANT CORPS
DENVER, COLORADO

This list contains many of the agencies served by the Urban Servant Corps (USC) currently or recently. Placement is not limited to the following as new agencies are always requesting volunteers. Additionally, some of the agencies listed may not be accepting volunteers at this time.

DENUM (Denver Urban Ministries)

A community organization dedicated to assisting persons/communities through times of crisis and providing means for self-reliance. They provide a food and clothing center, utility and rent assistance, furniture and housewares, legal counsel, job center and youth services. USC volunteers usually serve in job center doing job counseling or with youth setting up service projects in Denver area. <http://www.denum.org/>

DOLORES PROJECT

The Dolores Project is an overnight shelter for women, especially women needing a second chance. Located on the near west side of Denver the DP provides many support services also. Volunteer will walk with these women through the process of finding employment and housing, as well as being shelter staff. www.TheDoloresProject.org

EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM-

Empowerment provides education, employment, counseling and support services to women and teens who are in disadvantaged positions due to incarceration, poverty, homelessness, HIV/AIDS infection, or involvement in the criminal justice system. <http://www.empowermentprogram.org/>

FOCUS POINTS FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

An organization that focuses on family literacy through an Even Start project. FP works with 30-plus Spanish speaking families providing resource and referral assistance, family advocacy, sponsor community activities, operate before-school reading and homework programs in neighboring schools, help youngsters engage in athletic and artistic activities. Also provides ESL and GED education. **Volunteers for Focus Points must have some Spanish speaking ability.** For more information contact Jolene Goerend at joleneg@focuspoints.org

THE GATHERING PLACE

The Gathering Place is a day shelter for women and children. It provides a safe place to rest, educational services, family style meals, clothing bank, monthly birthday celebrations and earnings through their greeting card project. Volunteers at The Gathering Place work with families in early childhood education and direct services. <http://www.the-gatheringplace.org>

GIRL'S INC DENVER

Girl's Inc. of Metro Denver offers health education, after school programs, and recreational opportunities for young women. <http://www.girlsincdenver.org/>

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OUTLET STORE

As a volunteer for the Habitat Outlet Store, you will help us to keep our warehouse organized, clean and easy to shop in. We will also utilize your services to load and unload donations and sales and work with customers. The warehouses are fast paced and exciting environments that require physical stamina and a commitment to Habitat for Humanity. Habitat Outlet Volunteers build homes in their hearts by helping us to send Habitat of Metro Denver large amounts of undesignated funding.

HOPE COMMUNITIES

Hope Communities' mission is to create diverse, healthy communities through quality, service-enriched, affordable housing. The Youth Education Coordinators provide direct service at one location by facilitating and overseeing STRIVE, our after-school program, and helping with other youth programming. www.hopcommunities.org

HOUSING JUSTICE!

Housing Justice is a faith-based organization with a focus on educating communities about the needs, resources, and the alternatives available for addressing the affordable housing crisis facing Denver/Colorado's most vulnerable populations: the Homeless, Frail Elderly, Working Poor Families and Children. <http://housingjustice.org/>

I HAVE A DREAM FOUNDATION

This wonderful organization follows school children from early grade school through graduating, providing in school follow-up to assure graduation. Education majors preferred. www.cihadf.org

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

IHN's primary operation coordinates area churches to offer housing for homeless families for one week at a time. Other services provided include job and housing assistance and referrals. <http://www.interfaithhospitality.org/>

METRO CareRing

Metro CareRing provides emergency assistance to those who are desperately trying to remain in their homes. Provided when possible: help with food, clothing, utilities and bus tokens for approximately 1000 households a month. <http://www.metrocarering.org/>

RAINBOW ALLEY

Rainbow Alley is a program of the Center for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transsexual individuals, which provides a drop in center for GLBT youth. <http://www.coloradoglb.org/> (click on Programs & Services, then Youth) For more information e-mail rainbowalley@coloradoglb.org

SAFEHOUSE DENVER, INC.

Safehouse provides emergency services for women and children including a 24-hour crisis line information and referral service, 30 bed secured shelter, non-resident outreach program complete with advocacy and support services, Spanish speaking advocacy services and medical support program. <http://www.safehouse-denver.org/>

SAINT LUKES MINISTRIES

This new program operated out of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Denver seeks to help people get employment skills by working day labor with the goal of permanent employment. Health education is also provided. <http://www.stlukeministry.org/>

SAMARITAN HOUSE

The Samaritan House is an emergency shelter for homeless families. Residents have a chance to learn new skills, overcome substance abuse, and address mental health problems. Other services include training courses in GED, ESL, writing resumes, contacting potential employers, filling out job application forms and interviewing for a job. <http://www.catholiccharitiesdenver.org/services/samaritanhouse.html>

THE SPOT

This is a youth drop in center that is administered by Urban Peak Denver. Services provided include activities, music production, education, and support. Volunteers will work one on one and in groups with at risk youth. <http://www.thespot.org/>

ST. FRANCIS CENTER

St. Francis Center is a day shelter in downtown Denver. It offers a safe place to store belongings, have a cup of coffee, use the telephone, shower and get a change of clothes. It provides an opportunity for people to find a job, see a nurse for medical help, and visit with a drug or alcohol counselor, mental health specialist or representative from the Veteran's Administration. <http://www.sfcdenver.org/>

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

This central Denver Lutheran Church provides many services to people in need. Volunteer will coordinate services for the Local Assistance Ministry, assist with the weekly meal served at the church by Grant Avenue Street Reach, and be involved with parish activities. The Local Assistance Ministry trains church volunteers to provide hospitality, emergency financial assistance and referrals to local individuals in need, two afternoons a week. This is a part time placement, usually combined with the USC Urban Plunge position. <http://www.stpauldenver.org/>

TURNABOUT, INC.

Turnabout provides care, counseling, job training, job placement and rehabilitation services to Denver's adult homeless and disadvantaged. People are placed in entry-level construction jobs while completing an intensive 90 day job training program which equips them with skills needed for permanent employment. www.turnabout.us

URBAN PEAK

Urban Peak is a shelter for homeless youth which provides medical and educational services, job classes and a night time shelter. USC volunteers currently work in outreach services, volunteer coordination and shelter coverage. <http://www.urbanpeak.org>

URBAN SERVANT CORPS – URBAN PLUNGE

Plunge Coordinator

These volunteers (two, part-time) arrange urban plunge experiences along with a "mountain" experience. Plunges include Weekend plunges for area youth groups, women groups, council retreats and college spring breaks. Also works with the Lutheran Servant Event which sets up service projects for adults on a Saturday in May. www.servantcorps.org

WARREN VILLAGE

Warren Village is an organization that provides housing in it's own apartment building facility and child care for approximately 90 low-income, single-parent families who are making the transition from dependence to self-sufficiency. These families come from a variety of backgrounds including poverty, homelessness and domestic violence. <http://www.warrevillage.org/>

GROWING HOME-formerly Interfaith Hospitality Network of Adams County

Volunteer serves as After School Program Coordinator and Emergency Assistance Provider/Case Worker at Growing Home, a mobile shelter and support system for homeless families, which utilizes local church communities for lodging, hospitality and meals. For more information contact: adamscountyihn@msn.com

IGLESIA LUTERANA CRISTO REY-

(Part Time) Volunteer coordinates an after-school program located in the Hispanic Lutheran parish, Cristo Rey in West Denver. The coordinator works closely with the pastor and a number of local tutors to provide homework help and after school activities for local children. Spanish language skills are a plus. The volunteer in this position usually spends the other part of the hours working as an Urban Plunge Coordinator. For more information about Cristo Rey visit: <http://www.cristoreydenver.org/>

FRONT RANGE ECONOMIC STRATEGY CENTER (FRESC)-FAITH IN ACTION

PROJECT FRESC works with local labor unions, [community organizations](#), [neighborhood groups](#), [environmental organizations](#) and other economic justice efforts doing research, community organizing, advocacy and community education about such topics as workers rights, responsible development, [affordable housing](#), [environmental concerns](#), and support for working families throughout the Denver metro area. The Faith in Action Project is a new undertaking. See www.fresc.org and www.iwj.org. Note: Because of the nature of the work, volunteers placed here may not be eligible for the Americorps Education Assistance Program educational voucher.

OPERATION FRONTLINE is the Colorado affiliate of the national program Share Our Strength. Operation Frontline "teaches at-risk families the cooking and nutrition skills needed to make healthy food choices on a low-income budget," as long-term tool for fighting hunger.. Spanish speakers and volunteers with cars are requested. For more information visit www.strength.org/oflcolorado.

SUMMER SCHOLARS "is an innovative, community-based youth development initiative to promote literacy and academic success among struggling elementary students in Denver Public Schools." A volunteer would participate in providing direct services to students- such as tutoring and recreation planning, as well as helping to coordinate additional volunteers. Summer Scholars is an all-year program which focuses on low-income students throughout the Denver area. A car would be useful for this placement, as would Spanish language skills. To learn more, visit www.summerscholars.org.