



# Community Outreach Opportunities

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Wooddale works with many community organizations that provide critical services to individuals and families who are in need. These organizations have volunteer opportunities that are great ways for Wooddallers to get involved in our community.

There are a wide variety of areas in which organizations in the Twin Cities work. Choose whichever interests you most, and get involved!

- **Addictions:** Help for people struggling to overcome addictions
- **Community Services:** organizations that help to provide supplies, food and meals for families in need
- **Disabilities:** organizations that support the physically and developmentally disabled in our community
- **Immigrants/Refugees/Low-income Families:** organizations that respond to the needs of the growing population of immigrants and refugees, as well as low income families
- **Prison Ministry:** organizations within the Twin Cities, including Wooddale, that make it a point to reach out to prison inmates and their families.
- **Senior Citizens:** organizations that minister to the unique needs of the elderly in our community
- **Ministry to the Sick:** organizations that make a special effort to care for the sick and dying of our community
- **Special Needs:** organizations that support people suffering with abuse, families in crisis and new/single mothers
- **Urban Ministry:** organizations that specifically work in the urban context, reaching youth, families, and communities
- **Youth Ministry:** organizations within the Twin Cities that love, support and provide excellent programs for the youth of our community

### [ Addictions ]

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include time with the residents and an understanding of addiction and faith-based recovery.

- Contact: Mary Akehurst, 612-721-9415 x103
- Location: 2739 Cedar Ave. S. Minneapolis, MN 55407
- [www.metrohope.org](http://www.metrohope.org)

#### **Overcomers**

Overcomers works primarily in the Twin Cities, the vision of the ministry is to carry the Light of Jesus Christ to Native American people bound in alcoholic darkness. The ministry of Overcomes includes weekly

Overcomers meetings (a Christian 12-step program) and evangelistic crusades held both in the Twin Cities area and on reservations in the upper Midwest and Canada.

- Contact: John Towey, 612-788-7674
- Location: South Minneapolis (Phillips neighborhood)

#### **New Hope Center:**

New Hope Center is the Midwest's oldest Christian Recovery Residential Ministry for men. It is biblically centered, grace based, comprehensive and individualized. Since 1926, because of the generous prayers and support of individuals and community, **no one** has ever been turned away. There are many ways you can get involved like being a study lab monitor, getting involved with a service day, or helping to host a men's birthday party night.

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- Contact: Pastor Rick Schreiber, 612-373-3366
- Location: 1619 Portland Ave. S., Minneapolis

## **Community Services**

#### **Bethesda Thrift Store**

Good, active volunteers needed at Bethesda Thrift Shop in Hopkins, MN. There's something for everyone to do: sorting and pricing donations, managing a section, and much more. Those willing to cashier and/or perform some managerial duties are especially needed. There is an urgent need for volunteers on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month or the store will have to close those days.

- Contact: Janet Olson (Volunteer Contact) 952.933.3728 or Marni Kramer: 952-368-7449
- Location: 913 Mainstreet, Hopkins, MN 55343

#### **Bibles for Missions Thrift Center**

Bibles for Missions supports ministry and humanitarian aid in Bulgaria and Eastern Europe by collecting and selling used household and personal items in this thrift store. 120 volunteers work together in the center to arrange, price and sell collected goods.

- Contact: Shirley Gerdin, 763-533-4584
- Location: 4713 36<sup>th</sup> Ave. No., Crystal MN 55422
- Thrift Center number for donations: 763-522-1786

#### **Community Emergency Service**

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- Contact: Jeff Noyed, 612-870-1125
- Location: 1900 11<sup>th</sup> Ave S, Minneapolis MN 55404

#### **Meals on Wheels**

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- Contact: Tim Temple, 952.933.2287
- Location: Eden Prairie

#### **PROP**

PROP is a food shelf that provides 110,000 pounds of food plus clothing, bedding and financial help to more than 750 families in Eden Prairie and Chanhassen. About 50% of those helped are refugees, the other 50% are families and individuals that have lost their jobs, been unable to work due to an illness or needed temporary financial assistance or transportation.

- Contact: 952-937-9120
- Location: Eden Prairie City Center, Eden Prairie MN

#### **Salvation Army**

The Salvation Army offers many ways for you and your family to reach others throughout your community. Contact: Jennie Conners, 651-746-3426

#### **Store to Door**

Store to Door provides grocery-shopping services to frail elderly and disabled individuals. Each week volunteers take shopping orders from individuals, shop for goods and deliver the goods to people's homes. The service is vital for many individuals to maintain an independent lifestyle.

- Contact: Karen Liu, 651-642-1892
- Location: Shop at Cub in metro cities
- [www.storeto-door.org](http://www.storeto-door.org)

#### **Worldwide Missions Thrift Center**

The Worldwide Missions Thrift Center is a non-profit organization operated exclusively by volunteers to benefit Christian ministries. Sort, price and stock donations and run the cash register. Hours are flexible.

- Contact: 952-882-7899
- Location: 2101 W. Burnsville Prkwy, Burnsville MN 55337

## Disabilities

### Christ for People with Developmental Disabilities

This is a ministry that provides spiritual support and Christian worship activities to over 400 participants with disabilities in the greater Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan area. Key programs include church fellowship groups and Group Home Bible Study Outreach.

- Contact: Rev. Don Anderson, 763-422-1369
- Locations: Wayzata Evangelical Free Church (Tuesday evenings 7:00-8:30); Anoka Covenant Church (Thursday evenings 7:00-8:30)
- [www.christforpeople.com](http://www.christforpeople.com)

### ForEver Friends

ForEver Friends is a program of JRG Ministries that provides Christian fellowship for adults affected by disability. This Thursday evening program to disabled adults includes worship, music, and praise. Offer your friendship by helping out at ForEver Friends, leading Bible studies in group homes, or assisting through your specific qualifications, e.g. your training in autism. Also need help with website development.

- Contact: Zack or Susan Gill, 763-420-4774
- Location: Wooddale Church, 6300 Shady Oak Rd, Eden Prairie MN 55344
- [www.jrgministries.org/foreverfriends.htm](http://www.jrgministries.org/foreverfriends.htm)

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- [www.storetodoor.org](http://www.storetodoor.org)

## Immigrants/Refugees/Low-income Families

### CommonBond

Develops, manages and provides services for affordable homes. They have 48 properties, serving 5,500 people in the metro area. The groups to which they provide housing are predominately single parents (mostly women), immigrants and senior adults. Through their sites they build community by providing special services such as on-site youth tutoring and summer recreation, safe senior housing where individuals can live with dignity and grace, and job training and independent living skills for people with special needs.

- Contact: Deb Lande, 651-291-1750
- Locations: 12 sites in metro area.

### Eden Prairie HOPE

Assists low income families in their efforts to become self-sufficient. Volunteer opportunities include mentoring families by providing support and assistance with grocery shopping, familiarizing the family with Eden Prairie, tutoring English, providing information on resources available and helping to navigate various systems (welfare, telephone, schools, etc.)

- Contact: 952-949-8394
- Location: 125 Eden Prairie Center, Eden Prairie MN 55344

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- Contact: 952-937-9120
- Location: Eden Prairie City Center, Eden Prairie

### SHAPE

SHAPE provides adult English language classes as a part of EP community Education for students that are predominantly foreign born. Volunteers are needed to help in the computer labs and in math classes to help provide more one-on-one assistance to students. Computer lab assistants will help students navigate language software, answer questions, help set up email accounts, etc. Math classes range from pre-literate to intermediate levels and each have a trained teacher present.

- Contact: Mary Jo Bayliss 952-681-6114
- Email: [mbayliss@bloomington.k12.mn.us](mailto:mbayliss@bloomington.k12.mn.us)
- Location: EP Community Center

### Somali Friendship Group

The Somali Friendship Group is a Wooddale-based friendship ministry to Somalis in the community. Volunteers are needed to mentor Somali families in Eden Prairie. Mentoring will include helping welcome Somali families to the Eden Prairie community, helping them to navigate the system and helping to teach English. Involvement will necessitate participation in educational preparation as it relates to Muslim and Somali culture and religion. Our "official role" will be to help these people at their point of need, which would lead to friendships and relationships of lasting trust.

- Contact: David Skoog: 952-944-8779

### World Relief Minnesota

World Relief helps immigrants who arrive in the Minneapolis area by providing resources, jobs, housing searches, ethnic church connections and English instruction. The organization works to restore the lives of immigrant families and mobilize churches to care for them.

- Contact: Woubejig Shiferaw, 612-243-2971

- Location: 1515 E. 66<sup>th</sup> Street, Richfield
- minnesota.wr.org

## Prison Ministry

### Damascus Way

Damascus Way is a “reentry center” for men released from prison. The center serves as the residence for such individuals, typically for 4-6 months following their release. Through the center individuals seek employment and are taught and nurtured according to Biblical truth so that they may live new lives of freedom and responsibility in their communities.

- Contact: Rev. Dick Harden, 763-545-6558
- Location: 5730 Olson Memorial Highway, Golden Valley MN 55422
- www.damascusway.com

### Wooddale Prison Ministry

Wooddale Prison Ministry's mission is to encourage, equip and support Wooddalers in their ministry to prisoners, ex-prisoners, and their families. Become a pen pal, lead a Bible study, participate in a sports outreach, or mentor someone.

- Contact: Tom Siegert, 952-944-3212

## Senior Citizens

### Alterra Clare Bridge

Alterra provides assisted living residences for the physically frail elderly and individuals with Alzheimer's disease or other forms of memory loss. Volunteers are needed to share their times, talents or interests with residents, such as visiting, reading to seniors sharing a pet, playing games, taking someone for a walk, reminiscing, sharing a cup of coffee, etc.

- Contact: Kayla 952-906-3800
- Location: 7513 Mitchell Road, Eden Prairie, MN 55344
- www.assisted.com

### Castle Ridge Care Center

Castle Ridge is a religious, non-medical health care facility for the elderly. Interact with the elderly by leading a craft time, baking cookies, providing wheelchair assistance on outings, joining them at Bingo, and other activities. The elderly especially enjoy young children.

- Contact: 612-944-8982
- Location: 625 Prairie Center Dr, Eden Prairie MN 55344

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### HOME (Household and Outside Maintenance for the Elderly)

HOME's objective is to assist elderly clients to remain living as independently as possible by helping with household chores and home maintenance. Services are provided on a sliding fee scale. Volunteers are needed to provide services such as painting, repairs, homemaking, snow shoveling, yard work, and garage and Basement cleaning

- Contact: Kim Zeiszler: 952-888-5530
- Location: 9801 Penn Avenue South, Room 106, Bloomington, MN 5543
- www.seniorcommunity.org

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## Ministry to the Sick

### Little Memorial Hospice

Little Memorial provides comfort and care in a home-like atmosphere for patients and their families, ensuring that the quality of the patient's remaining life will be the finest possible. This Edina-based residential hospice provides a special kind of caring that treats both the physical needs of patients, as well as the emotional and spiritual needs of patients and their family members. Patients of all ages with illnesses ranging from Cancer to HIV/AIDS to dementia benefit from the

hospice's care. Volunteers may bake muffins or make soup, visit with patients or family members, or help with light house cleaning.

- Contact: Linda Campbell 952-928-9394
- Location: 7019 Lynmar Lane, Edina, MN 55435
- [www.littlehospice.org](http://www.littlehospice.org)

### **Open Arms of Minnesota**

Open Arms Mission: *With Open Arms we nourish body, mind, and soul.* Open Arms is the meal delivery program for people living with HIV/AIDS, Breast Cancer, Multiple Sclerosis, and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's Disease) in the Twin Cities Metro Area. Volunteer opportunities include meal delivery, meal prep, administrative activities, and a variety of other group, off-site, or special event projects. Volunteer Orientation provided.

- Contact: JoAnn Molitor 612-827-1152
- Email: [volunteers@openarmsmn.org](mailto:volunteers@openarmsmn.org)
- Location: 1414 Franklin Ave. East. Minneapolis, MN 55401
- [www.openarmsmn.org](http://www.openarmsmn.org)

## **Special Needs**

### **Christian Recovery Center**

CRC is a faith-based counseling organization with the primary mission to help men, women, children and families heal from their life experience of sexual, emotional, and physical abuse. Their services include: general counseling and psychotherapy; counseling groups for men, women and families; and parent coaching. CRC also provides training on domestic violence to church groups. CRC provides counseling to 150+ individuals each week. No person is turned away from counseling due to their inability to pay. All counseling is based on Biblical principles to facilitate healing of abuse.

- Executive Director: Jeanette Vought, 763-566-0088
- Location: Brooklyn Center

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### **Cornerstone**

Cornerstone's mission is to prevent domestic abuse. They support children and adults to live violence-free lives. Cornerstone's target communities are Eden

Prairie, Edina Richfield, Bloomington, and St. Louis Park. Volunteer opportunities exist in childcare, as support group facilitators, shelter advocates, receptionist, administrative support, and various other projects.

- Contact: Heather Smith, 952-884-0376
- Email: [volsc@bitstream.net](mailto:volsc@bitstream.net)
- Location: 9730 Irving Park Ave, So. Bloomington, MN 55431
- [www.cornerstonedv.com](http://www.cornerstonedv.com)

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### **New Life Family Services**

New Life is a Christian social service agency that provides counseling and services during pregnancy and following the birth of a child. Services include free pregnancy tests, counseling, and support services to young women facing crisis pregnancies. NLFS also provides adoption services, an abstinence resource center and support groups for post-abortion, infertility, single parents, and abstinence. Volunteers can work directly with persons in crisis pregnancy situations, answer questions and give support via a 24-hour hotline, assist with pregnancy testing, provide prayer support, provide clerical duties, speak to outside organizations about New Life, and help with various public relations events,

- Contact: 612- 866-7643
- Locations: Richfield, St. Paul, Anoka, UofM
- [www.newlifefamilyservices.com](http://www.newlifefamilyservices.com)

## **Urban Ministry**

### **Hospitality House**

Hospitality House Youth Directions exists to provide a Christian outreach, focused on the spiritual, intellectual, and physical development of urban youth. HHYD runs an after school ministry providing programming for kids in the inner-city. Volunteer positions are available in assisting/tutoring K-6 students with homework 2-4 hours per week, or being a library, sports, or computer lab assistant

- Contact: Dr. Foster, 612-522-4485

### **Minneapolis Recreation Development (MRD)**

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- Contact: Allen Law, 952-831-8829
- Location: 7200 York Avenue South, Apt. 307, Edina, MN 55435.
- [www.mrdinc.org](http://www.mrdinc.org)

### **Urban Ventures**

Urban Ventures is a faith-based community development organization working to restore city neighborhoods through job creation and training, family revitalization, structured team sports and education, and development of local leadership. It is the goal that every young person in their programs achieves high-school graduation and continues on to college or other post-secondary education.

- Contact: Kerry Givens, 612-638-1027 or
- Email: [volunteercoordinator@urbanventures.org](mailto:volunteercoordinator@urbanventures.org)
- Location: 3041 Fourth Avenue, Minneapolis
- [www.urbanventures.org](http://www.urbanventures.org)

### **YoungLife (Twin Cities Urban)**

A non-denominational, Christian, non-profit organization that is committed to introducing adolescents to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in their faith. Young Life staff and leaders are caring adults who strive to build positive relationships with teenagers. Through friendships as well as through clubs, Campaigners and camp, Young Life leaders get to know teenagers and gain their trust. Because of these relationships, leaders "earn the right to be heard" and can share the Gospel with their teenage friends.

- Contact: 612-343-4147
- Location: 739 E 14<sup>th</sup> St. Minneapolis, MN 55404
- [twincitiesurban.younglife.org](http://twincitiesurban.younglife.org)

## **Youth Ministry**

### **JSAW**

Xtreme is a clean, modern, 20,000 square foot facility featuring a 9,000 square foot skate park and full-size regulation basketball court. The **JSAW** facility also houses a ministry room, foodservice operations, retail shop, party room and offices. The organization's goals are to provide a safe and fun place for youth where they can get more involved in the community and learn how to help others while gaining self respect and independence. In addition, they wish for all youth to learn who our Savior, Jesus Christ is and the love he has for them.

- Contact: Dennis Gallagher, 952-448-9415
- Location: 2929 Water Tower Place, Chanhassen

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- Contact: Pastor Rick Schreiber, 612-373-3366
- Location: 1619 Portland Ave. S., Minneapolis
- [www.mntc.org](http://www.mntc.org)

### **Timber Bay: Youth Investment Ministry of Minnetonka**

Timber Bay is a Christian outreach ministry geared to meet "at risk" teenagers and seek to build relationships with them through camps, work crews, in town activities and voluntary bible studies. They seek to cause change in teens' lives through a personal faith in Jesus Christ and caring friendships. Work with teens on camp weekends and on Tuesday evenings during the summer. Qualifications are that you love teens, have lots of energy, know how to share your faith, and are willing to lead small group discussion time.

- Contact: 952-449-0004
- Location: 1865 W. Wayzata Blvd. Suite 220. Long Lake MN 55356
- [www.timberbay.org](http://www.timberbay.org)

### **TreeHouse (Family Hope Services)**

TreeHouse serves youth, parents and families during difficult times through the TreeHouse program. The Christian-based organization helps teens from 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade that have issues in school, with the law and/or with their families. It seeks to help the teens, and their families, through support groups, fellowship, mentoring, retreats and service projects.

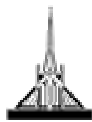
- Contact: Josh Roberts, 612-242-8067
- Locations of TreeHouse: Bloomington, Chaska, New Hope, Brooklyn Park and Minnetonka
- [www.familyhopeservices.org](http://www.familyhopeservices.org)

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