

Congratulations! You have taken the first step toward a rewarding volunteer experience. Volunteering helps make build a great community while providing you with personal benefits. Explore your interests, meet new people, build your confidence, improve or acquire new skills and have fun. This guide to volunteer opportunities with organizations serving Aurora provides with you with essential information to get started.

How to Use This Guide

Before you contact an organization, determine how much time you have, how frequently you want to volunteer and what you would like to do. After you have found a good match, contact the organization directly for more information. For a list of volunteer positions with the city of Aurora, visit www.auroragov.org/volunteer or call 303-739-7759.

ARTS

DAVA (Downtown Aurora Visual Arts)

1405 Florence St., Aurora, CO 80010 • davarts.org

Contact: Viviane Le Courtois, 303-367-5886
galleries@davarts.org

Purpose: Art classes for youth.

Volunteer Opportunities: Assist with art programs. We prefer volunteers that have some education in ceramics, fine art, computer art or art education & a desire to work with youth. Landscaping & building maintenance positions available. *Min. age: 18*

COMMUNITY

Arapahoe County Volunteer Connections

1690 W. Littleton Blvd., Littleton, CO 80120
co.arapahoe.co.us

Contact: Carrie Olinger, 303-738-7938
colinger@co.arapahoe.co.us

Purpose: To connect people to Arapahoe County government to strengthen & enhance the services it provides to the community.

Volunteer Opportunities: Positions open in Human Services, Arapahoe/Douglas Works, Judicial Services, Senior Resources, Open Spaces & the Arapahoe County Fair. *Min. age: 18; 14 with adult*

EDUCATION

The Learning Source for Adults & Families

455 S. Pierce St., Lakewood, CO 80226
coloradoliteracy.org

Contact: Debby Novotny Doig, 303-957-2883
debby@coloradoliteracy.org

Purpose: To provide opportunities for motivated adult learners & families to attain their educational goals for themselves & their children.

Volunteer Opportunities: Assist students in Aurora with GED test preparation, Adult Basic Education or those learning the English language. Tutors work one-one or with a small group under staff supervision. Commitment is one 2-1/2 hour session/week for 15 weeks, Mon. – Thu. Training provided. *Min. age: 18*

EMERGENCY/CRISIS

American Red Cross

Mile High Chapter
444 Sherman St., Denver, CO 80203 • ColoradoRedCross.org
Contact: Jenny Cowen, 303-607-4757
jenny.cowen@redcross.org

Purpose: Provides relief to people affected by disaster & helps people prevent, prepare for & respond to emergencies.

Volunteer Opportunities: Serve on a Disaster Action Team to provide immediate disaster relief assistance to people displaced because of a disaster. Drive seniors to their medical appointments, grocery store, etc. Car provided by the Red Cross. *Min. age: 18*

Aurora Interchurch Task Force, Inc.

1553 Clinton Street, Aurora, CO 80010

Contact: Dr. Judith Barrow, 303-360-0260
office@aurorainterchurch.org

Purpose: To express Christian concern by providing substantive emergency assistance to the residents of Aurora.

Volunteer Opportunities: Work in the food pantry & clothing bank sorting & stocking donations or answer the phones as an intake receptionist. A weekly commitment is preferred but substitute positions are available. One-day family/group activities include inventory counting, painting & carpet cleaning.

Min. age: 18 (except one-day events)

Gateway Battered Women's Services

PO Box 914, Aurora, CO 80040 • gatewayshelter.org

Contact: Jeneen Klippel-Worden, 303-343-1856
jkworden@gatewayshelter.com

Purpose: To assist women & children in Arapahoe County & Aurora who are victims of domestic violence.

Volunteer Opportunities: Shelter program volunteers answer the crisis line & assist women & children. Children's program volunteers assist counselors with children's groups. Speaker's bureau, special events, fundraising & victim advocates positions available. *Min. age: 18*

The Mile High Council/Comitis Crisis Center

2178 Victor St., Aurora, CO 80040 • milehighcouncil.org

Contact: Abbie Snyder, 303-341-9160 x126
asnyder@milehighcouncil.org

Purpose: A leader in innovative prevention & treatment techniques for homeless & housing services, alcohol abuse, other drug use & addictions.

Volunteer Opportunities: Assistance needed throughout the shelter with cleaning, organizing, cooking moving & donation assistance; minimal client contact.

Min. age: 18; 14 with adult

ENVIRONMENT

Bluff Lake Nature Center

3400 Havana Way, Denver, CO 80238 • BluffLakeNatureCenter.org

Contact: Keith Wood, 720-708-4079
keith@blufflake.org

Purpose: To support environmental education & site restoration at a unique urban wildlife refuge & outdoor classroom.

Volunteer Opportunities: Education volunteers make science come alive as they lead school field trips. Ambassadors greet visitors & share their love of

nature with the public. Site stewards work closely with the site manager in all aspects of natural resource management. *Min. age: 16; 12 with adult*

Plains Conservation Center

21901 E. Hampden Ave., Aurora, CO 80013 • plainscenter.org

Contact: Adrienne Sedlak, 303-693-3621
asedlak@plainscenter.org

Purpose: Preserving native prairie of eastern Colorado, educating about its natural & cultural history & nurturing conservation & environmental ethics.

Volunteer Opportunities: Inspire guests to explore the farm or to sit in a tipi & discover a world close to home yet worlds apart. Positions include School Program or Visitor Center Facilitator, Facility Maintenance, Farm Animal Care, Junior Counselor, Historical Interpreter & Special Events Assistant. *Min. age: 16; 10 with adult*

FAMILY SERVICES

Aurora Community Connection

1544 Elmira St., Aurora, CO 80010

auroracommunityconnection.com

Contact: Heidi Sykora, 303-617-2582
heidi.sykora@auroracommunityconnection.com

Purpose: Develop the capacities of under-served families, increase access to resources & promote social equity.

Volunteer Opportunities: After-school & summer tutors for elementary-aged youth twice/week, citizenship class assistant once or twice/week, English & ESL class assistants & tutors, educational childcare assistant during adult classes & after-school or summer program soccer coaches. *Min. age: 15*

Colfax Community Network

1585 Kingston, Aurora, CO 80010 • colfaxcommunitynetwork.org

Contact: Mary Pritchard, 303-360-9175
mary@colfaxcommunitynetwork.org

Purpose: To provide children & families residing in low-income, transient housing (primarily residential motels) along Colfax Avenue with information, programs & services that will strengthen & improve family & community life.

Volunteer Opportunities: After school program & summer camp volunteers assist with food preparation, general cleaning, library book re-shelving & tutoring children. Other opportunities include assisting in the food bank, data entry & light clerical work.

Min. age: 16; 14 with adult

The Salvation Army

802 Quari Ct., Aurora, CO 80011 • aurorasalvationarmy.org

Contact: Sheryl Skelton, 303-364-1965, ext. 2028
sheryl.skelton@usw.salvationarmy.org

Purpose: An evangelical part of the universal Christian Church that offers a diverse array of social service programs catering to the needs of children, families, seniors & individuals.

Volunteer Opportunities: Pack food boxes, grounds & facilities maintenance, holiday toy & kettle drive support. *Min. age: 16*

FOOD & HUNGER

Food Bank of the Rockies

10700 E. 45th Ave., Denver, CO 80239 • foodbankrockies.org

Contact: Laura Egan, 303-375-5811
legan@foodbankrockies.org

Purpose: To support hundreds of nonprofit agencies in the efforts to eradicate hunger in our communities.

Volunteer Opportunities: Distribution volunteers fill agency food orders; Reclamation volunteers sort, sanitize & inspect food; Community Kitchen volunteers prepare meals; & Kids Café volunteers fill snack orders & pack backpacks & senior totes. Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.- 4 p.m. *Min. age: 16; 14 with adult*

Friends of St. Andrew Hospitality Center

1525 Dallas St., Aurora, CO 80010

Contact: Maureen Hampson, 303-344-9306
friendsofstandrew@gmail.com

Purpose: Soup kitchen/food pantry for the poor & homeless of Aurora.

Volunteer Opportunities: Assist in the soup kitchen or food pantry; Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. A commitment of one day/week on a regular basis is required. *Min. age: 18*

Project Angel Heart

4950 Washington St., Denver, CO 80216 • projectangelheart.org

Contact: Mark W. Smith, 303-507-9414
msmith@projectangelheart.org

Purpose: To deliver highly nutritious meals at no cost to those suffering from life-threatening illnesses.

Volunteer Opportunities: Delivery drivers pick up meal bags from one of eight locations in the metro area & deliver to clients in Aurora & other locations. Delivery on Saturday, 1-3 p.m. Special event volunteer opportunities available. *Min. age: 18; children may assist with an adult*

Volunteers of America Meals on Wheels Program

2660 Larimer St., Denver, CO 80205 • voacolorado.org

Contact: Bradley Gulley, 303-294-0111 x13113
bgulley@voacolorado.org

Purpose: To identify & serve the basic needs of the most vulnerable individuals & families in the community.

Volunteer Opportunities: Deliver meals to homebound seniors between 9:30 a.m. & 1 p.m., Monday through Saturday in Arapahoe & Denver counties. Route takes 1 ½ hours & consists of approximately 10 stops. *Min. age: 18; children may assist with adult*

HEALTH CARE/SUPPORT

Denver Fisher House

1954 N. Quentin St., Aurora, CO 80045

Contact: Melanie Starkman, 720-383-0801
mstarkman@DenverFisherHouse.org

Purpose: A "home away from home" for active duty military & veteran's families while a loved one is receiving medical treatment at a Denver hospital.

Volunteer Opportunities: Provide dinner for guests of Denver Fisher House, assist in fundraising events, gardening & other opportunities as needs arise. *Min. age: 18; youth welcome with adult supervision*

Project C.U.R.E.

10377 E. Geddes Ave., Suite 200, Centennial, CO 80112
projectcure.org

Contact: Patty Gaspar, 303-792-0729 x401
denvervolunteers@projectcure.org

Purpose: To identify, solicit, collect, sort & distribute medical supplies & services according to the imperative needs of the world.

Volunteer Opportunities: Sort medical supplies, manage volunteer groups, drive collection trucks, assist warehouse staff, visit hospitals & surgery centers to collect supplies & help with international projects.
Min. age: 15

Ronald McDonald House

932 Potomac Circle, Aurora, CO 80011 • ronaldhouse.org

Contact: Corin Kraus, 720-324-2400
ckraus@ronaldhouse.org

Purpose: To provide lodging & comfort for families with children being treated in area hospitals.

Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteer Meal Providers provide meals for our guests & are responsible for providing, preparing & serving the food. *Min. age: 18; 8 with adult*

The Medical Center of Aurora

1501 S. Potomac St., Aurora, CO 80012 • auroramed.com

Contact: Stephanie Manley, 303-695-2684
Stephanie.Manley@HealthONECares.com

Purpose: An acute care hospital serving the Aurora community.

Volunteer Opportunities: Non-clinical volunteer positions are available to support patients, visitors & staff. Positions include opportunities to ensure that patients & guests feel welcome & clerical support. Commitment of 4 hours/week for 6 months required. *Min. age: 14*

The Rocky Mountain Youth Clinics

1550 S. Potomac St., Ste. 130, Aurora CO 80012 • rmyclinics.org

Contact: Brad Sherwood, 303-861-4773
bsherwood@rmyclinics.org

Purpose: To provide healthcare to the children of Colorado regardless of their insurance status or family's ability to pay.

Volunteer Opportunities: Read to patients in our waiting room, help organize our Thrive Clinic food pantry & provide assistance with various administrative tasks.
Min. age: 16; 14 with adult

HOUSING

Brothers Redevelopment Inc.

2250 Eaton St., Garden Level, Suite B, Denver, CO 80214
brothersredevelopment.org

Contact: Chad Nebbelink, 720-339-5864
chad@brothersredevelopment.org

Purpose: To provide housing services for low-income, elderly & disabled residents of the Denver metro area.

Volunteer Opportunities: Paint the exterior of the home of a low-income senior homeowner in Aurora.
Min. age: 14

Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver

3245 Eliot St., Denver, CO 80211 • habitatmetrodenver.org

Contact: Aimee Runge, 720-496-2717
build@habitatmetrodenver.org

Purpose: We believe that everyone, everywhere deserves a decent place to live.

Volunteer Opportunities: Construction volunteers assist with building homes; Aurora sites available. Home improvement outlet volunteers stock, organize, take in donations & assist customers. Register to volunteer at www.habitatmetrodenver.org. *Min. age: 16*

MENTORING/YOUTH

Advocates For Children - CASA

10855 E. Bethany Dr., Ste. 200, Aurora, CO 80014
adv4children.org

Contact: Jamie Weibel, 303-695-1882
jaime_weibel@adv4children.org

Purpose: To speak up for abused & neglected children through Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) volunteers.

Volunteer Opportunities: Help find a safe, permanent, nurturing home for a child who has been a victim of abuse or neglect. CASAs get to know the child & report back to the court with recommendations that assist the judge in making the best decision possible for the child. A legal background is not necessary however extensive training & background checks are required.
Min. age: 21

Aurora Youth Options

11059 E. Bethany Dr., Suite 200, Aurora, CO 80014
aurorayouthoptions.org

Contact: Aurora Youth Options, 303-617-2660
ayo@aumhc.org

Purpose: Connects youth with an adult mentor or tutor.

Volunteer Opportunities: We are seeking mentors to work with at risk high school youth & homework tutors for at risk middle & high school youth. Extensive training & support is offered. Volunteers also needed for office support & securing program resources. *Min. age: 18*

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Colorado

1391 N. Speer Blvd., Ste. 450, Denver, CO 80204
biglittlcolorado.org

Contact: Tara Stiner, 303-433-6002 x424
taras@biglittlcolorado.org

Purpose: To help children reach their full potential through professionally supported, one-to-one, volunteer mentoring relationships with measurable impact.

Volunteer Opportunities: We are looking for mentors in the Aurora area for both our Community Mentoring and Sports Buddies mentoring programs. Volunteers meet with their mentee a few times a month for at least one year. *Min. age: 20*

Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Denver

2017 W. 9th Ave., Denver, CO 80204 • bgcmd.org

Contact: Kristine Cohn, 303-892-9200 x125
kristinec@bgcmd.org

Purpose: To inspire & enable young people, especially those from disadvantaged circumstances, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible & caring citizens.

Volunteer Opportunities: Facilitate activities at our Aurora branch for two hours per week for three months. Activities include reading with Club members, assisting with art activities, teaching technology or coaching a sports team. *Min. age: 15*

Excelsior Youth Center

15001 E. Oxford Ave., Aurora, CO 80014 • excelsioryc.org

Contact: Gwen King, 303-693-1550-x311
GwenK@excelsioryc.org

Purpose: Provides a safe & empowering environment that supports the treatment & education of young females to enhance their successful re-integration into their families & their communities.

Volunteer Opportunities: Mentors visit on weekends & teach cooking, crafting, & playing games while offering support & encouragement to our girls without families.
Min. age: 18

Girl Scouts of Colorado

400 S. Broadway, Denver, CO 80209 • girlscoutsofcolorado.org

Contact: Lori Thompson, 303-625-3588
lori.thompson@gscolorado.org

Purpose: To build girls of courage, confidence & character, who make the world a better place.

Volunteer opportunities: Aurora troop leaders, program volunteers & troop volunteers needed to work with girls 6-17 years of age, for a short-term commitment of 6 to 8 weeks. Event, camp & leadership training volunteer positions also available. *Min. age: 18*

SENIORS

Bessie's Hope

PO Box 12675, Denver, CO 80212 • bessieshope.org

Contact: Darleen Stiny, 303-830-9035
darleen@bessieshope.org

Purpose: To enhance the quality of life for nursing home & assisted living elders & bring generations together in mutually rewarding relationships.

Volunteer Opportunities: Individuals or families can volunteer within long-term care facilities in Aurora, adopting individual elders or participating in group interaction. Serve on event planning committees & help with administrative tasks. *Min. age: 18; none with adult*

InnovAge PACE Center

3551 N. Chambers Rd., Aurora, CO 80011 • MyInnovAge.org

Contact: Lisa Sullivan, 720-974-2452
lsullivan@myinnovage.org

Purpose: To provide aging adults with a broad spectrum of services to help them age independently.

Volunteer Opportunities: Assist staff & participants in our day rooms with arts, crafts, & activity planning. Friendly Visitor volunteers increase socialization among our seniors by providing one-on-one companionship at the center or in the private residence of participants. Other opportunities include clerical support & database management. *Min. age: 18*

The Senior Hub, Aurora Office

12101 E. 2nd Ave., Suite 106, Aurora, CO 80011 • seniorhub.org

Contact: Linda Rinelli, 720-859-2248
lrinellii@seniorhub.org

Purpose: To help seniors & their families maintain their independence in their homes through a variety of respite & in-home support services.

Volunteer Opportunities: Individual volunteers provide respite care (relieving a caregiver), friendly visiting, errands & shopping, light housekeeping, pet care, chores & yard work on a flexible weekly or twice a month schedule. Groups participate in yard cleanups, chore services & donation distributions.
Min. age: 16; 12 with adult

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