Bridging

www.bridging.org

AGENCY DESCRIPTION: Through the effective reuse of donated items, Bridging improves lives by providing quality furniture and household goods to those transitioning out of homelessness and poverty. Bridging serves over 80 households each week who are given a sense of dignity and stability as they rebuild their lives. We rely on volunteers to do just about everything at Bridging. Without your help, we simply could not help over 4,000 Twin Cities families in need every year. Listen to our story, meet the clients who benefit from our program and see the place in action. Website: www.bridging.org

Position Description:
Select from a variety of departments and offer up your talents and skills: Warehouse assistant, office support, shopping assistant, and product sorting

OUR GREATEST NEED: Warehouse Assistance
- Move donated furniture, bags and boxes throughout the warehouse.
- Restock shelves for client shopping.
- Accept community donations at the dock door.
- Load and unload vehicles. Lifting required; carts and dollies available.

Scheduling: Set a regular weekly schedule OR rotate from week to week/flexible scheduling. Current openings and schedules will be covered in your orientation tour.
- Monday - Thursday: 8:00 - 11:30am, 9:30 - 1:00pm, 12:00 - 3:00pm, 3:00 - 6:00pm OR 12:00 - 6:00pm
(Some 6-hour shifts will be available during the semester).
- Friday: 9:00 - 12:00pm OR 12:00 - 3:00pm
- Saturday: 9:00 - 12:00pm OR 12:00 - 3:00pm (fill fast!)

NEXT STEPS:
- Our ~30 minute new volunteer tour will give you a better idea of how individual volunteers make a positive impact in the lives of others. We’ll also explain the next steps to take if you’re interested in
volunteering at Bridging (in particular scheduling) Tours are offered weekly throughout the year. Opportunities available in Bloomington and Roseville.

- A minimum of 20 service hours is required per volunteer/semester. All shifts are booked in advance. No drop-in volunteering.

How to Apply
1. Choose a Bridging Location (map & directions at www.bridging.org)
   - Bloomington: Please contact Sara King at 952.460.3750 or sara.king@bridging.org
   - Roseville: Please contact Wendy Erickson at 651.319.9295 or wendy.erickson@bridging.org
2. Contact your selected location to RSVP for a new volunteer tour.
3. All volunteers must complete a volunteer profile (available at www.bridging.org)

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**Dakota Woodlands**

**Agency Description:** Dakota Woodlands has been providing food and shelter for homeless women and children in Dakota County for over 35 years. The facility has the ability to shelter 22 families at a time and on average shelters 120 families per year. Families usually stay for about 3 months, but are welcome to stay as long as needed to move from homelessness to homes of their own. Dakota Woodlands creates an individualized plan for each family, helping them achieve long-term success by addressing and moving past the issues of homelessness. Location: 3430 Wescott Woodlands, Eagan, MN 55123.

**Volunteer Description:** Volunteers play a vital role in Dakota Woodlands’ success! There are opportunities for individuals as well as small groups in the playroom, the kitchen, sorting and delivering donations, reception desk, teaching classes in computer skills, nutrition, arts and crafts, plus much more. Dakota Woodlands would love to match your skills and schedule to their needs. Volunteers will need to track hours and email the volunteer coordinator before the deadline so service hours can be confirmed.

**To Apply:** If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out the volunteer application on our website www.dakotawoodlands.org or contact Shelia Mason, Volunteer Coordinator, volunteer@dakotawoodlands.org 651-456-9110

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**Minnesota Internship High School**

**Agency Description:** Minnesota Internship Center (MNIC) is a decentralized charter high-school with four locations reaching out to primarily low-income, African American youth, ages 15-21 who are motivated to earn their high school diploma despite facing barriers to their education. MNIC strives to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for all students. This includes practicing restorative justice and incorporating circles into the daily routine. Circles create community, build trust, and provide staff and students with a safe place to talk about their concerns. In addition, MNIC staff provide support services to meet holistic student needs including college and career assistance, health advocacy, housing support, and social and emotional support.
**Position Description:** Volunteers are prized members of the MNIC team who work as tutors and advocates. They work on various tasks tailored to their learning goals and MNIC program needs. Volunteers will work closely with staff/faculty in either the Welcome Center or the classroom to meet and work with students. The student success coordinators will help them develop a schedule, introduce them to teachers and be their primary point of contact at the Sabathani, Unity and St. Paul sites. Amy Libman will provide that same support at the Downtown site. Learning tends to be more individualized at MNIC as students are often behind in credits, so tutors often spend one-on-one time with students in a variety of subjects and levels of ability. As a tutor, you will get to know our incredible students and gain real-world experience in an urban education setting.

Volunteers must commit to work at least 2 hours a week, and will receive an individual tutor training before beginning service.

**School hours** are Monday - Friday from 8:30 to 3:00.

**Locations:**
Sabathani Community Center- 310 E 38th Street, Minneapolis
St Paul - Griggs Midway Building 1821 University Ave W, St. Paul.
Downtown MNIC- Education Wing, Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church - 511 Groveland Ave, Minneapolis
Unity House- 2507 Fremont Ave North, Minneapolis

**How to Apply:** To volunteer, email Amy Libman: alibman@mnic.org.

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**Open Circle**

**Agency Description:** Open Circle Adult Day Services is a non-profit, social-medical model day program for older adults living in the metro area. The majority of our members have been diagnosed with a chronic illness, such as Dementia, and are at risk of being placed in long term care. Open Circle’s primary goal is to keep our members united with their loved ones within the comfort of their own homes and communities for as long as possible. Open Circle’s interdisciplinary care services include: daily activities, case management, therapies, nursing and caregiver support. Open Circle Adult Day Services is part of the Augustana Care organization.

**Position Description:** Open Circle interns work directly with our members, assisting staff in the facilitation of a diverse range of therapeutic activities such as brain games, music, adult education, community outings and art programming. Interns also spend one to one time with our members, providing socialization and comfort and celebrating their many life stories. Interns have the opportunity to develop their own programming based on personal interests, talents and experiences. Students also have the opportunity to conduct informational interviews with activity, nursing and social work staff and experience a rapidly expanding area of community healthcare.

Open Circle service-learners enjoy a highly flexible schedule and the convenience of multiple site Circle locations-Hopkins, Apple Valley and North Minneapolis.

**How to Apply:** For more information please contact Mark Rosen, Director of Programming and Community Outreach at 952-935-8143 or e-mail at mdrosen@augustanacare.org
WATCH

www.watchmn.org

Agency Description: WATCH is a court monitoring and research organization in Hennepin County focused on improving how the justice system responds to crimes of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and neglect and human trafficking.

The mission of WATCH is to make the justice system more effective and responsive in handling cases of violence, particularly against women and children, and to create a more informed and involved public.

Position Description: Position Description: Volunteers are sent in to four different courtrooms in downtown Minneapolis to monitor cases of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and human trafficking. Volunteers are required to fill out the necessary forms provided by WATCH each time they observe a case and input the information online. WATCH monitors now have the option of monitoring courtrooms in downtown St. Paul at the Ramsey County Courthouse and Law Enforcement Center. WATCH volunteer shifts take place Monday through Friday. Shifts are divided into morning 8:45-12:45, and afternoon 12:45-4.

There is no deadline to apply as a volunteer because WATCH has transitioned to an online training that is to be completed on the applicant’s own time. Applicant is required to fill out a volunteer application, interview with the volunteer coordinator and pass a background check before volunteering.

How to Apply: Please contact the volunteer coordinator Ellen Sackrison at watchvolunteer@watchmn.org. There is a link to our application in the volunteer section on our website http://www.watchmn.org/. Please complete the form and e-mail it to the above e-mail or send via mail.

Restorative Justice Community Action

http://www.rjca-inc.org/

Agency Description: Restorative Justice Community Action is a community-based nonprofit organization that utilizes community conferencing to address livability crimes with adults and youth. Community conferencing consists of small group meetings that allow all stakeholders to have a voice in the justice process. Community members who may live, work, or worship in the neighborhood where the crime occurred meet with the offender to discuss and come to an agreement on how the offender will repair the harm that was done. Participants that successfully complete the program have a lower recidivism rate (less likely to reoffend) than those who go through the court system.

Position Description: Conference Volunteers: Most volunteers observe and participate in small-group community conferences as a community member. Community conferences are 6 pm on weekdays and 10 am on Saturdays. Conferences are 2 hours long with about 7-10 conferences scheduled per month. Time commitment is 1-2 hr/wk (24 hr/semester) or 5-10 hr/wk (54 hr/semester).

How to Apply: Contact Tina Sigel 612-746-0780, or email tsigel@rjca-inc.org. Volunteers are required to attend a volunteer/intern orientation.
Service-Learning Steps

www.normandale.edu/cee

Choose a Community Partner: Visit www.normandale.edu/cee for information about our service-learning partners under "Key Partners." If your desired volunteer site is not on your professor’s list, it MUST BE APPROVED by your professor.

Apply with the Community Partner: Follow the “How to Apply” steps in the partner description. Inform the partner that you are a Normandale service-learning student and the number of hours you need to complete. Fill out the partner’s application (if required). Set up a training time (if required) and schedule your service hours. Make sure your schedule works with the partner’s needs and that you’re able to complete the required hours before the deadline.

Online Service-Learning Registration:
Once you have completed Step 2, complete the service-learning registration.
1. Visit www.normandale.edu/cee
2. Scroll down, and click on “SERVICE-LEARNING REGISTRATION”
3. Under “Step 3”, again, click on “SERVICE-LEARNING REGISTRATION”.
4. Fill out form provided. Information you will need: email address; Student ID number; term; professor name; the community partner(s) you will be serving with; and class with section number: 
5. IF YOU ARE UNDER 18 – PRINT OUT the waiver form, THEN click “Submit”. Get a parent/guardian signature on the printed waiver form and return the waiver to C1066.

Deadline to Register Online: Wed. Feb. 1st

Complete and submit your service hours: Complete the number of hours required by your professor and by the partner. The Community Partner must EMAIL a confirmation of your completed service hours to the Center for Experiential Education: servicelearning@normandale.edu (must be sent from an organization email address and include your total hours) OR you can turn in paper documentation of your hours to C1066 (must be on letterhead, signed by your site supervisor, and detail the total hours with your service date(s)).

Deadline to Turn in Hours: Wed. April 26th

Questions? Contact the Center for Experiential Education Office: C1066
servicelearning@normandale.edu (952) 358-8119