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Pioneer Valley Habitat for Humanity

140 Pine Street
Florence, MA 01062
413-586-5430
www.pvhabitat.org

Mission:
Seeking to put God’s love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

Nature of Work:
This organization is one of the most recognizable in the country. There are many opportunities to help with Habitat for Humanity. You may not have been aware that Habitat for Humanity needs more than just construction volunteers. You can take part in the building projects of course, or you can be a non-construction volunteer. Some non-construction roles include a number of things such as Journalism/ writing, Graphic Design, Website Design (especially drupal experts!), Grant research, Regular weekly volunteers to assist with various office tasks, Newsletter folding and mailing, etc. There are also opportunities to be a team builder or get involved with student and youth groups.

American Red Cross

Dates/Times: varies by event
www.redcross.org

Mission:
The American Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.

Nature of Work:
For ICF candidates, the nature of work for Red Cross truly depends on the event. As stated above, Red Cross engages in a variety of different projects because it is a world leader and has the necessary resources to do so. While there are several different types of opportunities to help, all will be exciting, meaningful, and impactful. This is the type of organization where volunteers can come and go, because there will not be a weekly schedule of needs. ICF will be sure to notify all candidates of upcoming events to keep you in touch with American Red Cross.
### Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment Program (ICE) Program

UMass Campus  
Monday-Friday until 1 PM  
[www.umass.edu/disability/ICE.html](http://www.umass.edu/disability/ICE.html)

**Mission:**
Provide high school students with significant (typically intellectual and/or developmental) disabilities the opportunity to have a college experience alongside their non-disabled peers. ICE students are supported by the ICE program coordinator/advisor, educational coaches, which are provided by the sending school districts, and student mentors. The goal of the ICE Program is to enhance the academic access, career development and social/emotional growth of its participants.

**Nature of Work:**
The ICE program is looking for ICF volunteers to socialize with the participants. In accordance to the social development above, ICE is looking for volunteers who are willing to getting to know and simply be a friend to the participants.

### Northeast Rottweiler Rescue

Amherst  
413-253-1300  
[www.umass.edu/disability/ICE.html](http://www.umass.edu/disability/ICE.html)

**Mission:**
Preserve the Rottweiler breed through education, rescue, placement, and other services, as well as offer consults to people with Rottweiler’s having difficulty finding housing or insurance.

**Nature of Work:**
ICF volunteers at Northeast Rottweiler Rescue will assist with day-to-day operation.
**Jones Library ESL Center**

43 Amity Street  
Amherst, MA  
Saturday/Wednesday/Friday 9 AM – 5:30 PM  
Monday 1 PM – 5:30 PM  
Sunday 1 PM – 5:00 PM  
Tuesday/Thursday 9 AM – 9:30 PM  
[www.joneslibrary.org](http://www.joneslibrary.org)

**Mission:**  
A public library that continues the tradition of learning and passing of knowledge.

**Nature of Work:**  
Jones Library is looking for ICF candidates to attend training sessions as well as teach English to adults who are trying to learn the language.

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**Nonotuck Community School**

221 Riverside Drive  
Florence, MA 01062 (Technically Northampton)  
413-586-5996  
[www.nonotuck.org](http://www.nonotuck.org)

**Mission:**  
Provides high quality preschool education and child care. Nonotuck cares for children 15 months to 5 years in an environment that promotes self-esteem, creative thinking and individuality through a respectful partnership between children, parents and faculty. Unlike some ‘day care’ centers, Nonotuck’s children stay in one classroom for the year, enhancing their early childhood education experience by having close and consistent relationships with their friends and teachers. Nonotuck Community School is a licensed early education and child care center.

**Nature of Work:**  
Nonotuck is looking for ICF candidates who are willing to play games with the children, ensure their safety, and serve food. An easy job that is sure to be both rewarding and enlightening.
Amherst Survival Center
138 Sunderland Road
North Amherst, MA
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 11 AM – 3 PM
Open Thursday until 7 PM
www.amherstsurvival.org

Mission:
The Amherst Survival Center is a regional resource providing food, clothing, health care and community to residents of Hampshire and Franklin Counties through primarily volunteer efforts.

Nature of Work:
Amherst Survival Center is a truly amazing place to give back. Not only does Amherst Survival Center provide food, clothing, and health care for those in need, but it also goes above and beyond by providing activities like exercise classes, movie nights, and dodgeball tournaments. Amherst Survival Center is a great place to start and get involved performing day-to-day operations. Wherever your interests may lie, Amherst Survival Center has an opportunity for you.

Enlace de Familias
299-301 Main Street
Holyoke, MA 01040
413-532-9300
Monday-Friday 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
www.enlacedefamilias.org

Mission:
To promote a community where all families are given the opportunity to improve their quality of life.

Nature of Work:
Works with residents from the downtown neighborhoods in Holyoke, where there is a prevalence of low-income families (99% of whom receive some kind of charitable assistance. They want to come up with solutions to help these families in any way possible. They offer parenting services, encourage civic leadership, and educate adults on how to better their communities. They are really looking for volunteers that are interested in raising funds for the organization. Specifically, they would like a few volunteers that are willing to be more consistent with their time, rather than just going to an event or two.
Horizons for Homeless Children

425 Union Street
Amherst, MA
413-532-0467
www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org

Mission:
To improve the lives of young homeless children in Massachusetts and help their families succeed by providing high-quality early education, opportunities for play, and comprehensive family support services.

Nature of Work:
They have a Playspace Program that builds educational spaces in shelters to provide an environment for children to play and learn in. They are looking for volunteers to be PALs (Playspace Activity Leaders), which would give you the opportunity to play educational games with kids and provide them with social structure as well as activities that help them grow. Shifts usually take place Monday through Thursday, day or evening. They are asking for volunteers that can commit 2 hours a week to the same place/same time for 6 months after taking a one-time, 5 hour training program.

Freedom Cafe

768 North Pleasant Street
Amherst, MA
Open daily at 9:00 AM

Mission:
To end human trafficking.

Nature of Work:
They raise money to build vocational centers in India for victims and at risk teens, as well as raise awareness at UMass and in the surrounding area. The Freedom Cafe organization has yet to make clear what the volunteers would be doing. If you are interested in the organization, reach out to them, tell them you are with ICF and ask if they have any projects they currently need assistance with and see if they interest you.
Homework House
54 North Summer Street
Holyoke, MA
413-265-1017

Mission:
To provide services to school-age children and work towards rekindling interest in learning and self-improvement.

Nature of Work:
They provide free after-school tutoring and mentoring for Holyoke children who are at risk for academic failure. The goal is to improve literacy skills so the children can become productive members of the community. Volunteers are expected at least once a week consistently for the length of the semester. This is a great opportunity that requires a lot of patience as a lot of the students have learning disabilities.

CHD: Big Brothers Big Sisters
70 Boltwood Walk
Amherst, MA
413-253-2591
bbbshc@chd.org

Mission:
The Center for Human Development (CHD) provides a broad range of high quality, community-oriented human services dedicated to promoting, enhancing and protecting the dignity and welfare of people in need. Since its founding in 1972, CHD has grown into one of the largest, most comprehensive, charitable nonprofit agencies in New England.

Nature of Work:
Would you like to meet some new people, gain experience and learn new skills, or find fun and fulfillment for a few hours a week? CHD has a number of programs that need your help and would be grateful for your time! If you would like to become a BIG brother or BIG sister this is the place to do it. Or if you are intimidated by that, CHD is always looking for volunteers looking to help plan fundraising events. Both are excellent places to shape your skills and give back to the community.
UMass Permaculture Initiative

Mission:
Started in 2010, UMass Permaculture Initiative has brought together students from all academic realms, as well as faculty, staff, and community members to convert underutilized grass lawns on the campus into edible, educational, and biodiverse gardens. The Franklin Permaculture Garden, located on a quarter-acre plot adjacent to Franklin Dining Commons, is one of the first student-led permaculture gardens on a public university campus in the nation that supplies food directly to its campus dining services.

Nature of Work:
UMass Permaculture group began as a student-run initiative and continues to rely on student help. Because UMass Permaculture is very important to the dining halls and maintaining the environmentally friendly reputation that UMass has built, volunteers are necessary. Reach out to them and see what you can do to help if you are interested in great food and sustainability.

Volunteers in Northampton Schools

https://www.facebook.com/VINSVolunteers
https://sites.google.com/site/northamptonvins/

Mission:
“Volunteers in Northampton Schools, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization, founded in 1981, whose mission is to provide volunteers in all of Northampton's public schools. The purpose of volunteer involvement in the schools is to supplement and enrich the curriculum offerings at the direction of the professional staff. The volunteer participation of parents and community members is widely recognized to be a significant factor in the quality of education.”

Nature of Work:
If you are interested in getting involved in education, or have any interest in helping others learn, this is a great avenue to take. Their Facebook and website keeps all of their volunteer opportunities up to date. For example, current volunteer opportunities include after-school homework club, library volunteers, mentoring, translators, and many other opportunities.
Amherst Senior Center
70 Boltwood Walk
Amherst, MA
413-259-3060
Monday – Friday 8 AM – 4 PM
http://www.amherstma.gov/269/Senior-Center

Mission:
Helping seniors help themselves stay healthy.

Nature of Work:
The Amherst Senior Center is a hub of activity to ensure happy and healthy residents. Volunteers can get involved on a number of different levels. The center has health clinics, fitness classes, adult education classes, support groups, social recreation, and workshops. These varying groups contain a lot of activities and more detailed explanations can be found on their website. Volunteers can help where they fit in best whether it is in a leadership role, supporting role, or supervision, the seniors love having them around!

Craig’s Doors
256 North Pleasant Street
Amherst, MA
www.craigsdoors.org

Mission:
Our mission is to provide safe, caring shelter for people who are homeless while we work to develop supportive housing and to help build an improved quality of life for those who are without a home. Craig’s Doors is committed to helping people to find ways to become empowered to improve the quality of their lives through the creation of safe, respectful shelter and housing.

Nature of Work:
There are tons of opportunities to volunteer, all for a great cause. Please visit http://www.craigsdoors.org/volunteer/ to check out the different options.
Food Recovery Network

UMass Amherst
508-688-2656
https://umassamherst.collegiatelink.net/organization/foodrecoverynetwork

Mission:
We empower individuals, communities and food businesses to change the way they view and handle food surplus. Our goal is to make sweeping systems change across the food industry.

Nature of Work:
The Food Recovery Network's objective is to help feed the homeless as well as prevent food waste. FRN chapters can be found throughout campuses all throughout the US. Both efforts overlap between social action and sustainability, due to the waste prevention. Food waste is a massive world wide problem, and can be seen in everyday food-related business operations. Meanwhile, 1 of every 6 people go hungry every day.
Mission:
“An enduring commitment to children and families.”

Nature of Work:
BCF has become more than an organization that simply helps individuals, and has become a large presence that has the ability to change entire communities. This is partly due to volunteers who can make an impact on a number of their programs. They help foster children be taken into care by loving families, and volunteers have a big role behind the scenes. There is a lot of office work that volunteers can help with to ensure that everything stays organized. BCF also has a lot of organizations/individuals to stay in touch with so if you have good communication skills, this is the place for you.

One program in Hadley which is “staffed” by volunteers is the Parent Aide Volunteer Effort. We train and supervise community volunteers to work with Hampshire County parents asking for support. We provide an 18 hour training twice a year; we are finishing our fall training next week. Volunteers commit to weekly visits with a family, usually for a full year. We look for mature individuals, who may or may not be parents. Women “match” with women, and men with men. A car is required. However, if the above sounds intimidating for whatever reason, Berkshire Families and Children is also open to shorter-term volunteer opportunities in the same program. Volunteers would help us with a variety of administrative tasks.