

# Volunteering with Chicago Commons



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Chicago Commons has many unique volunteer opportunities across the whole organization. We are happy to work with your company to customize volunteer opportunities to meet your corporate social responsibility and philanthropic goals. Please note that suggested honorariums cover the cost of staff time, consumable supplies, and facilities.

**Please note, engagements are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please give 4 to 6 weeks' notice before any potential volunteer events.**

| Program Area                     | Population Served                         | Locations<br>(see map at the end of this document)   | Types of Engagements  |
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| <b>Early Childhood Education</b> | Six weeks to 5 years                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Nia Family Center, Humboldt Park</li> <li>- Guadalupano Family Center, Pilsen</li> <li>- Paulo Freire Family Center, Back of the Yards</li> <li>- Taylor Center for New Experiences, Humboldt Park</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donation drive</li> <li>• Classroom volunteering</li> <li>• Special events</li> <li>• Outdoor beautification</li> </ul>                        |
| <b>Family Hub</b>                | Adults (age 19 – 40)                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Family Hub offices in Pilsen on Cermak</li> <li>- ECE centers (see above)</li> <li>- External or online options possible</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donation drive</li> <li>• Skill-building workshops</li> <li>• Interview preparation and/or resume writing</li> <li>• Special events</li> </ul> |
| <b>Senior Services</b>           | Adults with Disabilities and Older Adults | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Adult Day Service Center in Bronzeville</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lead or assist with indoor activities</li> <li>• Gardening</li> <li>• Special events</li> </ul>  |

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## Early Childhood Education

| ACTIVITIES   | Time of Day/Week/Year   | Length           | Number of Volunteers              | Suggested Honorarium   |
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| <p><b>Donation Drive</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collect items such as toys and school supplies to be distributed to children in need at our centers.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Spring:</b> backpack and school supply drive</li> <li><b>Fall:</b> holiday toy drive</li> <li><b>Winter:</b> coat, hats, gloves, scarves, etc. drive</li> </ul> |                  |                                   |  |
| <p><b>Classroom volunteering</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reading to children</li> <li>Learning explorations or art activities with children</li> <li>Combined with a tour of the center</li> </ul>          | <p>Weekdays<br/>9:30 to 11:30am</p>   | <p>2 hours</p>   | <p>Minimum: 5<br/>Maximum: 12</p> | <p>\$1,000 per group of 5, \$50 for each additional person added up to 12.</p> |
| <p><b>Special events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Winter holiday parties/present wrapping</li> <li>End of the school year celebrations</li> <li>Set-up, help facilitate activities, and take-down</li> </ul> | <p>Weekdays</p> <p>Exact dates and times depend on event dates as determined by each center.</p>  | <p>3-5 hours</p> | <p>Minimum: 5<br/>Maximum: 12</p> | <p>\$1,000 per group of 5, \$50 for each additional person added up to 12.</p> |

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| <b>Outdoor beautification</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Playground cleaning, planting flowers, mulching</li> <li>• Gardening</li> <li>• Block clean-up</li> </ul> | Weekends and weekdays<br><br>These events are seasonal and usually take place in spring or fall. | 3-4 hours | Minimum: 12<br>Maximum: 25 | \$5,000 per group of 12, \$50 for each additional person added up to 25. |
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### Family Hub

| ACTIVITIES   | Time of Day/Week/Year             | Length   | Number of Volunteers      | Suggested Honorarium                             |
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| <b>Skill-building workshops (standalone or series)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ESL classes</li> <li>• Digital literacy</li> <li>• Financial literacy</li> <li>• Health and wellness</li> <li>• Life-skills (i.e. car maintenance, coding, privacy and security, marketing, website development, video and image editing)</li> </ul> | Weekdays after 5:00pm or weekends | 1-2 hours a week<br><br>Weekly or quarterly workshop series preferred. | Minimum: 1                | \$50 per person                                  |
| <b>Interview preparation and/or resume writing workshop</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bilingual participants preferred</li> </ul>   | Weekdays after 5:00pm or weekends | 3-4 hours  | Minimum: 5<br>Maximum: 15 | \$1,000 per group of 5, \$50 for each additional |

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|   |   |           |                            | person added up to 15.  |
| <b>Care package making</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create care packages for parents and new mothers. We provide the materials</li> </ul> | Weekdays, weekends upon request   | 3-4 hours | Minimum: 10<br>Maximum: 20 | \$5,000 to \$15,000 for materials and distribution                      |
| <b>Special events</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chicago Commons Market</li> </ul>  | Exact dates and times depend on event dates as determined by each center. | 1-3 hours | Minimum: 5<br>Maximum: 10  | \$1,000 per group of 5, \$50 for each additional person added up to 15. |

## Adult Day Service (ADS) Center

| ACTIVITIES  | Time of Day/Week/Year                   | Length  | Number of Volunteers      | Suggested Honorarium  |
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| <b>Group activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chat, play games, sing, and assist with daily activities meant to maintain mental and physical acuity</li> </ul> | Weekdays<br>10am-12pm<br>and<br>1pm-3pm | 2 hours | Minimum: 5<br>Maximum: 15 | \$1,000 per group of 5, \$50 for each additional person added up to 15. |

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| <p><b>Outdoor beautification</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gardening</li> <li>• Block clean-up</li> <li>• Other beautification as needed</li> </ul> | <p>Weekdays or weekends</p> <p>These events are seasonal and usually take place in spring or fall.</p> | <p>3-4 hours</p> | <p>Minimum: 12<br/>Maximum: 25</p> | <p>\$5,000 per group of 12, \$50 for each additional person added up to 25.</p> |
| <p><b>Special events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holiday party</li> <li>• Valentine’s Day party</li> <li>• Holiday Gift drive</li> </ul>          | <p>Weekdays</p> <p>Exact dates and times depend on event dates as determined by ADS.</p>               | <p>1-3 hours</p> | <p>Minimum: 5<br/>Maximum: 12</p>  | <p>\$1,000 per group of 5, \$50 for each additional person added up to 12.</p>  |

### Misc. Opportunities

| ACTIVITIES   | Time of Day/Week/Year                        | Length                   | Number of Volunteers | Suggested Honorarium   |
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| <p><b>Bank of America Chicago Marathon cheerleader or runner</b></p> | <p>Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024</p> | <p>7:00am to 12:00pm</p> | <p>Minimum: 1</p>    | <p>Fundraising minimum required for runners; more information available upon request</p> |

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| <b>Join our Emerging Leaders Board</b>   | Meetings on the third Wednesday of every month from 6:00 to 7:30pm  | 3-5 hours a month |                          | \$500 Give/Get pledge |
| <b>Volunteer at a fundraising event</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help in various ways including set-up, take-down, registration, and greeting</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>April:</b> Spring Luncheon</li> <li>• <b>June:</b> Evans-Blossom Golf Outing</li> <li>• <b>November:</b> Pour Out Your Heart</li> </ul> |                   | Minimum: 1<br>Maximum: 5 |                       |