

# Share Your Time

## Catholic Charities Volunteer Opportunities

**Note:** Additional information may be obtained from the Catholic Charities website at [www.archindy.org](http://www.archindy.org)

### Catholic Charities Indianapolis

#### *Work with Children and Families*

**St. Joan of Arc Neighborhood Youth Outreach (NYO):** [Carolyn Holder](#), 317-283-6710

*Activities such as after school and summer programs serve urban youth and their families in the near North side Indianapolis neighborhood.*

- Mentor young people twice a week.
- Provide help with homework and group projects.
- Take field trips with kids during summer day camp.
- Share your skill or hobby with kids: sewing, pottery, sports, foreign language, etc.

**Crisis Office:** [Stephanie Davis](#), 317-236-1512

*Food, clothing, limited transportation, rent and utilities money are available for those in emergency/critical need.*

- Conduct intake interviews and provide basic needs.
- Conduct food drives.
- Stock pantry shelves and assist clients in clothing room.
- Database entry to help with client records.
- Other general receptionist tasks.

**Holy Family Services,** [Amber Hiss](#), 317-635-7830

*Temporary shelter and transitional housing for homeless families - providing meals, counseling, child care and job assistance.*

- Answer phones and other general office tasks on weekends and evenings.
- Cook meals on weekends and holidays.
- Clean and organize clothing room.
- Clean rooms when residents leave.
- Assist in childcare programming.

**Refugee Resettlement:** [Gabrielle Campo Neal](#), 317-236-1553

*Advocacy, family reunification, job assistance and help in setting up a household are services available for refugees.*

- Provide tutoring and/or help teach Basic English.
- Assist families with adjusting to life in Indianapolis.
- Hold clothing and household goods drives.
- Set up apartments for resettling families.
- Transport clients to medical appointments.

**Christmas Store: [Stephanie Davis](#), 317-236-1556**

*Christmas gift assistance for needy families.*

- Assist as clothing sorters and buyers (year-round).
- Help set up the store (year-round).
- Be a personal shopper with a family during November and December.

**St. Elizabeth/Coleman Pregnancy and Adoption Services: [Priscilla Kamrath](#), 317-787-3412**

*Full-service birthparent and adoptive parent preparation and support for domestic, transracial, medical needs and international adoptions.*

- Assist in sorting donations.
- Help with upkeep of the grounds.
- Answer phones and other general office tasks.

***Work with seniors and for seniors***

**Adult Day Services: [Amy Sczesny](#), 317-466-0015**

*Therapeutic, safe day care is available for adults, including elders, with cognitive and physical impairments.*

- Serve meals.
- Provide transportation to field trips and to adult day services.
- Provide manicures and other aesthetic services.
- Assist in clerical duties or writing oral histories for clients.

**RSVP of Central Indiana: [Monica Woodsworth](#), 317-261-3378**

*This program is a clearinghouse of volunteer opportunities for adults 55 and over; partnerships with community nonprofits and public agencies offer opportunities for volunteers to meet significant community needs. Volunteers maintain the flexibility to decide which organizations to serve and how frequently.*

- Meaningful volunteer opportunities in community non-profits and public agencies.
- Time commitment is flexible; there are no education or skill requirements.
- Administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service

## **Catholic Charities Bloomington**

**New Homeless Shelter in Bedford, IN**

***Becky's Place is an emergency shelter designed to "provide shelter and create hope" for homeless women and children who are moving toward a life of self-sufficiency. With the rising cost of living, numerous home foreclosures, sky-rocketing unemployment rates and increased taxes, more and more families are being impacted. Many of these factors have increasingly touched the lives of those who once experienced financial security, causing an even greater increase in demand for emergency services within our community.***

While financial support is certainly the most immediate need of Becky's Place, community members can participate in the shelter in a variety of ways: organizing material donations, office assistance, general upkeep of the facility, and more. Contact Cami Pritchett at (812) 369-2264.

# Catholic Charities New Albany

Our eight ministries can accomplish more with compassionate volunteers. We need your help to provide services in the Kentuckiana area. Contact Chris Robertson via [email](#) or call her directly at the agency to learn more: 812-949-7305 ext. 11.

## Labor Coaches:

- Transporting resident to and from their prenatal appointments.
- Completing labor coach reports after all appointments.
- Going through delivery preparation classes with the resident, and coaching the resident during the delivery of the baby.
- Orientation and training is held quarterly or we can set up an individual appointment.

## Mentors for maternity and transitional home residents:

- Assist moms with newborn baby care and adjustments to parenting.
- Can also include planning outings for the residents or other events for the moms.

We are always looking for individuals that need a baby fix! If you are interested in volunteering as a babysitter you must be 14 years of age or older. The ages of the children vary from newborn to six years old.

## Reception/clerical volunteers:

- Wide range of tasks including answering phones, receiving in-kind donations, distributing items to outreach clients, data entry, and typing thank you letters.
- Various hours available during office hours.

# Catholic Charities Tell City

Catholic Charities Tell City carries out its mission of helping people improve their lives through its key programs:

- Senior, Children and Family Support: Strengthening Families, Words on Wheels and Ministry of Consolation along with specialized children's programming allow families to improve their lives.
- Emergency assistance allows families in crisis to alleviate some of their struggles.
- Matrix Lifeline offers assistance to vulnerable pregnant women and mothers.
- Martin's Cloak helps the hungry replenish their home pantries.

Volunteers are needed to distribute more to those in need through Matrix Lifeline and Martin's Cloak. Contact the main offices for more information.

General e-mail: [info@CatholicCharitiesTellCity.org](mailto:info@CatholicCharitiesTellCity.org)

# Catholic Charities Terre Haute

If you are interested in volunteering at Catholic Charities Terre Haute, please complete the volunteer forms and return them to Catholic Charities, 1801 Poplar St., Terre Haute, IN 47803, and ATTN: Julie Davis.

**A completed Volunteer Application must be received and a Background Check processed prior to beginning any volunteer activities.**

For more information about volunteer opportunities at Catholic Charities Terre Haute, please contact Julie at (812)232-1447. One such offer is **Ryves Youth Center** -Volunteers are welcome to call or stop by Ryves Youth Center at Etling Hall Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M. Ryves Youth Center is located on the northwest corner of 14th Street and Locust Street, very close to campus. Any help that you are able to give us is greatly appreciated! Please download our Applications or contact Jim Edwards at:

Jim Edwards, c/o Ryves Youth Center  
1356 Locust St  
Terre Haute, IN 47807  
(812) 235-1265  
[jedwards@catholiccharitiesterrehaute.org](mailto:jedwards@catholiccharitiesterrehaute.org)

## Sample Volunteer and Donation Suggestions in Service to Others in Need

**(Below are sample volunteer and donation suggestions for Catholic parishes, individuals and families to the ministry of charity within their community.)**

- Volunteer at your parish/community soup kitchen or food pantry
- Host a baby shower collecting much-needed items (diapers, pull-ups, unscented wet wipes, baby shampoo, baby lotion, etc.) for young and/or low-income mothers
- Collect donations for children, adults and families residing in a community homeless shelter
- Donate gently used clothing for needy children, women and families
- Volunteer to mentor or tutor a young person in math or reading at a community youth center
- Collect canned goods for your parish or community food drive or pantry
- Make a friendly visit with a homebound senior
- Organize a community clean up and help older persons in your neighborhood with outside projects, i.e., painting, raking leaves, mowing the lawn
- Volunteer to organize social activities (cards, art projects, choir or sing-a-long) at a senior center or nursing home