

# CONTACT INFORMATION FOR B'NAI MITZVAH PROJECTS

(Updated in 2018)

Note: Mission descriptions adapted from published mission statements / organization descriptions.  
These organizations offer varied levels of volunteerism ranging from time at the site to fundraising.

## **The Aliveness Project**

3808 Nicollet Ave  
Minneapolis, MN 55409  
612/824-5433

[www.aliveness.org](http://www.aliveness.org)

*Laura Henry, Volunteer Manager*

612/824-5433, ext. 221

[laura@aliveness.org](mailto:laura@aliveness.org)

**Mission:** Encourage self-empowerment and provide direct services for persons living with HIV/AIDS.

## **\*Arc's Value Village**

Various Locations: Brooklyn Center, Bloomington, New Hope, Richfield, St. Paul

<http://www.arcsvaluevillage.org>

Phone: 952/920-0855

Tisha at 952/920-0855

email: [volunteernow@arcsgreatertwincities.org](mailto:volunteernow@arcsgreatertwincities.org)

**Mission:** Thrift store to support intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

## **\*Bet Shalom Congregation**

13613 Orchard Road  
Minnetonka, MN 55305  
952/933-8525

[www.betshalom.org](http://www.betshalom.org)

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952/426-6644

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## **Cheerful Givers**

2186 3rd Street, #106  
White Bear Lake, MN 55110  
612/562-4499

[www.cheerfulgivers.org](http://www.cheerfulgivers.org)

*Robin Steele, Board Chair & Founder*

email: [robin@cheerfulgivers.org](mailto:robin@cheerfulgivers.org)

**Mission:** Committed to helping low/no income parents recognize and celebrate their children by providing birthday gift bags through shelters and food shelves.

## **Cookie Cart**

1119 W Broadway Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55411  
612/521-0855

<http://cookiecart.org/>

Sara Ernst at [sernst@cookiecart.org](mailto:sernst@cookiecart.org)

**Mission:** Provides teens 15 to 18 years old with lasting and meaningful work, life and leadership skills through experience and training in an urban nonprofit bakery.

## **Down Syndrome Association of Minnesota**

656 Transfer Road  
St. Paul, MN 55114

651/603-0720

[www.dsamn.org/](http://www.dsamn.org/)

email: [dsamn@dsamn.org](mailto:dsamn@dsamn.org)

Contact: Kathleen Forney at [kathleen@dsamn.org](mailto:kathleen@dsamn.org)

**Mission:** To provide information, resources and support to individuals with Down syndrome, their families and their communities.

## **Eastside Neighborhood Services**

1700 Second Street Northeast  
Minneapolis, MN 55413

612/781-6011

[www.esns.org](http://www.esns.org)

email: [agencyinfo@esns.org](mailto:agencyinfo@esns.org)

*Mary Ostapenko-Anstett, Director of Volunteer Services/Events*

**Mission:** A human service agency that provides social and other services to individuals, families and the communities of primarily Northeast and Southeast Minneapolis.

## **Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis**

**AKA The Family Partnership**

414 South Eighth Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55404

612/339-9101

[www.thefamilypartnership.org](http://www.thefamilypartnership.org);

email: [info@thefamilypartnership.org](mailto:info@thefamilypartnership.org)

Marilyn Dunbar

**Mission:** Develops programs & initiatives squarely focused to reduce/prevent poverty, expanding opportunity for immigrant families and families of color, etc.



**\*Fill Their Plate**

5501 Chicago Ave  
Minneapolis, MN 55417  
<http://filltheirplate.org/>  
[info@filltheirplate.org](mailto:info@filltheirplate.org)

**Mission:** Fill Their Plate is a ministry of The Urban Refuge with the goal of bringing nourishment to those in need.

**\*Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches, Metro**

**Paint-A-Thon**

1001 East Lake Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55407  
612/276-1579  
[www.gmcc.org](http://www.gmcc.org)  
[info@gmcc.org](mailto:info@gmcc.org)

Contact at Carolyn Henning at 612-276-1579 or  
[chenning@gmcc.org](mailto:chenning@gmcc.org)

**Mission:** A family of programs that address needs in the Twin Cities, including American Indian services, fighting hunger, youth mentorship, poverty education and senior services.

**Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery**

4544 4th Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55419-5145  
763/591-0400  
[www.crisisnursery.org](http://www.crisisnursery.org)

*Rachel Martinez, Volunteer Coordinator*  
email: [rmartinez@crisisnursery.org](mailto:rmartinez@crisisnursery.org)

**Mission:** Works to end child abuse and neglect and create strong, healthy families.

**\*Intercongregation Communities Association (ICA)**

12990 Saint David's Rd  
Minnetonka, MN 55305  
952/938-0729  
[www.icafoodshelf.org](http://www.icafoodshelf.org)  
[www.givemn.org/organization/Intercongregation-Communities-Association](http://www.givemn.org/organization/Intercongregation-Communities-Association)  
email: [volunteer@icafoodshelf.org](mailto:volunteer@icafoodshelf.org)

**Mission:** Provides assistance to our neighbors in need while upholding their dignity as they strive for self-sufficiency.

**International Institute (annual Festival of Nations)**

1694 Como Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55108  
[www.iimn.org](http://www.iimn.org)

*Faith Loggers-Jamnik, Volunteer Coordinator*  
651/647-0191, ext 324

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**Mission:** Helping new Americans achieve self-sufficiency and full membership in American life.

**\*Jewish Family and Children's Services**

13100 Wayzata Boulevard, Suite 400  
Minnetonka, MN 55305  
952-546-0616  
[www.jfcsmpls.org/](http://www.jfcsmpls.org/)

email: [jfcs@jfcsmpls.org](mailto:jfcs@jfcsmpls.org)

*Deb Savitt, Community Involvement Manager*  
952/542-4859

email: [dsavitt@jfcsmpls.org](mailto:dsavitt@jfcsmpls.org)

**Mission:** Provides programs, services, and support for the Jewish and broader communities by delivering help in aging services, career services, children and family services, community engagement, counseling and mental health support.

**Jeremiah Program**

1510 Laurel Avenue  
Minneapolis, MN 55403  
612/692-8711

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932 Concordia Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55104  
651/332-5002

email: [msp@jeremiahprogram.org](mailto:msp@jeremiahprogram.org)  
[jeremiahprogram.org/](http://jeremiahprogram.org/)

**Mission:** The Minneapolis location offers 39 residential apartments and an on-site child development center while the St. Paul Community Campus offers 38 residential apartments and an on-site child development center. The Child Development Centers provide early childhood education for children ages six weeks through preschool in a physically safe, emotionally secure and intellectually stimulating environment. Both sites offer welcoming community space for empowerment and life skills classes, as well as places for residents to gather, share a meal, study and socialize.

### **\*Jewish Community Action**

2375 University Avenue West, Suite 150  
St. Paul, MN 55114  
651/632-2184

[www.jewishcommunityaction.org/](http://www.jewishcommunityaction.org/)

email: [www.jewishcommunityaction.org/get-involved](http://www.jewishcommunityaction.org/get-involved)

**Mission:** To bring together Jewish people from diverse traditions and perspectives to promote understanding and take action on racial and economic justice issues in Minnesota.

### **\*MN Interfaith Power & Light**

<http://mnipl.org/about/about-mnipl.html>

Claire Baglien at [clairebaglien@mnipl.org](mailto:clairebaglien@mnipl.org) or  
763-772-6439.

**Mission:** Respond to climate change by bringing Minnesota's faith communities together and by providing opportunities for congregations to join the growing climate justice movement.

### **Mother Bear Project**

P.O. Box 62188  
Minneapolis, MN 55426

[motherbearproject.org/](http://motherbearproject.org/)

*Amy Berman, Founder*

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**Mission:** Dedicated to providing comfort and hope to children affected by HIV/AIDS in emerging nations by giving them a hand-knit or crocheted bear.

### **Open Arms**

2500 Bloomington Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55404  
612/872-1152

[www.openarmsmn.org/](http://www.openarmsmn.org/)

*Jennifer Bliss, Volunteer & Development Coordinator*

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**Mission:** Delivery of healthy foods to those in need, a week's worth of meals at a time.

### **\*People Serving People**

614 South Third Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55415  
612/332-4500 X216

[www.peopleservingpeople.org/](http://www.peopleservingpeople.org/)

email: [info@peopleservingpeople.org](mailto:info@peopleservingpeople.org)

*Mallory Evans, Volunteer and Events Manager*

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**Mission:** Provides emergency shelter for the homeless, an Early Childhood Development Center, and works with families to address barriers to self-sufficiency by building relationships, providing support, and connections to community resources for housing, financial assistance, legal, medical, dental, and other services.

### **Perspectives Family Center**

3381 Gorham Avenue  
St. Louis Park, MN  
952/926-2600

<http://www.perspectives-family.org/>

email: [info@perspectives-family.org](mailto:info@perspectives-family.org)

email: [volunteer@perspectives-family.org](mailto:volunteer@perspectives-family.org)

**Mission:** To break cycles for at-risk families and children for total family recovery by providing supportive housing and nutrition for homeless, recovering mothers and their children.

### **\*PRISM Food Shelf**

730 Florida Avenue South  
Golden Valley, MN 55426  
763/529-1350

[www.prismmpls.org/](http://www.prismmpls.org/)

email: <http://www.prismmpls.org/find-us/>

*Dan Gregory, Community Engagement Manager*

763/432-4210

email: [dgregory@prismmpls.org](mailto:dgregory@prismmpls.org)

**Mission:** Works to meet the basic needs of food, clothing, and housing for 5,000+ low-income children, adults, and seniors each year.

### **Project for Pride in Living (PPL)**

1035 East Franklin Ave  
Minneapolis, MN 55404  
612/455-5100

<http://www.ppl-inc.org/>

email: [ppl@ppl-inc.org](mailto:ppl@ppl-inc.org)

*Julie Huck*

**Mission:** Empowers low-income people to become self-reliant through integrated services by providing transformative affordable housing and employment readiness services.

**Redeemer Health and Rehab Center**

625 W 31<sup>st</sup> Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55408  
612/827-2555

[redeemerhealthandrehab.org/](http://redeemerhealthandrehab.org/)

email: [ecrcprequestinfo@elimcare.org](mailto:ecrcprequestinfo@elimcare.org)

Mary Ann

**Mission:** Provides skilled nursing and therapy services to patients with complicated care needs, respite care for caregivers, and palliative/comfort care/hospice

**Rakhma Residential Homes for the Elderly**

Group homes: Golden Valley, Minnetonka, Minneapolis, St. Paul

[www.rakhma.org](http://www.rakhma.org)

Lindsey Fossum, Volunteer Coordinator

612/824-2345

email: [lfossum@rakhma.org](mailto:lfossum@rakhma.org)

**Mission:** Care for those with Alzheimer’s disease and other memory related dementias.

**\*Second Harvest Food Bank**

6325 Sandburg Rd., Suite 1700

Golden Valley, MN 55427

651/209-7980

[www.2harvest.org/](http://www.2harvest.org/)

Jessica Hultgren, Director of Volunteer Services

651/209-7939

email: [http://support.2harvest.org/site/Survey?ACTION\\_REQUIRED=URI\\_ACTION\\_USER\\_REQUESTS&SURVEY\\_ID=6082](http://support.2harvest.org/site/Survey?ACTION_REQUIRED=URI_ACTION_USER_REQUESTS&SURVEY_ID=6082)

**Mission:** As one of the nation’s largest, most efficient and most innovative hunger relief organizations, we have created a sustainable support system that provides access to food. Helping hungry neighbors find their next meal—so they can thrive at work, in the classroom and in their communities.

**\*Sholom Home**

**West:** 3620 Phillips Parkway

St. Louis Park, MN 55426

952/935-6311

**East:** 3620 Phillips Parkway

St. Louis Park, MN 55426

952/935-6311

**Menorah Plaza:** 4925 Minnetonka Blvd

St. Louis Park, MN 55416

952/653-3680

email: <http://www.sholom.com/contact-us.html>

[www.sholom.com](http://www.sholom.com)

Ed Johnson

**Mission:** Provides older adults with residential, social service, and health care services designed to meet their needs and ensure their well-being.

**\*Simpson Housing Services**

2100 Pillsbury Avenue South

Minneapolis, MN 55404

612/874-8683

[www.simpsonhousing.org](http://www.simpsonhousing.org)

Christina Giese, Director of Volunteer Engagement

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**Mission:** To house, support and advocate for people experiencing homelessness.

**\*Sojourner Project**

Mailing Address:

The Sojourner Project

Box 272

Hopkins, MN 55343

952/351-4062

<http://www.sojournerproject.org/>

Volunteer Info:

<http://www.sojournerproject.org/get-involved>

Mission: To provide emergency shelter, support, and legal advocacy services to those victimized by domestic violence and other forms interpersonal violence.

**VolunteerMatch**

550 Montgomery Street, 8th Floor

San Francisco, CA 94111

<https://www.volunteermatch.org>

**Mission:** Volunteer site aggregator - A community that believes in the power of volunteering to enrich our lives and the world around us.

*Volunteers serving on Bet Shalom’s Social Action Social Justice Committee have prepared this list. We welcome your helpful suggestions so that we can all learn from each other. Please let us know what worked, what did not. Because many of these projects are volunteer-run, there will be errors due to the changing nature of those projects. To provide feedback, email [rabbincsuiteadmin@betshalom.org](mailto:rabbincsuiteadmin@betshalom.org).*