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Community Learning Field Placements (CLFP)

Community Partner Site Descriptions



**A Little Help** is a non-profit organization that connects neighbors of all ages to enhance lives and strengthen our communities. A Little Help's mission is helping older adults age well in their homes by connecting them to an important resource in every community: good neighbors. Interaction with older adults creates opportunities for seniors to share their stories and skills. Connecting older adults with volunteers is crucial for the success of the organization as less government service will be needed to care for seniors.

**Volunteer Details:** Volunteers will be assigned to assist in either the volunteers, members, or programming departments. Furthermore, volunteers might be asked to do the following: transportation, year work handiwork, home organization, and social engagement.

**Website:** <https://www.alittlehelp.org/>

**Staff Contact:** Contact George Bolanos (George.bolanos@du.edu)

**Address:** 2755 S Locust St Suite 220, Denver, CO 80222

**Days/Service Time:** Once a week for 1-2 hours with an additional hours per week for virtual staff meetings.

**Additional Information:** Only 3 spots available. Volunteers will discuss days and times for volunteers with A Little Help's program coordinator once placement is complete.

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**Access Gallery/ VSA Colorado** is an inclusive nonprofit organization that engages the community by opening doors to creative and educational opportunities for people with disabilities to access and experience the arts.

**Volunteer Detail:** Volunteers at Access Gallery can serve in a wide variety of positions. They need help with gallery openings/operations, working with students in one of our programs or general administrative functions. You also may assist with fundraising and special events.

**Website:** [www.accessgallery.org](http://www.accessgallery.org)

**Staff Contact:** Cris Ciani | [cris@accessgallery.org](mailto:cris@accessgallery.org) | 303-777-0797

**Address:** 909 Santa Fe Dr, Denver, CO 80204

**Days/Service Time:** Weekdays; Requires flexibility. First and Third Friday evenings available.

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**Asbury Elementary- Special Education Room** is a neighborhood Denver Public elementary school which serves grades K-5. Asbury also hosts a centers-based Multi-Intensive special education program. Multi-Intensive classrooms include a wide variety of students. Students have physical, cognitive, and/or emotional disabilities.

**Volunteer Detail:** Volunteers are a vital component to the success of the MI classroom. Volunteers will work on reading, math, writing, and speech goals with the students as needed. They will either work one on one with the students or in small groups, leading group play activities, helping the students with their social skills, vocabulary, and creative play skills.

**Website:** <http://asbury.dpsk12.org/>

**Apply Here** <https://app.sterlingvolunteers.com/en/Candidates/Account/Register>

**Staff Contact:** Margaret Nelson | [margaret\\_nelson@dpsk12.org](mailto:margaret_nelson@dpsk12.org) | 720-424-9750

**Address:** 1320 E Asbury Ave, Denver, CO 80210

**Days/Service Time:** Mon-Fri 8:30a-3:00p for 1-hour timeslots

**Additional Information:** The application for Asbury Elementary School is a background check.

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**Café 180** recognizes our universal appetite for delicious, nourishing food and social connectedness. Café 180 is dedicated to eliminating hunger and social barriers associated with food by feeding all people regardless of their ability to pay, in a dignified and respectful manner.

**Volunteer Detail:** The volunteers at Cafe 180 help in a variety of ways, with two everyday staff, the volunteers act as the other "volunteer staff" of the Cafe. Tasks range from prepping food, chopping veggies for the day, preparing our homemade soup, baking our delicious cookies, doing the dishes, bussing/ serving tables, to making the salads our guests order. No prior kitchen experience needed!! We do all the training day of while you are here. Tasks will depend on the volunteer's interests.

**Website:** [www.cafe-180.org](http://www.cafe-180.org)

**Apply Here:** <https://www.cafe180.org/volunteer>

**Staff Contact:** Tracey Brummett | [tracey@cafe180.org](mailto:tracey@cafe180.org) | 303-521-6490

**Address:** 3315 S. Broadway, Englewood, CO 80113

**Days/Service Time:** Monday – Saturday 10:00am – 12:30pm or 12:30 – 3:00pm

**Additional Information:** Sign-up for shifts as far out in advance as possible spots fill up fast! If interested in working for Café 180 but the sign up times do not align with your schedule, contact Tracey to discuss schedule.

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**Children's Hospital Colorado** sets out to be a leader in providing the best healthcare outcomes for children. Our modern-day mission is to improve the health of children through the provision of high-quality coordinated programs of patient care, education, research and advocacy.

As a private, not-for-profit pediatric healthcare network, The Children's Hospital is 100-percent dedicated to caring for kids at all ages and stages of growth.

**Volunteer Detail:** Volunteers will help in a variety of ways with hospital duties. For example, spending time with patients and patient's siblings, performing hospital administrative tasks, or supporting fundraising activities. *Volunteers at the Children's Hospital must commit to at least 3 hours per week for at least 6 months (excluding winter break).*

**Website:** <https://www.childrenscolorado.org>

**Apply Here:** <https://www.childrenscolorado.org/community/support-childrenscolorado/volunteer/volunteer-application/>

**Staff Contact:** Kathleen McBride | [Kathleen.mcbride@childrenscolorado.org](mailto:Kathleen.mcbride@childrenscolorado.org) | 720-777-6489

**Address:** 13123 E. 16th Ave, Aurora, CO

**Days/Service Time:** Must commit at least 3 hours per week for at least 6 months (excluding winter break)

**Additional Information:** \*This particular site has a great deal of pre-volunteer screenings to be completed.

1. Online application
2. In person interview
3. Health screening-TB test (done at hospital free of charge)
4. Attendance at orientation and patient activity training (2nd Saturday from 9:00 to 4:00 or 4th Tuesday from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. the content is the same yet the format is different)
5. Background check

**\*\*If you are not willing to start this process right away, please do not choose this site! If you do choose this site, make sure to tell Kathleen you are in PLP, and she will fast-track you as much as possible. Also, you are strongly encouraged to pick a particular floor/unit.**

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**Denver Urban Debate League (DUDL)** is committed to improving urban education in Denver by helping students learn and achieve through Debate. The mission is to provide opportunities for competitive debate to every student in the Denver area. DUDL emphasizes education over competition, using debate as a tool to build valuable academic and life skills that will ensure Denver's students future college and career success.

**Volunteer Detail:** You can either be a debate judge who leads a discussion with the debates that serves as a debate critique and an opportunity for the judge to mentor the four students regarding their education and future goals. Or you could be a debate mentor/assistant coach, where you assist the debate teacher coach at each school in running debate practice sessions or classes at their school.

**Website:** [www.DenverDebate.org](http://www.DenverDebate.org)

**Staff Contact:** Ruby Nunez | [rbynunez@urbandebate.org](mailto:rbynunez@urbandebate.org) | 303.257.1366

**Address:** Various schools around the Denver Metro, Thornton, and Aurora.

**Days/Service Time:** Monday -Thursday 2:00pm - 6:00pm; Friday 3:00pm - 9:00pm; Sat 8:00am - 8:00pm

**Additional Information:** For any additional questions regarding volunteer opportunities, contact George or email [dudlvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:dudlvolunteers@gmail.com)

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**Dumb Friends League**, founded in 1910, is a private nonprofit organization providing humane care to lost and relinquished pets, rescuing sick, injured and abused animals, adopting pets to new homes, and educating pet owners and the public about needs of companion animals. It is the largest animal welfare organization in the Rocky Mountain region welcoming more than 25,000 animals a year.

**Volunteer Detail:** \$25-dollar application fee. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old and make a 6-month commitment of at least three hours a week. All volunteers must complete a 5 to 6 week onboarding training prior to starting. All volunteers must be vaccinated.

**Website:** <https://www.ddfl.org/volunteer/>

**Apply Here:** <https://www.ddfl.org/volunteer/>

**Staff Contact:** Volunteers will be directed to their staff contact once they've been placed at a site.

**Address:** Leslie A. Malone Center | 2080 S. Quebec St. Denver, CO 80231

Spay/Neuter Clinic | 191 Yuma St. Denver, CO 80223

Dumb Friends League Veterinary Hospital | 191 Yuma St. Denver, CO 80223

**Days/Service Time:** Varies by placement and location selection.

**Additional Information:** \$25 application fee followed by a phone interview. Various applications recommend "General Volunteer" application.

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**The Gathering Place** exists to serve women, their children and transgender individuals experiencing homelessness or poverty by providing a community of safety and hope where positive relationships, choice, and essential resources transform lives. The Gathering Place is Denver's only daytime drop-in center for women, their children, and transgender individuals experiencing poverty and homelessness.

**Volunteer Detail:** Over 200 volunteers serve on-site weekly, 2-5 hours per week for a minimum of 3 months. Our volunteers serve throughout our agency; greeting clients at our Welcome Desk, running our Computer Lab, supporting artists in Card Project, tutoring in our GED program, distributing food and clothing in our on-site boutique and pantry, supporting families in our Family Area and much more.

**Website:** [www.tgpdenver.org](http://www.tgpdenver.org)

**Apply Here:** <https://tgpdenver.org/volunteer/individual-volunteers.html>

**Staff Contact:** Cortney Mabry | [cortney@tgpdenver.org](mailto:cortney@tgpdenver.org) | 303-996-9028

**Address:** 1535 High Street Denver, CO 80209

**Days/Service Time:** Varies by placement. The Gathering Place is open Monday-Friday from 8:30am-5:00pm. Our volunteer shifts are typically 2-4 hours and fall between the hours of 9:00am-3:00pm. We ask that volunteers make a commitment to volunteer for the same shift weekly for a minimum of three months to ensure consistency in our programs and services.

**Additional Information:** 5 spots available



**Girls Inc. of Metro Denver (GIMD)** is a non-profit located in Denver whose mission is to inspire girls to be strong, smart, and bold. Their vision is a world in which every girl values her whole self, discovers her inner strengths, and achieves her goals with a focus on STEM in the areas of educational equity, gender equity, and education access.

**Volunteer Details:** Volunteer tasks include assisting girls in college/career readiness, assisting with after school programming, and assisting in daily office operations. Administrative volunteer opportunities are available based on the current organizational needs. Students/volunteers will have an opportunity to discuss administrative volunteer opportunities with program manager.

**Website:** <https://www.girlsincedenver.org/>

**Apply Here:** <https://www.girlsincedenver.org/take-action/volunteer/>

**Staff Contact:** Heidi Vielhaber | [hvielhaber@gidenver.org](mailto:hvielhaber@gidenver.org) |  
Phone: 303-893-4363 ext. 104

**Address:** 1499 Julian St, Denver, CO 80204

**Days/Service:** Volunteers are asked to commit to two shifts a week. Shifts are the same each week for the duration of programming. Further questions about days and times will be addressed once the application is complete. Days and times are located on application.

**Additional Information:** When filling out the application, for the question asking about volunteer opportunities interests, select both options. Flexible schedules for administrative volunteers.

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**Kavod Senior Life** is a non-profit, HUD-subsidized senior living home. With over 400 residents from all over the world, we are a vibrant and accepting community. We have an array of life enrichment programs including classes, trips, musical guests, and activities. We recently implemented two nationally-renowned intergenerational programs - Music & Memory, and Opening Minds through Art (OMA). They provide opportunities to create meaningful connections with, hear stories from, and give new perspective to, a senior generation. The music and art provide residents with opportunities for creativity and autonomy. Importantly, the programs give students the opportunity to overcome fears or biases towards people with dementia by showing capacity for storytelling and connection.

**Volunteer Detail:** Students will be paired one-on-one with residents in the Music & Memory or OMA class. In the former, students listen to their partner's favorite music together. Students ask questions that help unlock memories and develop connection. In Opening Minds through Art, students work with their partner to create "failure free" abstract. Again, this is an opportunity to tell stories and form meaningful relationships, while relaxing with art.

**Website:** [www.kavodseniorlife.org](http://www.kavodseniorlife.org)

**Apply Here:** <https://www.kavodseniorlife.org/ways-to-support/volunteer-application/>

**Staff Contact:** Holly Sherman | [hsherman@kavodseniorlife.org](mailto:hsherman@kavodseniorlife.org) |

**Address:** 11. S Adams St, Denver CO, 80209

**Days/Service Time:** Check out website for more information.

**Additional Information:** 14 students max (7 per program)

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**Metropolitan Denver Nature Alliance (Metro D.N.A)** is a growing coalition of non-profit, government, research, and private sector partners seeking to align nature-based efforts to ensure more equitable access to nature and promote healthy people, communities, and natural places.

**Volunteer Details:** Volunteers will assist the organization in program assessment, leadership assessment, equity assessment, and/or the leadership team or staff with daily office operations.

**Website:** <https://www.metrodna.org/>

**Staff Contact:** Contact George Bolanos ([George.bolanos@du.edu](mailto:George.bolanos@du.edu))

**Address:** 1536 Wynkoop St, Denver, CO 80501

**Days/Service Time:** Flexible. Students and the organization will decide on mutual days and times for serve.

**Additional Information:** Only taking 2 volunteers. Possibly more in the future.

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**Metro Caring** meets people's immediate food needs while addressing the root cause of hunger: poverty. Metro Caring provides nutritious groceries to neighbors and offers comprehensive anti-hunger resources so that families can break the cycle of poverty. The Fresh Foods market is at the heart of Metro Caring. Shoppers choose from an array of nutritious foods based on their dietary needs and preferences, and leave with a week's supply of groceries, including fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains, dairy and lean protein.

**Volunteer Detail:** Volunteer opportunities include:

- Front End Team: Welcome Desk Assistant, Community Connectors, Child Care
- Food Access Team: Restock, Cart Attendant, Sorter, Check In & Check Out Volunteers
- Team Garden/ Activation, Garden Specialist, Community Activators
- Nutrition Team: Nutrition Educator:

**Website:** [www.metrocaring.org](http://www.metrocaring.org)

**Apply Here:** <https://www.metrocaring.org/volunteer>

**Staff Contact:** Deena Duwaik | [dduwaik@metrocaring.org](mailto:dduwaik@metrocaring.org) | 303.350.3699

**Address:** 1100 E 18th Ave, Denver, CO 80218

**Days/Service Time:** Monday – Friday 9:30am – 3:00pm

**Additional Information:** Flexibility with volunteer opportunities.

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**Project C.U.R.E.** delivers health and hope to the world, since 1987. We are the largest distributor of donated medical supplies to patients, families and children in 134 different countries. Thousands of people die every day in the developing world because local hospitals & clinics don't have the medical supplies and equipment needed to save lives in their communities. Children are missing the chance to get an education and live a full life due to illnesses that would be treatable if they had access to proper health services. It's Project C.U.R.E.'s mission to change that. Together we will deliver health & hope to the world.

**Volunteer Detail:** Volunteers help in a variety of ways at Project C.U.R.E. Your service will depend on the agencies needs as well as your interests.

**Website:** [www.projectcure.org/jobs](http://www.projectcure.org/jobs)

**Staff Contact:** Contact George Bolanos ([George.bolanos@du.edu](mailto:George.bolanos@du.edu))

**Address:** 10377 E Geddes Ave, Centennial, CO 80112-3740

**Days/Service Time:** Office Hours 8:30a-4:00p; Warehouse Hours 9:00a-3:00p  
Must be able to commit at least a 4-hour block every week.

**Additional Information:** 4-5 spots available. First come- first served. Come see George for more information.

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**Project Helping** is a Denver-based nonprofit focused on improving mental wellness through experiences that create and purpose and connection. Project Helping partners with other nonprofits in the Denver area to provide extremely accessible volunteer experiences.

**Volunteer Detail:** Kynd Leaders are volunteers and serve as an ambassador for events. Every Kynd Leader will choose an event to lead with the assistance staff. Kynd Leader responsibilities include checking in volunteers, taking photos, act as the go-to person for volunteer questions, and others.

**Website:** <https://projecthelping.org/>

**Staff Contact:** Contact George Bolanos (George.bolanos@du.edu)

**Days/Service Time:** Every first Tuesday of the month for 4 hours.

**Additional Information:** Only 5 volunteer positions available

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**Reading Partners** is a nonprofit organization that matches volunteers with struggling young readers. They focus on one-on-one time that provides individual attention to low-income communities to try to increase the literacy rate of students who are reading below grade level.

**Volunteer Detail:** Volunteers will be matched one-on-one with an elementary school student K-5<sup>th</sup> grade. Training provided; no education background necessary.

**Website:** <https://readingpartners.org>

**Apply Here:** <https://readingpartners.org/volunteer-colorado/>

**Staff Contact:** Quinn Boden | [quinn.boden@readingpartners.org](mailto:quinn.boden@readingpartners.org) | 720.409.9909

**Address:** Force Elementary | 1550 S. Wolff St. Denver, CO 80219 or  
College View | 2675 S Decatur St, Denver, CO 80219

**Days/Service Time:** Monday – Thursday 8:00am - 3:00pm (must commit to 1 hour a week)

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**Swedish Medical Center**, part of HCA's HealthONE, is located in the south metro Denver area where it has been a proud member of the community for more than 110 years. An acute care hospital with 408 licensed beds, annually caring for more than 200,000 patients with a team of approximately 2,000 dedicated employees, 300 volunteers and 1,400 physicians.

**Volunteer Detail:** Unit Ambassador Positions that work directly alongside the nursing staff with the following essential duties: Answers phone/call lights; greets and directs visitors; regulatory readiness sweeps; stocking supplies; running errands as needed; bring fresh water or warm blanket to patients (no patient care); special projects and other duties as assigned.

**Website:** [www.swedishhospital.com](http://www.swedishhospital.com)

**Staff Contact:** Contact George Bolanos (George.bolanos@du.edu)

**Address:** 501 E. Hampden Ave. Englewood, CO 80113

**Days/Service Time:** Students **MUST** commit at least 4 hours per week for at least 6 months. (100 hours of service **required**).

**Additional Information:** 5 students max (100 hours of service **required**). This particular site has a great deal of pre-volunteer screenings to be completed. Fill out application and background check forms and submit to Gina Graves. Hospital Orientation – George will work with hospital coordinator to set up orientation.

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