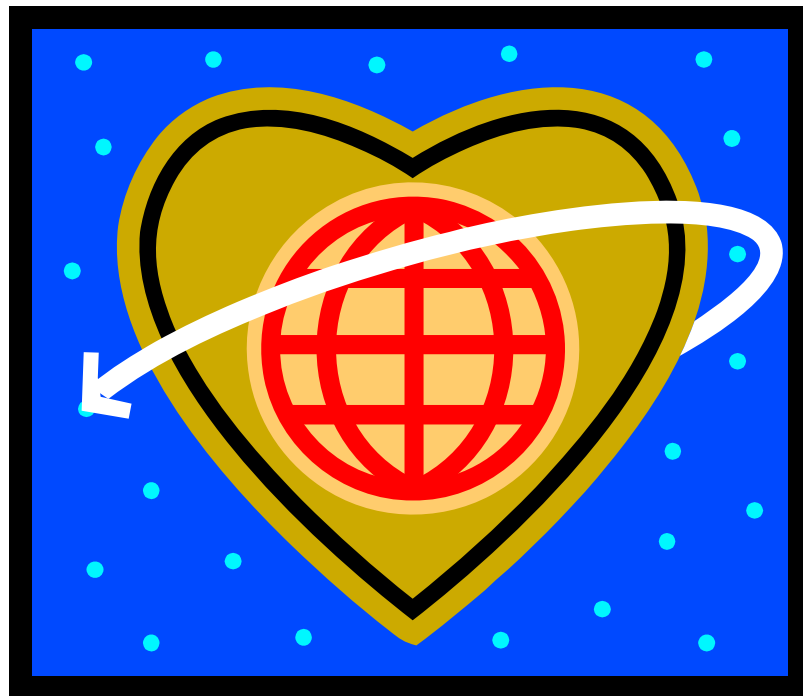
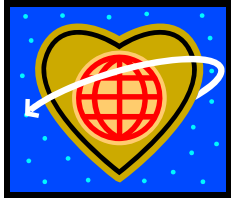


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### Programs and Services

Our primary purpose is to support local Volunteer Centers in their efforts to mobilize people and resources to deliver creative solutions to community problems.

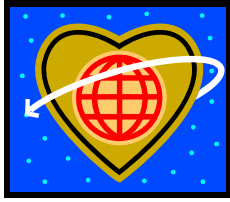
Volunteer Centers of Michigan's story is one of partnering. All of our efforts are collaborative, because Michigan's statewide public and nonprofit organizations have learned the immense importance of working together. Sharing values, resources, staff and even the risks of projects keeps us focused on our missions. When we work to achieve common goals, we strengthen volunteerism in strategic ways.

Our Volunteer Centers also are committed to sharing with each other. Those Centers that have more experience mentor the newer ones. We see our mission as bringing Volunteer Center services to every county in our state, and we only can do that through statewide cooperation. Over the last 10 years, the following partners in Michigan have advanced the work of volunteerism through their support of VCM and local Volunteer Centers:

- ConnectMichigan Alliance
- Michigan Nonprofit Association
- Michigan Community Service Commission
- Michigan Campus Compact
- Michigan's Promise
- Mentor Michigan
- WK Kellogg Foundation
- Lovelight Foundation
- Michigan Public Policy Initiative
- Council of Michigan Foundations
- Michigan Association of United Ways

Our national partnerships bring us into contact with best practices, training, credentialing and opportunities that extend our knowledge and networking in the field of volunteering.

- Points of Light Foundation
- Corporation for National Service



# Albion, Calhoun Counties

## Albion Volunteer Service Organization

203 S. Superior Street

Albion, MI 49224

Phone: 517-629-5574 Fax: 517-629-4914

Website: [www.avso.forks.org](http://www.avso.forks.org)

### Director

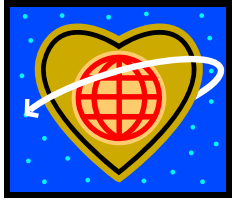
Candace Cloy

517-629-5574

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### Programs and Services

- **Volunteer referral and placement services:** Help bring together volunteers and organizations that need them. Matches are made by calling the center.
- **Community Calendars, Newsletters, and a Resource Guide:** A few of the many ways the AVSO communicates events and services provided in the community.
- **Volunteer Recognition:** Done through the media, an annual volunteer recognition reception, National Volunteer Week festivities, and the Mary Alice Gilbert Award given to the volunteer of the year.
- **Design Assistance For Non-profits:** Staff available to help: design flyers, brochures, banners, calendars, note cards, stationary and tickets; to type letters, meeting minutes or labels; and to assist with grant writing, program evaluation, strategic planning, and mailings.
- **Office Facilities:** For non-profit organizations. Includes a conference room with TV, VCR, dry-erase board, and overhead projector. Also available is a multi-function copy machine, color scanner, video camera, digital camera, fax machine, laminator and binder. Member organizations may use our mailing address, storage facilities, and rent-a-desk service.
- **PC computers with CD-ROM:** Available for public use. Equipped for word processing, databases, spreadsheets, desktop publishing, internet communications, color scanning and laser printing.
- **Medical Transports** for seniors and low income residents
- **VolunTEENs:** youth ages 12-17 meet monthly to learn leadership skills and volunteer
- **Girl Talk:** high school girls mentor middle school girls
- **POLF/VISTA Program:** Two VISTA members are housed in our volunteer center, one works to support our Youth at Risk activities; one works to support our Family Strengthening activities.



# Allegan County

## Allegan County United Way & Volunteer Center

650 Grand Street

Allegan, MI 49010

Phone: 269-673-6545

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Website: [www.acuw.org](http://www.acuw.org)

### Executive Director

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### Volunteer Center Director

Georgina Rozeboom-

Doster

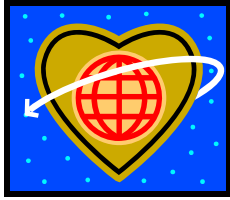
269-673-6545 ext. 13

[volunteer\\_ctr@chartermi.net](mailto:volunteer_ctr@chartermi.net)

For fifteen years, Allegan County United Way and Volunteer Center has been working to increase the impact of caring in Allegan County. Our 27 Partner Agencies provide services to more than 30,000 county residents each year, helping to meet their short-term basis needs, ensure individuals and families live healthy lives, and helping to increase the number of people who have the opportunity to live self-sufficiently, interdependently, and with dignity.

### Programs and Services

- **Mentoring:** The Allegan County Mentoring collaborative provides mentors for young children, older teenagers, high-risk kids, court involved youth, young parents, and kids who need help with their schoolwork. Mentoring can take place in the community, in schools, in group settings, in churches, or over the phone. Contact: Georgina Rozeboom-Doster.
- **The Guidebook:** a listing of volunteer opportunities and a resource guide for donations. This listing is helpful in determining specific requests from agencies. Contact us to request a copy or as a non-profit agency to list your needs.
- **Imagination Library:** Dolly Parton's Imagination Library provides free books for children under the age of five in Allegan County.
- **Caring Club®:** As a thank you for an annual non designated donation of \$104 or more, donors can receive discounts from area merchants who want to recognize those who help strengthen our community.
- **EITC Program:** Enlists volunteers to help prepare taxes for individuals and families with limited income. The program is offered free of charge for those who qualify. Three sites are available throughout the county.



# Alpena County

## Alpena Volunteer Center

ACC Center Building Room 108, 666 Johnson Street

Alpena, MI 49707-1410

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Website: [www.alpenacc.edu/services/volunteer/index.htm](http://www.alpenacc.edu/services/volunteer/index.htm)

### Coordinator

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989-358-7335

### Secretary

Katie Evans

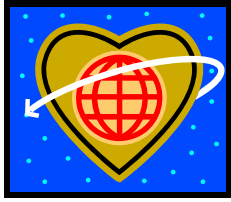
[evansk@alpenacc.edu](mailto:evansk@alpenacc.edu)

989-358-7214

Since 1977, the Alpena Volunteer Center of Alpena Community College (ACC) has been serving the community, matching people offering time and talent, to organizations in need of their services. Operating from the Center for Professional, Community, and Volunteer Services at ACC, the Volunteer Center tackles special projects for community benefit, is a clearinghouse for reliable information on community services, and has a distinctive emphasis on educational programs. Through its “People Helping People” activities, the Volunteer Center makes our community a better place to live.

### Programs and Services

- **Association of Lifelong Learning:** Educational program for older adults.
- **The Christmas Wish List**
- **Promotion, matching and recognition of volunteers**
- **A College Day for the Community**
- **Community Education Classes**
- **A Four-County Community Services Directory**
- **Volunteer Center website of programs and services**



# Barry County

## Barry County United Way Volunteer Center

450 Meadow Run Suite 300, P.O. Box 644

Hastings, MI 49058

Phone: 269-945-2006 Fax: 269-945-4536

Website: [www.bcunitedway.org](http://www.bcunitedway.org)

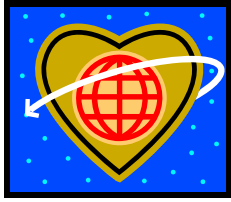
### Director

Bonnie Hogoboom  
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[bhogoboom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bhogoboom@sbcglobal.net)

The Barry County United Way Volunteer Center provides and promotes volunteer connections throughout the community. Identifying resources and addressing needs; connecting and building a strong community; creating lasting change.

### Programs and Services

- **Volunteer Referral:** Phone or face-to-face individual volunteer matching and referral.
- **[www.1-800-volunteer.org](http://www.1-800-volunteer.org):** web-based recruitment and referral for both agencies and individuals.
- **Day of Caring:** Annual day of service associated with United Way's campaign kick-off.
- **Volunteer Recognition:** Annual "Everyday Hero" celebration.
- **Court Referral:** Court ordered community service referral.
- **Christmas Wish List:** Annual Christmas wish list for Barry County agencies.
- **Heart of Gold Award:** Quarterly volunteer recognition program.
- **POLF/VISTA Program:** VISTA member housed in our volunteer center, works to support our Youth at Risk activities.
- **Annual Fundraiser:** "Have a Heart" annual Valentine's Day balloon sale fundraiser.
- **Michigan Student Service Award:** High school students who volunteer at least 400 hours in their high school career receive a gold medallion and certificate of distinction signed by the governor and the Volunteer Center director.
- **Training and Consultation** services for agencies.
- **Information and Referral**
- **Local FEMA board administrator**



# Bay County

## Volunteer Resource Center of Bay County

909 Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 602

Bay City, Michigan

Phone: 989-893-6060 Fax: 989-893-6073

Website: [www.unitedwaybaycounty.org/comm\\_vol.htm](http://www.unitedwaybaycounty.org/comm_vol.htm)

### Executive Director

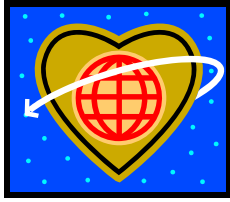
Cindy Miller

989-893-6060

[cindy@unitedwaybaycounty.org](mailto:cindy@unitedwaybaycounty.org)

### Programs and Services

- **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program:** Aids seniors in participating in fulfilling volunteer activities.
- **ACES (All Children Experience Sports) Program:** A program for handicapped children who want to experience the fun and excitement of participating in the sport of baseball.
- **Students United:** A student high school volunteer club that meets monthly to plan community service activities. Activities include a yearly retreat, coin drives, painting houses, helping with the Animal Shelter open house, and yard maintenance at a local cemetery. Many students are involved in other projects such as the student run Becca's Closet- a prom/homecoming dress program for needy high school students.
- **Students for Literacy:** A FREE tutoring program for children in grades K-5.
- **Michigan Student Service Award:** High school students who volunteer at least 400 hours in their high school career receive a gold medallion and certificate of distinction signed by the governor and the Volunteer Center director.
- **Plant the Day with United Way:** A spring plant project involving volunteers from businesses and the community who will plant trees at several area parks and visit classrooms.
- **Styles for Students:** A back-to-school clothing drive to help disadvantaged children in Bay County.
- **Day of Caring:** An annual event where the community is asked to go out for three hours on a weekday afternoon and participate in a volunteer project.
- **POLE/VISTA Program:** VISTA member housed in our volunteer center, works to support our Youth at Risk activities.



# Berrien, Cass, Van Buren Counties

## Volunteer Center of Southwest Michigan

1213 Oak Street

Niles, MI 49120

Phone: 269-683-5464

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Website: <http://www.volunteerswmi.org>

### Executive Director

Doris Higgins

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### Satellite Office:

St. Joseph Center

605 Pleasant Street

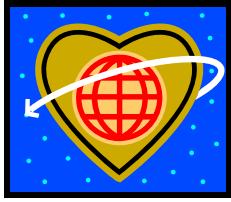
St. Joseph, MI 49085

Phone: 269-983-0912

Fax: 269-983-4441

### Programs and Services

- **Adult, Family, and Youth Volunteer Recruitment and Referral:** Recruitment services for adults (18+). Learning services for school-based personnel, recruitment services for youth (through 12th grade).
- **Community Mobilization Services:** Issues-related volunteer recruitment, new project development.
- **Recognition and Advocacy Services for Volunteers:** National Volunteer Week; includes volunteer awards, advocacy services for volunteers and/or nonprofit community, and media support for volunteer needs.
- **Training and Consultation Services for Agencies:** Individual consultation/training sessions as requested by affiliate organizations Volunteer Management Certification training for agency directors of volunteers. Boardmanship Training for nonprofit board members.
- **Court Referral Program:** Court-ordered offenders are placed with nonprofit agencies to complete community service hours (funded by Berrien County).
- **Corporate Neighbor Program:** Corporate/business members receive monthly mailing about volunteer opportunities for employees; also ongoing support for building in-house volunteer programs. Yearly award to Berrien or Cass County business which models community involvement principles.
- **Wishbook and Volunteer Connection Directory Publications**
- **DOVIA sponsorship:** Professional development organization for volunteer coordinators.
- **Boardbank:** Volunteer recruitment service for nonprofit boards of directors.
- **Mentoring Roundtable:** Educates communities on the important impact Mentoring Children has in the community, identifies and assists organizations needing volunteer mentors and suggests additional ways everyone can support mentoring.
- **Michigan Student Service Award:** High school students who volunteer at least 400 hours in their high school career receive a gold medallion and certificate of distinction signed by the governor and the Volunteer Center director.



# Calhoun County

## Volunteer Center of Battle Creek

34 West Jackson Street, Suite 4A

Battle Creek, MI 49017

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### Executive Director

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### Program Director

Kari Marciniak

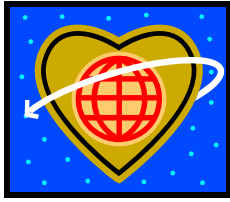
269-966-4189

[kari@volcenterbc.org](mailto:kari@volcenterbc.org)

The Volunteer Center of Battle Creek was founded in 1949 and its mission is to mobilize volunteers and connect people, information and services to build a strong, caring community. The Volunteer Center accomplishes its mission through two primary program areas: volunteer services and 211.

### Programs and Services

- **Youth Avail:** community based service-learning program designed for “at-risk” youth in the community. Youth do service-learning in the areas that are important to them; and are mentored by volunteers in the program. Contact: VISTA members Paco Long-Mendez or Luanne Turner.
- **SummerServe:** summer youth volunteering program. Participants ages 13-19 are matched with an area agency and volunteer a minimum of 40 hours at that agency over the eight weeks of the program. Contact Kari Marciniak.
- **Volunteer Management Support/Training:** Staff and support the local Calhoun Area Volunteer Network (group of volunteer managers), provide volunteer management training in collaboration with Volunteer Center of Greater Kalamazoo and the Allegan County United Way and Volunteer Center. Contact Kari Marciniak.
- **Michigan Student Service Award:** High school students who volunteer at least 400 hours in their high school career receive a gold medallion and certificate of distinction signed by the governor and the Volunteer Center director.
- **POLF/VISTA Program:** Two VISTA members are housed in our volunteer center, working to support our Youth at Risk activities.
- **Calhoun Area Volunteer Network:** Contact Kari Marciniak, President.
- **Individual volunteer matching/placement**
- **Volunteer coordination for area special events upon request**
- **Operate the Calhoun County Corporate Volunteer Council**
- **Coordinate volunteers for United Way Day of Caring**
- **Participate in National Days of Service**
- **Youth on Board training**
- **Volunteers (school-year volunteering program)**
- **Annual Volunteer Recognition Event**
- **Operation of 211 call center for Calhoun County**



# Chippewa County

## United Way Volunteer Center of Chippewa County

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Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

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### Director

Kristina Beamish

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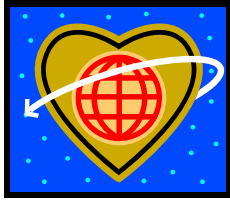
kristina@unitedwayofchippewacounty.org

### Programs and Services

- **POLF / VISTA program:** VISTA members provided to the Volunteer center lead a number of meaningful programs for the Chippewa County area.
- **Satellite Volunteer Centers:** The United Way Volunteer Center of Chippewa county is in the midst of launching two satellite centers. One is housed within the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the other is placed on the campus of Lake Superior State University. Both programs tailor the activities and opportunities offered to meet the unique needs of their constituents.
- **American Red Cross Masters of Disaster program:** Students in an outlying country school are trained and prepared how to best deal with natural disasters and emergency situations. Trainings include adult, infant and child CPR/First Aid, babysitting training, and emergency response tactics.
- **EITC and VITA:** In a partnership with the local Community Action Agency and the Department of Human Services, the United Way Volunteer Center will provide low income families and senior citizens an opportunity to have their income tax returns prepared by trained volunteers with a focus on asset development.
- **Youth At Risk:** Together with the local Intermediate School District this program provides at risk youth an opportunity to build their skills and futures through service performed in the community. Efforts can include job skill building, career path exploration, and an opportunity to make a difference while building self esteem.
- **Recognition Spotlight:** Allows area residents to nominate and honor individuals, groups and businesses that serve the community through volunteerism. Honors are announced monthly with an overall winner of the year announced at the annual recognition event.
- **Service Mentors Program:** Two area schools take part in this pilot program. Middle school students learn the elements of planning and implementing service projects that address community needs. Students then teach elementary level students about the issues being addressed and lead them through projects that benefit programs and organizations that address the needs.

### Annual Special Events

- **Local Heroes Chili Cook Off:** Stemming from a celebration of the local fire fighters and police officers that protect our community, this event was first held on the 1 year anniversary of 9/11. Since that time over 30 teams compete to raise awareness and kick off the United Way campaign.
- **Make a Difference Day:** Annual promotion of the National Day of Doing Good takes place via all media outlets including radio, newspaper, and television releases. Special promotion to student groups takes place as well as planned activities that provide opportunities to get involved.
- **Pictures with Santa:** Annual Special event fund raiser to benefit the Volunteer Center
- **National Volunteer Week Annual Recognition Luncheon:** The premier event in Chippewa County that hundreds of volunteers and organizations alike attend to celebrate the difference they make in the community.



# Clare County

## United Way & Volunteer Center of Clare County

106 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, PO Box 116

Clare, MI 48617

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### Executive Director

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### Volunteer Center Program Director

Mona Keeley

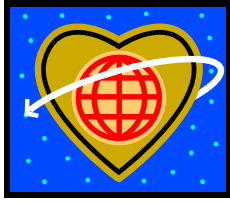
989-386-6015

[mkeeley@unitedwayclare.org](mailto:mkeeley@unitedwayclare.org)

United Way of Clare County has been meeting needs in our community for 12 years. Through our network of member agencies, volunteers and community leaders, we take a leadership role in addressing health and human service issues that face Clare County. Volunteers raise funds for our community's most critical health and human care needs.

### Program and Services

- **Volunteer Referral Services:** Help bring together volunteers and organizations that need them. Referrals are obtained by calling the center.
- **Volunteer of the Month Award:** Volunteers are recognized monthly in local papers and community events. Nominations can be made by contacting the center.
- **Make a Difference Day:** The Volunteer Center holds an annual hat and mitten drive in conjunction with area partners. Other local Make a Difference Day projects will be promoted through the volunteer center. Register your event by contacting the center.
- **Community Garden:** The Volunteer Center has a community garden open to individuals and groups. Each person or group is responsible for maintaining and harvesting their plot. Obtain a plot by contacting the center.
- **Back to School Event:** An annual back-to-school event offering back packs and other school supplies to children in need is held annually through the Department of Human Services and United Way and Volunteer Center.



# Dickinson, Iron Counties

## Volunteer Center of Dickinson & Iron Counties

800 Crystal Lake Blvd., Suite 104

Iron Mountain, MI 49801

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Fax: 906-774-2257

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### Volunteer Services Director

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906-774-2256 x29

### Communications Director

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### Branch Office

Iron River Senior Center

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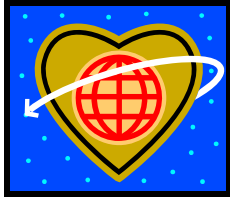
Iron River, MI 49935

906-265-6134

The Volunteer Center of Dickinson and Iron Counties primary focus is to recruit volunteers and direct them toward local community needs. Anyone, of any age, can volunteer through the Center at places where their help is needed most. Volunteers are recognized through photos and press releases in our local newspaper. The Volunteer Center also serves as a location where individuals or organizations can call to request volunteers for specific projects. The Center staff will work to help them find volunteers to fulfill their needs.

### Program and Services

- **Michigan Student Service Award:** High school students who volunteer at least 400 hours in their high school career receive a gold medallion and certificate of distinction signed by the governor and the Volunteer Center director. Contact: Todd Essendrup.
- **Youth Events:** DICSA's Volunteer Services Staff is open to coordinating and/or participating in youth-led community event such as children's carnivals, working with high school groups, community dances, and charity sporting events. Staff will provide oversight and advertising for the event. Contact: Todd Essendrup.
- **Minors In Possession Program (MIP):** The Dickinson and Iron County Court system refer youth with minor infractions to our volunteer center to complete a court ordered amount of community service hours. Our goal is to provide positive volunteer opportunities that are visible within the community and meaningful to both the agency/organizations and the youth. Contact: Todd Essendrup.
- **RSVP:** The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program is a program that offers adults ages 55 and older volunteer opportunities to meet critical community needs. We currently have over 50 volunteer stations available to provide our volunteers with a high quality experience to enrich their lives as well as the individuals they serve. Contact: Kristin Sommerfeld.



# Genesee County

## Resource Center

1401 S. Grand Traverse  
Flint, MI 48503

Phone: 810-232-6300 Fax: 810-232-3738

Website: [www.rescen.org](http://www.rescen.org) & [www.volhere.org](http://www.volhere.org)

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### Resource Center Volunteer and Information Services

Program Director  
Sybyl M. Atwood

Database Consultant  
Maurine McLeod

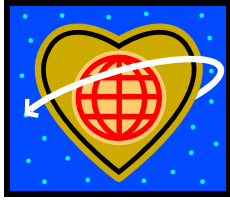
Greater Flint Youth  
Leadership Program  
Director  
Karianne Martus

Program Coordinator:  
Heatherlun Uphold

The Resource Center was established as a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization in 1997 through a community-wide effort to address the need for efficient, cost effective community volunteer coordination and nonprofit support. The Community Foundation of Greater Flint and the United Way of Genesee and Lapeer Counties worked to establish the center in response to a 1995 Michigan CARES study through the Michigan Community Service Commission that documented a deteriorating volunteer infrastructure in Genesee County. The Center is the merger of *Leadership Flint*, in existence since 1973, the *Flint Executive Service Corps* in existence since 1985, and the *United Way Voluntary Action Center* and *First Call for Help*, an information referral service since 1966.

### Programs and Services

- **Information Line:** Provides callers with information about human services that are available in the Flint area.
- **Community SourceBook:** Information on services provided by more than 600 nonprofit agencies, educational and health institutions, and governmental entities in the Genesee County area (there is a fee for this service).
- **Clubs & Service Organizations Directory:** Information on 400+ membership and service organizations in the Greater Flint area (there is a fee for this service).
- **Mailing Labels & Lists:** Mailing lists and labels provided for nonprofit organizations, clubs, and service organizations in the Resource Center database.
- **Holiday Wishlist:** Annual list published by *The Flint Journal*. Nonprofit organizations may submit their lists of needs, financial and otherwise, to the Resource Center every October.
- **POLF/VISTA Program:** Three VISTA members are housed in our volunteer center working to support our Family Strengthening and Earned Income Tax Credit activities.



# Grand Traverse, Antrim, Benzie, Kalkaska, Leelanau Counties

## Volunteer Center of Northwest Michigan

521 South Union Street, PO Box 694

Traverse City, MI 49685-0694

Phone: 231-947-3200 x20

Fax: 231-947-3201

Website: [www.unitedway.tcnet.org/current.html](http://www.unitedway.tcnet.org/current.html)

### Director of Volunteer Center, United Way of Northwest Michigan

Susan McQuaid  
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231-947-3200 x20

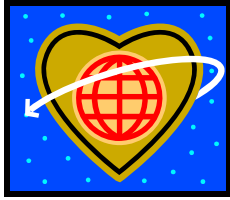
### Volunteer Center Assistant

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The United Way of Northwest Michigan Volunteer Center is a clearinghouse for volunteerism in Northwest Michigan including Antrim, Benzie, Leelanau, Kalkaska and Grand Traverse counties. We presently help 190 non-profit agencies recruit, support, train and recognize volunteers. We work with schools, faith based organizations, service clubs and business matching volunteer opportunities. The Volunteer Center also includes the Retired and Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP).

### Programs and Services

- **Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP):** 55 years of age and older participate in community opportunities bringing expertise and experience to community issues. Contact: Susan McQuaid
- **Tuesday Toolman:** Helping low-income seniors with minor home repair. Contact: Susan McQuaid.
- **School-Based Mentoring:** One to one school based mentoring throughout Northwest Michigan school districts. Contact: Susan McQuaid.
- **Afghan Angels**
- **Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE)**
- **Volunteer Tax Assistance Program (VITA)**
- **Veterans History Program**
- **United Way of Northwest Michigan Day of Caring**



# Hillsdale County

## Hillsdale County United Way & Volunteers in Action

30 N. Howell Street, Suite 21

P.O. Box 203

Hillsdale, MI 49242

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### **Volunteer Services**

#### **Coordinator**

Kelly LoPresto

517-439-5050

hcvia@frontiernet.net

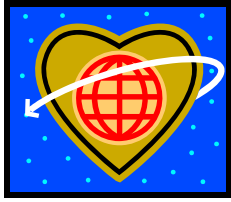
### **Youth Board Coordinator**

Kristina Berger

Through the Volunteers in Action program, Hillsdale County United Way brings together all types of individuals, businesses, and organizations in a united approach to serve our community. Our goal is to assist all nonprofit organizations in their work by filling their needs for volunteers, while offering county residents meaningful opportunities to use their skills and abilities in community service.

### **Program and Services**

- **Scrip Program:** A program in which national and local retailers agree to sell gift certificates to United Way at a discount. Individuals buy and use the certificates at full face value, and United Way keeps the difference!
- **Plant a Row for the Hungry**
- **Operation Backpack**
- **Make a Difference Day**
- **POLF/VISTA Program:** VISTA member housed in our volunteer center working to support our Youth at Risk activities.
- **Michigan Student Service Award:** High school students who volunteer at least 400 hours in their high school career receive a gold medallion and certificate of distinction signed by the governor and the Volunteer Center director.



# Ingham, Eaton, Clinton Counties

## Capital Area United Way Volunteer Center

1111 Michigan Avenue, Suite 300

East Lansing, MI 48823

Phone: 517-203-5033 Fax: 517-203-5001

Website: [www.volunteerlansing.org](http://www.volunteerlansing.org)

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### Senior Associate Director for Volunteer Services and Community Initiatives

Suzanne Eman-Jaehnig

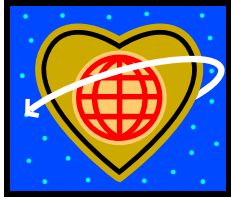
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As of January 2005 the Volunteer Center of Mid-Michigan became the Capital Area United Way Volunteer Center. The Volunteer Center serves the community in many ways including linking volunteers with service opportunities, linking nonprofit agencies with volunteers, recognizing local volunteers, holding annual service days such as Make a Difference and Days of Caring and providing volunteer management training opportunities to nonprofits who utilize volunteers.

### Programs and Services

- **Volunteer Matching Website:** Using software called Volunteer Solutions. This site can be accessed at [www.volunteerlansing.org](http://www.volunteerlansing.org). Agencies can register and post volunteer opportunities both short and long term and volunteers can search for opportunities in which they are interested.
- **Service Days:** Our agency participates in a variety of service days which include Days of Caring, Make a Difference Day, Thanksgiving Volunteer Day project, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Letter Carriers Food Drive, Coats for Kids Drive, among others.
- **POLF/VISTA Program:** Two VISTA members are housed in our volunteer center; one works to support our Earned Income Tax Credit activities, one works to support our Faith Based activities.
- **Volunteer Management Training**



# Isabella County

## United Way of Isabella County Volunteer Center

402 South University

Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Phone: 989-773-9863

Fax: 989-772-8152

Web Site: [www.unitedwayisaco.org](http://www.unitedwayisaco.org)

### United Way Executive Director

Nichole Bliss

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### Operations & Volunteer Coordinator

Amy Town

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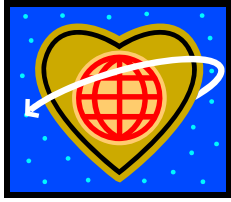
### Administrative Assistant

Janet Morgan

The Isabella County Volunteer Center opened in 1993, and was rolled into United Way's Community Impact Program in 2005. The Community Impact program collaborates with the Central Michigan University Volunteer Center, planning and implementing programs and days of service for the campus and entire community. The Community Impact Program also acts as the community liaison between nonprofit entities and the University, and approves all volunteer opportunities for staff, faculty, and students of CMU.

### Program and Services

- **Individual and large group volunteer referral**
- **Information and referral**
- **Adopt-A-family:** Holiday program
- **Week of Caring:** Volunteer event and UW kick-off
- **Oil Change/Car Wash:** Volunteer event & fundraiser, part of Week of Caring
- **Volunteer of the Week:** Organizations provide their selections for Volunteer of the Week to the Volunteer Center. A selection is made by our staff and the lucky winner receives recognition in the form of radio and media attention.
- **FEMA Allocator**
- **Fiduciary of Friends of the CMU Social Work Group**
- **Fiduciary of the Regional Interagency Coordinating Committee**
- **Volunteer Coordinator:** Resource Library
- **American Red Cross:** Disaster Services Community Volunteer Liaison
- **Community Emergency Response:** Team Advisor
- **Juvenile Justice:** Long-term mentoring Affiliate
- **PEAK Advisor**
- **Pennies for People:** Volunteer event and fundraiser



# Jackson County

## Jackson Nonprofit Support Center

1100 Clinton Road, Suite 215

Jackson, MI 49202

Phone: 517-796-4750 Fax: 517-796-5981

Website: [www.jacksonnonprofit.org](http://www.jacksonnonprofit.org)

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### Executive Director

Erin Skelly-Smith

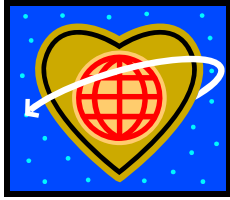
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In 1999 the Jackson Nonprofit Support Center was formed to promote excellence in nonprofit management, service delivery and volunteerism in Jackson County. We strive to be THE place volunteers go when they are looking to donate their time. The Volunteer Center is growing to meet the needs of the community.

### Programs and Services

- **Volunteer SuperStars:** Jackson County volunteers who tirelessly work to improve our community are honored during National Volunteer Week.
- **Service Days:** throughout the year
- **Agency Volunteer Placements**
- **Personalized technical assistance for nonprofits**
- **Profiles of Jackson County nonprofit organizations:** their programs and services
- **Volunteer job descriptions and vacancies**
- **Calendar** of fundraising events and campaigns
- **Calendar** of seminars and education
- **Organizational assessments**
- **Consulting services** on how to become a community partner
- **Consulting services** on the promotion of volunteerism
- **Extensive resource library**



# Kalamazoo County

## Volunteer Center of Greater Kalamazoo

709-A South Westnedge Avenue

Kalamazoo, MI 49007

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Website: [www.volunteerkalamazoo.org](http://www.volunteerkalamazoo.org)

### Executive Director

Judy Huth

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### Program Manager

Ann MacCreery

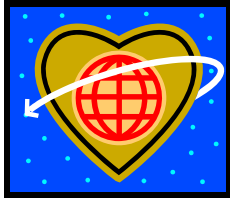
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For more than forty years, the Volunteer Center of Greater Kalamazoo has been building connections between local nonprofit organizations and community volunteers. We improve our community by helping nonprofit organizations to achieve their respective missions through effective volunteer programs. We also promote volunteerism and publicize local volunteer needs through a variety of programs and services.

### Programs and Services

- **Volunteer Program Assessment, Consulting and Training:** Capacity-building services provided at little or no cost to local nonprofit organizations. Contact Judy Huth.
- **Volunteer Recruitment and Data Management:** On-line searchable database of current volunteer opportunities plus low-cost technology solutions for nonprofit organizations to enable them to manage their volunteer records. Contact Ann MacCreery.
- **STAR Awards:** Annual community-wide volunteer recognition program. Contact Judy Huth.
- **Volunteens:** Summer program for youth ages 12-18
- **Volunteer Guidebook:** Annual publication providing comprehensive information about local volunteer opportunities.
- **Board workshops and training**
- **People Need You:** Weekly column in Kalamazoo Gazette listing current volunteer opportunities.
- **Volunteer Center Newsletter:** Issued 3 times each year.
- **Michigan Student Service Award:** High school students who volunteer at least 400 hours in their high school career receive a gold medallion and certificate of distinction signed by the governor and the Volunteer Center director.
- **Speakers Bureau:** Speakers available to local groups on topics related to volunteerism.
- **Kalamazoo Association of Volunteer Administrators (KAVA):** Contact Jane Bodway at 269-349-8714 ext. 113.



# Kent County

## Heart of West MI United Way Volunteer Center

118 Commerce Avenue SW

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Phone: 616-752-8603 Fax: 616-459-8460

Website: [www.unitedwaycares.com](http://www.unitedwaycares.com)

### Volunteer Center Director

Jane Royer

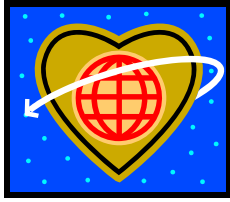
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Heart of West Michigan United Way's Volunteer Center is committed to linking volunteer groups with opportunities to serve the community, empowering agencies to use volunteers effectively and advocating for volunteerism resulting in an increased number of volunteers involved in the community. Our goal is to generate resources to improve lives and build a stronger community.

### Programs and Services

- **Corporate Volunteerism:** Helps companies enhance their current volunteerism program, start a new one, or to become involved in the community through projects such as the Day of Caring and the Adopt-a-Family holiday program.
- **Families and Community Together for Students:** Through the FACTS program, volunteers help early elementary children build their reading skills, helping children gain the confidence they need to be successful.
- **Individual Volunteerism through United Way's 211:** In addition to getting help through United Way's 211 (our information and referral department) individual volunteers are referred to opportunities to give help.
- **Volunteer Solutions:** Volunteer Solutions is a free web-based volunteer matching system. Over 125 nonprofit agencies use the system to advertise their volunteer needs.



# Midland County

## United Way of Midland County Volunteer Center

220 W. Main Street, Suite 100

Midland, MI 48640

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Web Site: [www.unitedwaymidland.org](http://www.unitedwaymidland.org)

### Volunteer Center Director

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#### Director

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### Volunteer Outreach

#### Director

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### Office Manager

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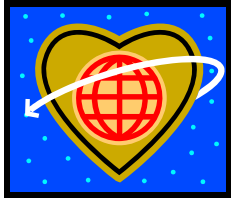
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Since 1971, the United Way Volunteer Center (formerly known as the Voluntary Action Center) has improved lives in Midland County by connecting volunteers with opportunities to serve. The Volunteer Center also serves over 130 nonprofit agencies through volunteer referral, consulting services and community programs.

### Programs and Services

- **Sharing Tree:** Holiday assistance program serving 136 agencies; provides an opportunity for donors to anonymously support human service agencies and their clients during the holiday season. Contact Pat Pashak.
- **VolunTEEN:** Teen service and recognition program; provides weekly recognition of teens actively serving the community as volunteers; an annual recognition event concludes the school year. Contact Janet Fergin.
- **Season of Caring:** Group volunteering event occurring in the spring and fall; volunteer groups from the community volunteer to perform yard and minor home maintenance projects for low-income seniors and health-impaired residents allowing them to remain independent in their homes. Contact Pat Pashak.
- **Eat Your Heart Out:** Fundraiser/friendraiser for the Volunteer Center programs
- **Rake-A-Difference/Family Volunteering Day**
- **Ask the Lawyer**
- **Community Wish List**
- **DOVIA:** Contact Janet Fergin, Vice-President



# Montcalm County

## Volunteer Connections of Montcalm County

6756 S. Greenville Road, P.O. Box 128

Greenville, MI 48838

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### Executive Director

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### Volunteer Services

#### Assistant

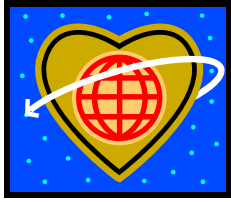
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## Programs and Services

- **Montcalm Area Volunteer and Mentoring Consortium:** Facilitate a bi-monthly meeting with Volunteer Coordinators in several partner organizations.
- **Volunteer Recruitment:** Monthly column of 'Volunteer Opportunities' published with 'Volunteer of the Month' article.
- **1-800-volunteer.org:** Web-based recruitment/referral.
- **Volunteer Referral:** Phone or face-to-face.
- **Volunteer Recognition:** Monthly 'Volunteer of the Month' article in local (daily) newspaper. Volunteer is nominated by anyone (mostly partner organizations), selected by Montcalm Area Volunteer & Mentoring Consortium, interviewed & article written & submitted by our staff.
- **Michigan Student Service Award:** High school students who volunteer at least 400 hours in their high school career receive a gold medallion and certificate of distinction signed by the governor and the Volunteer Center director.
- **Volunteer Management Training:** Using the Volunteer Management Training Series from the Points of Light Foundation.
- **Medical Reserve Corps:** Federal grant to recruit, train, and coordinate a group of volunteers with medical backgrounds who are willing to respond in an emergency/ disaster situation.
- **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT):** Helping to recruit and promote this 20 hour training and to build a volunteer corps from among those citizens who complete the training.
- **POLF/VISTA Programs:** Two VISTA members are housed in our volunteer center-one who works to support our Homeland Security activities; and the other who coordinates the Earned Income Tax Credit/Tax Assistance program.
- **Volunteer Recognition Event:** 'Night of the Stars' Annual Event
- **Fundraiser:** Celebrity Dinner Theater Annual Event



# Muskegon County

## Volunteer Muskegon!

880 Jefferson, Suite A

Muskegon, MI 49440

Phone: 231-722-6600

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Website: [www.volunteermuskegon.org](http://www.volunteermuskegon.org)

### Director

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### RASP Program Director

Kerri Roberts

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### AmeriCorps Program Director

Angela Sullivan

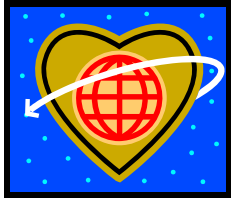
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Volunteer Muskegon was started in 1996 as part of the Michigan CARES Project, a grant from W.K. Kellogg Foundation to study volunteerism in five communities in the State Michigan. This process resulted in collaboration between the United Way and the Community Foundation for Muskegon County. Volunteer Muskegon from beginning included the Youth Volunteer Corps (YVC) as the youth component of the center. Volunteer Muskegon is also the sponsoring organization for two federal programs, AmeriCorps\* and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). Currently there are 2 VISTA members working in Homeland Security and the Earned Income Tax Credit. Volunteer Muskegon works with more than 120 agencies in the community addressing needs. Two annual special events are held each year, a wine tasting and auction and the Human Race.

### Programs and Services

- **POLF/VISTA Program:** Two VISTA members are housed in our volunteer center, one works to support our Homeland Security activities; one works to support our Family Strengthening activities. Contact Angela Sullivan.
- **Michigan Student Service Award:** High school students who volunteer at least 400 hours in their high school career receive a gold medallion and certificate of distinction signed by the governor and the Volunteer Center director.
- **Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP):** Works with volunteers over 55 placing them in the community to address issues. Contact Kerri Roberts.
- **Youth Volunteer Corps (YVC):** Works with youth 12-18 in service-learning projects throughout the year with an intensive summer of service. Contact Martha Bottomley/Angela Sullivan.
- **Medical Reserve Corps:** Recruiting and training of retired medical personnel.
- **EITC:** Partnership with Goodwill to serve the population of the community.
- **Keep Kids In School (KKIS):** Truancy project with the city of Muskegon Police Department, Prosecutors Office, Muskegon Public Schools, 911 and RSVP.
- **Helping Hands:** Knitting, crocheting and sewing project to make items for the community.
- **Senior Safety Trio:** 911 only cell phone, blinking light for the home and vile for life for medical records.
- **Family to Family:** Holiday food and gift project.
- **Volunteer Fair:** Community wide recruitment at the local mall.
- **National Days of Service:** National Youth Service Day, Join Hands Day, Make a Difference Day.
- **Volunteer Coordinators Group:** Contact Susan Reese at 231-722-6600 ext. 14.



# Newaygo County

## Newaygo County Community Service Volunteer Resource Center

6308 S Warner Avenue, PO Box 149

Fremont, MI 49412

Phone: 231-924-0641 Fax: 231-924-5594

Web Site: [www.nccsweb.org](http://www.nccsweb.org)

### Volunteer Resource Center Director

Andy Wright

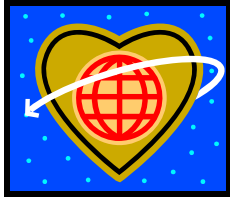
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Volunteer Resource Center began in 2001. The NCCS Volunteer Resource Center strives to enhance the quality of life in Newaygo County by promoting and supporting volunteerism. We are conveners for the community, catalysts for social action and key local resources for volunteer involvement. We bring people and community needs together through a range of programs and services based upon community needs and other factors.

### Programs and Services

- **MI Works Job Site:** Helps displaced workers gain work experience through the VRC and other agencies for work experience.
- **School To Work Site:** Places high school interns in VRC and other agencies for work experience.
- **County Court Community Service Work Site:** Places youth and adults offenders in community service experiences through the VRC and other agencies for work experience.
- **Medical Reserve Corps:** The mission of the Medical Reserve Corps of Newaygo County is to be the catalyst for trained medical and supportive service volunteers to serve Newaygo County when disasters or emergencies strike. The MRC consists of medical, health-related and other professionals designed to supplement local emergency plans and resources already in place in Newaygo County. Contacts: Andy Wright, Jan Casey and Shari Shell
- **Project Literacy:** Contact Andy Wright
- **Service Learning Projects:** Offers free confidential, one-on-one tutoring in basic reading and writing skills for adults. Contact Andy Wright
- **Newaygo County Volunteer Coordinator Committee:** Contact Andy Wright
- **Recruitment, referral, training:** Contact Andy Wright and volunteer staff
- **POLF/VISTA Program:** Two VISTA members are housed in our volunteer center, working to support our Homeland Security and Faith Based activities.
- **Michigan Student Service Award:** High school students who volunteer at least 400 hours in their high school career receive a gold medallion and certificate of distinction signed by the governor and the Volunteer Center director.
- **Join Hands Day**
- **Make A Difference Day**
- **Newaygo Countywide Volunteer Recognition**
- **Community of Efforts Volunteer Celebration**



# Otsego County

## Volunteer Center of Otsego County

PO Box 1025

Gaylord, MI 49734

Phone: 989-705-8584 Fax: 989-732-8080

Web Site: [otsego.org/vcoc](http://otsego.org/vcoc)

### Executive Director:

Susan Smethurst  
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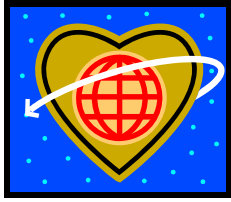
### Program Coordinator:

Janellen Kucharek  
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[vcoc@freeway.net](mailto:vcoc@freeway.net)

For nine years the mission of the Volunteer Center of Otsego County has remained the same, to build healthy communities through volunteerism. The road map for our center are the following four competencies: to connect people with the opportunity to serve; build the capacity for effective local volunteering; promote volunteering; and participate in strategic initiatives that mobilize volunteers. By adopting to and building upon these principles, we take pride in knowing that the center programs are making a difference in helping to meet local agencies needs, ensure individuals and families live healthy lives, and helping to increase the number of people who have the opportunity to live self-sufficiently, interdependently, and with dignity.

### Program and Services

- **Court-ordered Community Service:** Work in partnership with the family court to place juveniles ages 10-17 years old into court ordered service. Contact Susan Smethurst.
- **Youth Volunteerism Scholarship:** In partnership with the Krug family, the volunteer center provides two \$500 scholarships, recognizing students engaged in volunteer service in Otsego County. Contact Susan Smethurst.
- **Road to Recovery Transportation Program:** In partnership with the American Cancer Society, this program provides transportation to cancer patients to and from their home, free of charge. Contact Janellen Kucharek.
- **Michigan Student Service Award:** High school students who volunteer at least 400 hours in their high school career receive a gold medallion and certificate of distinction signed by the governor and the Volunteer Center director.
- **POLF/VISTA Program:** VISTA member housed in our volunteer center working to support our Youth at Risk activities.
- **Otsego Youth Leadership Corps/Youth on Board**
- **Holiday Adopt a Family**
- **Make A Difference Day**
- **National Volunteer Week Blue Ribbon Campaign**
- **Spirit of Volunteerism Awards**
- **Corporate Volunteering**
- **Volunteer Training Workshops**
- **Volunteer Recruitment, Placement, Trainings, Management**



# Ottawa County

## Greater Ottawa County United Way & Volunteer Center

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P.O. Box 1349 (mailing address)  
Holland, MI 49423  
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700 Fulton Street  
Grand Haven, MI 49417  
Phone: 616-396-7811  
Fax: 616-842-3596

Website: [www.gouwvc.org](http://www.gouwvc.org)

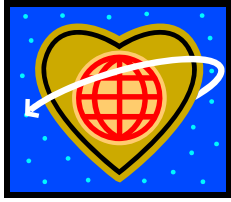
### Volunteer Center Director

Paulina Lawton  
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Our existing volunteer center was so dynamic in our tri-cities area that local United Way community leaders decided to make the volunteer center an integral part of the Tri-Cities United Way. In 2003, when four Ottawa County United Ways merged into Greater Ottawa County United Way, it was agreed that the volunteer center was one of the most successful components of the United Way and remained an internal program/service of Greater Ottawa County United Way. With 3 solid years of experience, this volunteer center is the “go-to” place for volunteers and for organizations who look to connect community need to community time and talent.

### Programs and Services

- **Beach Sweep:** Program to maintain the shorelines of Lake Michigan, the trash collected and date recorded of that material is used by the Lake Michigan Federation and the Ocean Conservancy to encourage legislation for clean water protection.
- **Red Ribbon Campaign:** Distributes red ribbons in the shape of a “V” to area nonprofit organizations, churches, schools, libraries and other organizations who depend on volunteers; they distribute them to their volunteers as a sign of their appreciation.
- **Volunteer Solutions:** Web-based resource that allows agencies to market themselves to volunteers allowing volunteers to pick and choose opportunities that match their personal and professional mission.
- **Serve Day:** Connecting youth of our community with senior citizens; this daylong project unites junior high and senior high age youth with senior citizens to paint porches, plant flowers, etc.
- **Night of 100 Stars:** Oscar-like event that recognizes 100 of the communities “brightest stars,” people who have made our community shine because of their volunteer efforts.
- **Michigan Student Service Award:** High school students who volunteer at least 400 hours in their high school career receive a gold medallion and certificate of distinction signed by the governor and the Volunteer Center director.



# Saginaw County

## Volunteer Services - United Way of Saginaw County

100 South Jefferson, 3rd Floor

Saginaw, MI 48607

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Website: [www.unitedwaysaginaw.org](http://www.unitedwaysaginaw.org)

### Volunteer Services Coordinator

Marsha L. Cooley

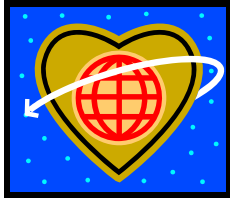
989-755-0433 ext. 203

[mcooley@unitedwaysaginaw.org](mailto:mcooley@unitedwaysaginaw.org)

In 1999, Community Volunteer Services became a division of United Way of Saginaw County. Since that time we have carried on the strong history of serving Saginaw County that was started by Voluntary Action Center. Community Volunteer Services fosters the spirit of giving in our community and links individuals, families, groups and businesses with volunteer opportunities promoting personal growth, career exploration and community involvement. Our goal is to mobilize people and resources to deliver creative solutions to community problems.

### Program and Services

- **Holiday Wish List program:** Brings people in need together with donors that would like to help make someone's holidays brighter. Community members annually donate over \$100,000 in monetary and material contributions.
- **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program:** Beginning its 37th year, annually this program serves over 1,700 clients by preparing over 3,700 returns that brings over \$500,000 back to our community.
- **Gifts in Kind International:** We are members of GIK International and we also coordinate a local Gifts in Kind program matching local donations with nonprofit organizations that distribute the items to their clientele or use the items for their own organization to serve their clientele. Gifts in Kind distributed over \$72,000 worth of items in 2005.
- **Re-Distribution Center:** A collaborative effort between United Way and five other organizations that collect good used or new household items to assist those in need.
- **Nonprofit Institute:** UWSC is collaborating with Saginaw Valley State University to provide training in nonprofit management to nonprofit organizations.
- **Volunteer START:** Students Towards A Responsible Tomorrow, this program received a \$50,000 grant to engage high school students in volunteer projects. Student groups submit an RFP for a grant up to \$2,500 to fund their project and benefit a local nonprofit.
- **Youth Service Days:** Students Spring into Service Day and Make a Difference Day. Collaboration between UWSC, Saginaw Community Foundation, Master Gardner's Association and several other organizations to provide high school students with a service day twice a year.
- **DOVIA:** contact Marsha Cooley.
- **Michigan Student Service Award:** High school students who volunteer at least 400 hours in their high school career receive a gold medallion and certificate of distinction signed by the governor and the Volunteer Center director.



# Washtenaw County

## Community Resource Center

122 W. Main St., P.O. Box 433

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For Volunteer Opportunities: 1-800-Volunteer.org

### Director

Chris Kanta

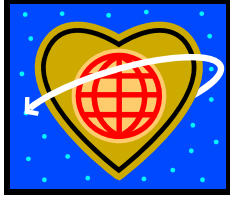
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From its beginning in the wake of a large factory closing in Manchester during the recession of the late 1980's, the Community Resource Center has had at its center the mission to empower those who weave the fabric of community in the Manchester area. Retirees deliver hot meals to their homebound neighbors. High school seniors commit their time to helping freshmen make the adjustment to high school. Local medical professionals fight the epidemic of obesity that affects our community like the rest of the nation. And the CRC helps make this possible and promotes the spirit of volunteerism and community.

### Programs and Services

- **Volunteer Recognition Banquet:** This event is held yearly and highlights the dedication of volunteers nominated by nonprofits and civic groups. Contact Chris Kanta.
- **Information and Referral:** The CRC points people to resources and provides information for the area. Contact Chris Kanta.
- **Food Pantry:** A daily food pantry is available to needy individuals and families through the generosity of individuals, churches, and collections from businesses.
- **WAVC:** Washtenaw Association of Volunteer Coordinators, contact April Tickrel: [apickrel@umich.edu](mailto:apickrel@umich.edu)
- **Summer recreation**
- **Senior meals/transportation**
- **Emergency needs**
- **Volunteer information and referrals**
- **1-800-volunteer.org online volunteer connections**



# Wayne, Oakland, Macomb Counties

## The George W. Romney Volunteer Center

United Way for Southeastern Michigan

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Detroit, MI 48226-1899

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### Volunteer Center Director

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### Programs and Services

- **United Way Campaign Kick Off Days of Caring:** Over 1,500 volunteers participate in multiple projects around the tri-county including packing food boxes, landscaping, and building handicap ramp access.
- **BoardWalk:** Developing Board Leaders Through Training. An affordable, effective education for board members and chief staff executives of non-profit organizations.
- **Southeast Michigan Corporate Volunteer Council:** Strives to act as a catalyst for businesses to help build, promote, and sustain successful volunteer programs through developmental, networking and volunteer opportunities that serve and positively impact the Metropolitan Detroit community.
- **Celebrate Volunteers Award Luncheon:** Since 1995, United Way honors local volunteers with one of the largest award luncheons in the country, an event which attracts over 1,100 guests annually.
- **Student Volunteer Program:** Work with several high schools to encourage volunteerism with their students.
- **UWSEM 'Standards':** Our volunteer standards serve as a resource and guide in planning and evaluating an organization's volunteer policies and guidelines.

