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## Global Volunteer Handbook

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**The Center for Global Citizenship at Becker College offers numerous opportunities for volunteerism, near and far. In addition to the following organizations, we also offer local, domestic, and international service learning trips every year. Please stop in at the CGC any time for more information. You can make a positive difference in the world!**

### **New Lands Farm**

New Lands Farm is a program sponsored by Ascentria Care Alliance of Lutheran Social Services that offers new Americans the opportunity to farm in their new home. By growing food for their families and local markets, refugee and immigrant farmers engage in their new community while connecting to their traditional culture, diet and way of life. New Lands Farm supports over 100 farmers and their families on two farms and multiple garden sites in the greater Springfield and Worcester areas. The farmers grow a variety of ethnic crops as well as familiar New England produce using natural and sustainable growing methods.

64 Highland Street, Worcester, MA  
Phone: (508) 791-1110

51 Union Street, Worcester, MA 01608  
Phone: 508-754-1121

14 East Worcester Street, #300 Worcester, MA  
Phone: (774) 243-3900  
Website: [www.ascentria.org/](http://www.ascentria.org/)

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Assist in planting and harvesting.

### **Habitat for Humanity**

Habitat for Humanity is a part of a global, nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide. Habitat for Humanity partners with hardworking families who must demonstrate a need for housing, an ability to pay, and complete 400-500 hours of sweat equity before buying their homes.

11 Distributor Road, Worcester, MA 01605  
Phone: (508) 799-9259  
Fax: (508) 7993925  
Email: [office@habitatmwgw.org](mailto:office@habitatmwgw.org)  
Website: [www.habitatmwgw.org](http://www.habitatmwgw.org)

### **ReStore**

Email: [restore@habitatmwgw.org](mailto:restore@habitatmwgw.org)

**Debbie Maruca Hoak - ReStore Director**

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Email: [debbie.marucahoak@habitatmwgw.org](mailto:debbie.marucahoak@habitatmwgw.org)

**Molly Pietrantonio**

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**Volunteer Opportunities:** volunteer at the ReStore and participate in a service learning trip to build a home.

**\*African Community Education**

African Community Education (ACE) assists students in realizing their educational, cultural and social goals, while guiding them in becoming competent, responsible and productive citizens in the Worcester, MA area as well as the greater society. ACE aims to achieve this mission by providing academic and non-academic programming during after-school and out-of-school time.

**Fanning Building**

24 Chatham Street, Worcester, MA 01609

Phone: 508-799-3653

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

**Amy Connery**

Email: [aconnery@children.org](mailto:aconnery@children.org)

**Frank Murphy**

Email: [fmurphy@acechildren.org](mailto:fmurphy@acechildren.org)

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Assist with after school tutoring Monday through Thursday.

**LGBT Asylum Support Task Force**

LGBT Asylum Support Task Force assists with the basic needs of LGBT people seeking asylum in the United States. Striving to provide, find, or facilitate housing, food, clothing, health and psychological care, religious support, cell phone contact with attorneys and family, and transportation. A large effort is put forth so that someday no LGBT person will need to seek asylum because of their sexual orientation or gender identity as well as the need to find a safe place.

**Hadwen Park Congregational Church, UCC**

6 Clover Street, Worcester, MA 01603

Email: [info@lgbtasyllum.org](mailto:info@lgbtasyllum.org)

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

**Reverend Judith Hanlon**

Phone: (508) 853-8853

Fax: (508) 853-7419

Email: [gracelift@aol.com](mailto:gracelift@aol.com)

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Attend monthly meetings at Hadwen Park Church, help with fundraising and project needs.

**\*Worcester Refugee Assistance Project (WRAP)**

WRAP is a network of individuals committed to assisting local refugees from Burma achieve sustainable self-reliance through mentoring, advocacy and providing material support as needed. The primary goal is to assist those from Burma in attaining economic independence, establishing a true community and learn how to access services. WRAP is an independent non-profit organization that works to complement and augment efforts of other organizations and individuals assisting resettled refugees.

484 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01610: Suite 400  
 Phone: (508) 791-4373  
 Email: [info@worcesterrefugees.org](mailto:info@worcesterrefugees.org)

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Assist with after school tutoring, special activities and summer youth camp.

**\*Center for Family Progress**

The mission of the Center for Family Progress is to assist new immigrants and underserved individuals and families to become inclusive members of the American society while respecting and valuing the traditions of their native countries. The Center for Family Progress will accomplish its purpose by providing individuals and families with the resources and skills necessary to successfully transition into the Greater Worcester and New England community.

**Samuel Duodu**  
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**Volunteer Opportunities:** ESL tutor for small group of immigrants at the Center for Global Citizenship

**\*Friendly House**

Friendly House is a shelter for homeless families and their children close to the Becker College campus.

87 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01604  
 Phone: (508) 792-1799  
 Website: [www.friendlyhousema.org/](http://www.friendlyhousema.org/)  
**Evelyn Vega-Rodriguez**  
 Email: [erodriguez@friendlyhousema.org](mailto:erodriguez@friendlyhousema.org)

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Help with yard work, cleaning, tutoring children, office work

### **St. Francis & St. Therese Catholic Worker House**

A shelter in the Worcester area for homeless men and women.

#### **Claire & Scott Schaeffer-Duffy**

52 Mason Street, Worcester, MA 01610

Phone: (508) 753-3588

Email: [theresecw2@gmail.com](mailto:theresecw2@gmail.com)

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Help to gather resources, office work, cooking meals

### **AIDS PROJECT WORCESTER**

AIDS Project Worcester is a nonprofit organization in Central Mass. dedicated to ending the HIV/AIDS pandemic and fostering wellness through service, advocacy, prevention, education, and collaborative initiatives. We empower and enhance the lives of people infected and affected by HIV/ AIDS by fighting stigma and discrimination and through individualized services and best practices in a supportive, multicultural setting.

85 Green Street Worcester, MA 01604

Phone: (508) 755-3773

Fax: (508) 795-1665

Website: [aidsprojectworcester.org](http://aidsprojectworcester.org)

#### **Carla Rodriguez**

Peer Support Staff/Women's Initiative Peer

Phone: (508) 755-3773 Ext: 34

Email: [cnorris@aidsprojectworcester.org](mailto:cnorris@aidsprojectworcester.org)

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Assist in facilitating groups.

### **Daybreak Services**

Daybreak, a program of the YWCA Central Massachusetts, is the designated battered women's service provider in the greater Worcester area. Daybreak services are designed to meet the needs of women and children whose lives are affected by intimate partner violence. Its overall mission is to foster safety within the community.

#### **YWCA Massachusetts**

Daybreak Resources

P.O. Box 3093, Worcester, MA 01608-3093

Phone: (508) 755-5371

24-hour hotline: (508) 755-9030

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Call for current volunteer opportunities.

### **Chartwells Food Recovery Program**

Do you have a car? We need you! Becker College Food Recovery Network takes the leftover food from both the Worcester and Leicester dining halls to feed veterans at a shelter. We do not have enough drivers to drive the food and cannot supply the veterans with food every night. Our goal is to be able to feed them every night of the week from both campuses.

Email: [robert.wilder@becker.edu](mailto:robert.wilder@becker.edu)

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Deliver food to area shelters.

### **\*Seven Hills Foundation/Seven Hills Global Outreach**

The mission of Seven Hills Foundation/Seven Hills Global Outreach is to promote and encourage the empowerment of people with significant challenges so that each may pursue their highest possible degree of personal well-being and independence.

81 Hope Avenue, Worcester, MA 01603

Phone: (508) 755-2340

Fax: (508) 849-3882

Website: [sevenhills.org](http://sevenhills.org)

**Spencer Gale**

Email: [sgale@sevenhills.org](mailto:sgale@sevenhills.org)

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Assist in planning projects and activities between Becker College and Seven Hills Global Outreach.

### **\*Be Like Brit**

Her family could not let Brit die in vain and to fulfill her last wish they decided to start the Be Like Brit Foundation and build her orphanage in Haiti. The 19,000 sq. ft earthquake proof orphanage shaped in the letter B for Brit, stands strong as a beacon of hope for the people of Haiti. Today there are 66 beautiful children living and thriving at the Be Like Brit Orphanage.

**Vision: Continue Britney's Compassion**

**Mission: To raise the next generation of leaders in Haiti**

**OC Headquarters:**

66 Pullman Street, Worcester, MA 01606

Phone: (508) 886-4500

Website: [belikebrit.org/](http://belikebrit.org/)

Email: [melissa@belikebrit.org](mailto:melissa@belikebrit.org)

**Volunteer Opportunities:** participate in annual service learning trip and volunteer at the Operations Center; help with fundraising

### **Community Harvest Project**

Community Harvest Project (CHP) grows and donates nutritious food sole for hunger relief. Each year, we bring thousands of volunteers together to help cultivate a healthier, more connected, and sustainable community.

37 Wheeler Road, North Grafton, MA 01536

Website: [www.community-harvest.org](http://www.community-harvest.org)

Email: [volunteer@community-harvest.org](mailto:volunteer@community-harvest.org)

**Wayne McAuliffe**

Email: [mcauliffe@gmail.com](mailto:mcauliffe@gmail.com)

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Assist in planting and harvesting.

### **\*Chandler Magnet School**

Chandler Elementary School is a local elementary school that offers an education for first through sixth grade. They have many volunteer opportunities in the Worcester community as well as partnerships with Assumption College, Becker College, College Tutors and Safe Routes to School.

114 Chandler St, Worcester, MA 01609

Phone: (508) 799-3572

**Jessica Boss**

Principal

Phone: (508) 799-3572

**Paula Harrity**

Coordinator of Volunteer Services

Fanning Building Room 313

24 Chatham Street, Worcester, MA 01609

Phone: (508) 799-3030

Email: [harrity@worc.k12.ma.us](mailto:harrity@worc.k12.ma.us)

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Assist in tutoring, guided reading, Becker College's holiday party for children or front office duties.

### **\*Boston Urban Outreach**

Boston Urban Outreach invites groups nationwide to take part in service projects around Boston and learn first-hand about social justice issues. Working on these projects provides students a unique opportunity to visit unfamiliar neighborhoods and experience what it means to serve others.

14 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108, Suite 203

Phone: (617) 742-6830

Fax: (617) 742-8470

**Dylan Hillerbrand**

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**Volunteer Opportunities:** participate in fall and spring service trips.

**\*Formal partnership with Becker College**



**Becker College**

**Center for Global Citizenship~ Boutin Student Center, Worcester campus**

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