



Latino Community Volunteer Sites

Youth Programs

CentroNía

A nationally recognized, multicultural learning community with a pioneering approach to education and neighborhood development. Each year we support more than 2,500 children, youth, and families to achieve their goals, from learning about the world at age four to starting a new career at age forty. We've set the standard for bilingual education with innovative and affordable programs that draw power from the communities we serve. Come visit CentroNía and you may see children building bilingual literacy skills with a native speaker, teens experimenting in music with our artists-in-residence, or budding entrepreneurs preparing to build a quality childcare business. For everyone, CentroNía offers a welcoming environment that encourages intellectual adventure and provides guidance each step of the way.

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Community Bridges

Since 1997, Community Bridges has steadily and successfully built a model empowerment and leadership program for early adolescent girls in a low-income neighborhood of East Silver Spring and Takoma Park, Maryland. Jump Start Girls! Adelante Niñas! meets a critical need for free, long-term, comprehensive, multicultural education programs for girls from immigrant and low-income families. Jump Start Girls! Adelante Niñas! Provides highly engaging, weekly after-school empowerment programs. Jump Start Girls! Adelante Niñas! also provides counseling, in-school and after-school tutoring, placement in arts, cultural, recreational, and vocational programs; advocacy for academic, health, and social services, mother-daughter workshops, and parent support.

Contact: Hana Kim (301)585-7155/ info@communitybridges-md.org / www.communitybridges-md.org
620 Pershing Drive 2nd Floor Silver Spring, MD 20910

Hermanos y Hermanas Mayores (Big Brothers Big Sisters) of the National Capital Area

The "Community-Based Program" needs volunteers to mentor one Latina/o young person at least 4 hours each week, and a commitment of a year is preferred. Activities include helping with homework, attending movies, sporting events or museums. The "School-Based Program" volunteers meet with their match for one hour during the school day. Activities include having lunch together, reading, working on school projects, or tutoring. A one year (school year) commitment is preferred.

Contact: Aristide Ventura
(202) 222-0100/1-888-633-3244/ aventura@bbbsnca.org / www.bbbsnca.org
1763 Columbia Rd. #175, Washington, DC 20009

Identity

After-school mentor program with the goal of encouraging positive identity development in Latino youth. There is also a weekend retreat to more intensively address this topic. This group works specifically with middle and high school students and provides parent education and support to increase parent involvement in their child's academic and social experience.

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414 East Diamond Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Latin American Youth Center (LAYC) –

- **Art & Media House**

The Art & Media House provides classes to youth age 12-18, and older if currently enrolled in high school or a GED program. The program is broken into three sessions – a 10-week fall, 12-week spring and a 6-week summer work program. The classes are held at the art + media house's three-story facility that includes a gallery, fine arts studio, digital media lab, sound room, audio engineering room, darkroom, and classroom space. The creative abilities of youth are developed through hands-on training in media (photography, radio, video, and music production) and fine arts (drawing, painting, mixed media and murals).

Contact: Marie Moll (202) 319-2293 ext. 4 / artmediahouse@layc-dc.org
3035 15th St, NW, Washington, DC 20009 (one block from Columbia Heights metro)
<http://www.layc-dc.org/index.php/programs/art-media-house.html>

- **Upward Bound**

Upward Bound seeks creative and outgoing volunteers to assist with programs in student academic skill development, college counseling and support, and motivation in order to excel in all aspects of their lives. Positions are currently available for Upward Bound's Tutoring Program which runs from 3:30pm – 5:30pm Mondays through Thursdays. The purpose of tutoring is to help students academically in many fields and also improve GPA scores at their high schools. Spanish skills are a plus but not required.

Contact: Daisy Martinez, Academic Advisor (202) 422-0682 / daisy@layc-dc.org
1419 Columbia Rd. NW, Washington, DC 20009
<http://www.layc-dc.org/index.php/get-involved/volunteer.html>

- **ESL Mentorship Program**

Mentors provide participating students with academic support and help run personal enrichment activities at Deal Middle School, McFarland Middle School, and Wilson High School. All students in the program have been classified as Non-English Proficient (NEP) or Limited-English Proficient (LEP) and most have been identified by their teachers as struggling in school. Mentors have the option of volunteering Monday through Thursday from 3:30 p.m.-5:30p.m.

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Latino GLBT History Project

The Latino GLBT History Project (LHP) is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization founded in April 2000 and incorporated in May 2007 to respond to the critical need to preserve and educate about the history of the Latino LGBTQ community in Washington, DC. To accomplish our mission, we develop cultural events throughout the year, such as DC Latino Pride in June and Hispanic LGBTQ Heritage Month reception in the Fall.

Location: 1318 U St. NW, Washington DC 20009 / Phone: 202.588.0067
<http://latinoglbthistory.com/default.aspx>

Latino Student Fund

The LSF Tutoring Program provides free academic support through individualized tutoring for Latino students from the Washington, DC metropolitan area in all areas of academic learning. Each student is tutored individually and parents have the opportunity to partake in two levels of free ESL classes. Tutoring takes places on Saturday mornings from 10:00 until noon at the National Cathedral School's Hurst Hall. This is very close to American University.

Contact: Margaret Mountjoy (202) 244-3438 / mmountjoy@latinostudentfund.org
National Cathedral School 3480 Woodley Road, NW Washington, DC 20016

Bilingual Schools

YouthBuild Public Charter School

The YouthBuild Public Charter School serves young people ages 16-24 who have dropped out of traditional high schools. At YouthBuild, students transform their communities by building housing for homeless or low-income families as they learn the construction trade, and they transform themselves as they prepare to earn their high school diploma or GED.

Contact: Arthur Dade, Executive Director/Arthur@layc-dc.org / www.ybpcs.org
3014 14th Street NW, Washington, DC 20009 (Columbia Heights Metro)

Latin American Montessori Bilingual (LAMB) Public Charter School

The Latin American Montessori Bilingual (LAMB) Public Charter School's goal is bi-literacy in both English and Spanish. Students work together in multi-age classrooms using hands-on Montessori dual language approach to learning. Students learn, master and apply academic content in language arts, mathematics, and science. Volunteers can assist in the classroom or library or in administrative tasks.

Contact: Diane Cottman diane@layc-dc.org / 202-726-6200 / www.lambpcs.org
1375 Missouri Ave NW, Washington, DC 20011

The Next Step Public Charter School

A bilingual school within the Latin American Youth Center, The Next Step Public Charter School provides students aged 16-24, many of which have recently immigrated to the US, a full-time, year-round academic program with classes in English, math, science, social studies, computers, GED preparation, or any other subjects. The Next Step is looking for tutors available during the school day (9:00 AM-3:00 PM) and also in the evening (6:00 PM-9:00PM.) Tutors will work with students on Spanish literacy, math and English as a Second Language (ESL). Tutoring may be one-on-one or group-style, according to students' needs.

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www.layc-dc.org/charterschools/nextstep.html /
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Rosemount Center

Rosemount Center is a multicultural early childhood center that serves approximately 300 children and their families in DC. The main programs at Rosemount Center are for infants/toddlers (birth to age three) and pre-school (age three to five). Each includes center-based and home-based programs. Volunteers can work with young children in the bilingual classroom. Volunteers are needed between 9:00 AM and noon or 3:00 and 6:00 PM.

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(202) 265-9885/dgonzalez@rosemountcenter.com / www.rosemountcenter.com
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Immigration Services and Policy

America's Voice

America's Voice is a communications campaign working to win common-sense immigration reform. America's Voice conducts cutting edge public opinion research, undertakes public education and provides comprehensive media analysis on the current state of the immigration debate. The goal is to build the public support and political power to enact comprehensive immigration reform that restores the rule of law and includes earned citizenship for the estimated 12 million immigrants working and living in the U.S. without proper legal status.

Contact: (202) 463-8602 www.americasvoiceonline.org
1050 17th Street NW, Suite 490, Washington, DC 20036 (Farragut North Metro)

AYUDA

AYUDA is a nonprofit, community-based legal and social service agency serving the low-income Latino and foreign-born community in the D.C. metropolitan area. Since its incorporation in 1973, it has become the District's leading source of bilingual legal assistance for this population in areas of immigration, domestic violence and relations. Volunteers may do a number of things related to the legal, medical and social needs of AYUDA's clients. Volunteers can also provide assistance with the Hermanas Unidas program, a domestic violence survivor and empowerment group that meets on Saturdays.

Contact: (202) 387-4848 / www.ayudainc.org
1707 Kalorama Rd NW, Washington, DC 20009 (Columbia Heights Metro)
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Family Law and Domestic Violence: AnnRose Menachery - AnnRose@ayuda.com
Human Trafficking: Renee Hoffman – Renee@ayuda.com

CAIR Coalition

Capital Area Immigrants' Rights (CAIR) Coalition is the only non-profit organization based in the DC area dedicated exclusively to assisting detained immigrants. Immigrants with no previous criminal record are being held in prisons without the right to an attorney, sometimes unable to communicate, mixed in with the general criminal population. CAIR offers two main services to help both documented and undocumented detained immigrants. The first is jail visits; the coalition meets with the individual detainees to obtain further information about their case, and if help can be offered, meetings for volunteers are set up. The second is the detention hotline, a free hotline for immigrants to use to access the outside world. Volunteers on the hotline can provide legal information and case updates to those detained.

Contact: Jenna Brofsky, (202) 331-3320 ext. 17 / jenna.brofsky@caircoalition.org OR
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Directions: **1612 K St, NW Suite 204, Washington DC 20006** / www.caircoalition.org

Central American Resource Center (CARECEN) of Washington, DC

Carecen is a community based organization which offers legal, educational, housing, citizenship and civic participation programs to the Central American/Latino community. Volunteers help conduct citizenship classes, hold mock interviews, help fill out applications, lead field trips, facilitate discussions, and register voters. Opportunities are available on weekends and weekdays.

Contact: Ana Negoescu (202) 328-9799 ext. 16/ anegoescu@carecencd.org / www.carecencd.org
Directions: **1460 Columbia Rd NW, Washington, DC 20009** (Columbia Heights Metro)

Just Neighbors

The mission of Just Neighbors is to provide immigration legal services to low-income immigrants and refugees of all faiths and nationalities through our offices in Northern Virginia. The team of attorneys, staff and committed volunteers offers hope and help as immigrants seek to navigate the current immigration system and access benefits that will enable them to become more contributing members of society. Through community outreach efforts and volunteer programs, Just Neighbors fosters mutual understanding between immigrants and the larger community in which they live.

5820 Columbia Pike, Suite 320, Falls Church, VA 22041
(703) 979-1240, Web: www.justneighbors.org

Mary House

Mary House provides transitional housing services, shelter and support programs to homeless and struggling families. May House works predominantly with the low-income Latin American population of Washington, D.C. and recently resettled Bosnian and Kosovo refugee families. Volunteer work includes outdoor house maintenance, indoor cleaning and maintenance and some interaction with families.

Contact: William Murphy, Administrative Director (202) 635-0534ext. 9025
casademary@aol.com/www.maryhouse.org / **4303 13th St NE, Washington, DC 20017**

Multicultural Community Service (MCS)

MCS serves residents of Ward 1 in Washington, DC. The organization provides training and skill building for volunteers who represent the diversity of the community and trains people to become interpreters. Opportunities to work in youth development, parent involvement in their children's education, and health and civil engagement also exist.

Contact: (202) 238-9355/info@mcsdc.org/ www.mcsdc.org
2437 15th St NW, Washington, DC 20009

Adult Education, Employment and Training

Carlos Rosario International Career Center

The Carlos Rosario International Career Center provides workforce development programs for Washington's immigrant community in job training, an Immigrant Family Literacy Program, GED classes in Spanish, a citizenship program, and leadership training. Every student is also provided access to the supportive services department, which offers personal and employment counseling; medical, legal and childcare social service referrals; the University Bound Student Program including higher education and service awards; and income tax preparation as well as immigration and citizenship application assistance. Volunteers can assist in the classroom or get involved in other ways.

Contact: (202) 797-4700 / info@carlosrosario.org www.carlosrosario.org
1100 Harvard St NW, Washington, DC 20009 (Columbia Heights metro)

CASA of Maryland

CASA of Maryland is a community-based organization that was founded to assist Central American and refugees and other North Americans. CASA offers services for day laborers and domestic workers, as well as workshops and orientations on legal rights and information on consumer protections, debt forgiveness, landlord/tenant relations, domestic affairs, police misconduct and criminal matters. CASA of Maryland will be hosting weekly volunteer nights the first Wednesday of every month. Projects and tasks varies including phone banking, translations, calling community members, document preparation, and helping with our data entry.

Contact: Delicia Reynolds, Esq. (301) 431-4185 ext. 234 / dreynolds@casamd.org / www.casademaryland.org / **734 University Blvd, Silver Spring, MD 20903**

Hispanic Committee of Virginia

A private, nonpartisan, tax-exempt nonprofit organization established in 1967, the HCVA was created to enable Hispanic immigrants in Northern Virginia to more fully participate in and contribute to American society. It has chosen to work towards its mission of promoting economic self-sufficiency and fostering civic participation among Hispanic Americans by providing a wide range of program services and benefits, including Information and Referral, Social Services Case Management, Immigration and Legal services, Home Buying/Homeownership, Micro-enterprise Development, Workforce Development, and Adult Education.

The Hispanic Committee of Virginia (HCVA) is the oldest and largest Hispanic nonprofit organization in Northern Virginia. Last year, HCVA provided over 50,000 services benefiting over 10,000 individuals.

Projects and tasks for volunteers vary depending on the program for which you would like to volunteer.

Contact: (703) 671-5666 Ext 26 / www.hcva.org
5827 Columbia Pike, Ste 200, Falls Church, VA 22041

Spanish Education Development Center (SED)

SED is focused on integrating Spanish speaking and other immigrants into the mainstream of Washington life by providing educational and other services that allow families to achieve their social and economic goals. SED's goals include: to equip preschoolers with the basic skills essential to their future educational success and to develop each child's fluency in English and Spanish, to provide quality childcare for 3- and 4-year olds which allows parents to work or advance in their education, and to provide immigrant adults with skills (including English fluency, problem-solving abilities, and employment skills) needed to prosper in the United States.

Contact: info@sedcenter.org / www.sedcenter.org / (202) 722-4404
4110 Kansas Avenue NW, Washington DC 20011

Health, Mental Health and Substance Abuse

La Clínica del Pueblo

La Clínica del Pueblo provides free health care to the Latino community through holistic care, mental health care, substance abuse care, HIV/AIDS care and social services. Volunteers can help out at local health fairs conducting various health tests and with childcare. Some Spanish is useful.

Contact: Melody Mejia, (202) 462-4788 / mmejia@lcpd.org / www.lcpd.org
2831 15th St. NW, Washington, DC 20009 (Columbia Heights metro)

Mary's Center

Mary's Center is a Federally Qualified Health Center offering medical, dental, social and education services. It is Mary's Centers mission to build better futures through the delivery of health care, education and social services. We embrace culturally diverse communities to provide them with the highest quality of care, regardless of their ability to pay. Mary's Center has three locations in the District of Columbia and one in Silver Spring, Maryland. Volunteer opportunities include tutoring for our Teen Program, reading to children in the waiting rooms, providing administrative support to various departments, doing community outreach and education.

Volunteer Coordinator, Email: volunteer@maryscenter.org, Ph: 202-483-8196
2333 Ontario Rd, NW, Washington, DC 20009

National Latina Health Network

The National Latina Health Network is a growing network of individuals and organizations dedicated to improving the quality of health among Latinas and their families.

- We are a unique organization of health experts who are connected and active in community-based program development and policy and research.
- We provide innovative health programming to local and regional agencies.
- We bring together and are committed to strengthening and supporting a network of Latina leaders in public health.
- We build local and national community health partnerships

Contact: (202) 333-2622 / info@nlhn.net / www.nlhn.net
2201 Wisconsin Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20007

Neighbors' Consejo

Established in 1994, Neighbors' Consejo is the only Latino, bilingual, and multicultural agency specializing in the prevention of

homelessness in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Neighbors' Consejo is committed to helping homeless men and women who suffer from addiction, alcoholism and mental health problems. Volunteers are needed for outreach, computer literacy, intake and fundraising.

Contact: Judy Diaz or Lorena Mejia (202) 234-6855 x210/info@neighborsconesjo.org
3118 16th St NW, Washington, DC 20009 (Columbia Heights metro)

Seniors

Vida Spanish Senior Center

The Center provides daily hot lunches, recreational activities, counseling, transportation, health promotion, case management, employment and housing assistance, visits and calls, an escort service, and Spanish/English translation and interpretation. District residents age 60 and over may participate and services are free of charge; however, voluntary contributions are encouraged. EOFULA is part of the DC Office on Aging Senior Center Network.. Spanish is extremely helpful.

Contact: (202) 483-5800 / www.eofula.org
1842 Calvert St., N.W. Washington, DC 20009 (Woodley Park metro)
Angel Luis Irene: alirene99@yahoo.com & Ann Mead: annmead@vidaseniorenters.org

Economic Development

Greater Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Founded in 1976, the Greater Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (formerly the Ibero American Chamber) is a membership driven organization that supports the economic development of the Washington, DC metropolitan region by facilitating the success of Latino and other minority-owned businesses and the communities they serve through networking, advocacy, education, and access to capital.

Contact: (202) 728-0352/**910 17th Street, N.W., Suite 1170, Washington, DC 20006**
(Farragut N and Farragut West metro)

Latino Economic Development Corporation (LEDC)

LEDC is a community-based economic development organization founded in 1991. LEDC's mission is to drive the economic and social advancement of low- to moderate-income Latinos and other underserved residents in the Washington metropolitan area by providing the educational and financial resources they need to achieve financial independence and become community leaders. LEDC's vision for inclusive, just, and self-sustaining communities is built upon a foundation of stable housing and thriving small businesses, and this foundation is helping more people become actively invested and engaged in their communities. LEDC works in the areas of small business development and micro-lending, affordable housing preservation, and homeownership and foreclosure counseling.

Contact: Communications & Advocacy Manager: Ash Kosiewicz, (202) 588 5102, akosiewicz@ledcmetro.org
2316 18th Street, NW Washington, DC 20009 / www.ledcmetro.org

GLBTA

Andromeda Transcultural Health Center

Bilingual and bicultural mental health services for the Latino community, including: Adult Mental Health and Crisis Intervention; Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention; HIV/AIDS Mental Health and Case Management. Volunteers are needed for a city-wide medical outreach program.

Contact: Sarah Richman (202) 291-4707 / srichman@andromedatransculturalhealth.org
1400 Decatur St. NW, Washington DC 20011 / www.andromedahealthcenter.org

Whitman-Walker Clinic

Whitman-Walker Clinic is a non-profit community-based health organization serving the Washington, DC metropolitan region. Established by and for the gay and lesbian community, our Clinic is comprised of diverse volunteers and staff who provide or facilitate the delivery of high quality, comprehensive, accessible health care and community services. Whitman-Walker Clinic is especially committed to ending the suffering of all those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.

Contact: volunteer@wwc.org (202) 745-7000/www.wwc.org /
1701 14th St., NW Washington, DC 20009

Advocacy and Support

LIFT

LIFT is a growing movement to combat poverty and expand opportunity for all people in the United States. Our mission is to alleviate poverty in DC and our country by engaging our nation's college students in this effort. LIFT recruits and trains a diverse corps of undergraduates who make a rigorous and sustained commitment to service while in school. This volunteer corps operates a national network of service centers, where they work side by side with low-income individuals and their families to find jobs, secure safe and stable housing, make ends meet through public benefits and tax credits and acquire critical supports like healthcare and childcare.

Contact: Sam D'Agostino, (202) 289-2525 / washingtondc@liftcommunities.org / www.liftcommunities.org
1420 Columbia Rd, NW, Washington, DC 20009

Tenants and Workers United

Tenants and Workers United is a grassroots organization committed to building the power of low-income people for racial and economic justice in Northern Virginia. This is done through organizing low-income communities and workers; challenging racism and sexism through education and direct action; creating campaigns to win social change and cooperatively controlling community resources.

Contact: info@tenantsandworkers.org / 6049 Leesburg Pike (Route 7) Suite 101, Falls Church, VA 22041
<http://www.tenantsandworkers.org> / 703-684-5697

Other

GALA Hispanic Theatre (Grupo de Artistas LatinoAmericanos)

GALA Hispanic Theatre is a National Center for Latino Performing Arts that has been promoting and sharing the Latino arts and cultures with a diverse audience for 34 years. By developing and producing works that explore the breadth of Latino performing arts, GALA provides opportunities for Latino artists, educates youth, and engages the entire community in an exchange of ideas and perspectives. Volunteer ushers are needed, while administrative and management volunteers help with such activities as mailings, distribution of flyers, and various projects at the GALA office. All volunteers receive complimentary tickets to GALA shows. Although basic conversational Spanish is considered desirable, there is no language requirement for administrative and management volunteers.

Contact: (202) 234-7174 / info@galatheatre.org / www.galatheatre.org
3333 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20010