



Micah 6:8 Projects

Alpha Women's Center

Alpha is a pregnancy care center that brings the spiritual and physical resources of the community to bear on the needs of families facing unplanned pregnancy, poverty and homelessness. It is truly a place of beginning, a place of finding hope.

Members become sisters. And the Christ-centered community helps to fill a void.

Alpha Women's Center is always looking for dedicated individuals, who are committed to Alpha's mission and values, to serve as volunteers.

The following volunteer opportunities are available at our Center.

If you are interested in serving in one of these positions, please contact Ruth Gillesse, the Director of Member Services at 616-459-9955.

Crossroads Alternative High School

The Staff of Crossroads/Kentwood Community Education, in partnership with the students, parents, and community will create a stimulating, positive, and safe environment ensuring mutual respect. We believe that all students can learn essential and effective cognitive skills enabling them to be responsible and productive contributors in a changing world. "ALL students are honored students"

There are many needs for this Kentwood High School; students and their families.

For an opportunity to help and serve, please contact Ian Gibson, Dean of Students, at 616-261-6166 ext. 61105

The Edge Urban Fellowship

The EDGE is a loving multi-cultural and multi-generational church located in in the heart of Grand Rapids Michigan. We are a community of Christ followers that welcome ALL to be a part of our family. We are committed to taking extreme measures to reach the Hip-Hop Culture for the Kingdom of God!

Contact 616-805-4700 to find out their needs and volunteer!

Haiti Foundation Against Poverty

The goal of HFAP is to empower Haitians to provide for themselves. One of the most tragic and common life stories women tell us, is how they suffer each day watching their children starve because they are too poor to feed them. HFAP's program, Gift of Hope, assists women in bringing their malnourished children back to health through our HOPE House ministry and journal making classes.

Go to <http://haitipoverty.org> or call (616) 608-6606

Help Pregnancy Crisis Aid's

Open House for Prospective Volunteers

Friday, January 20, 2012 @ 10:00 a.m. -or- Friday, February 3, 2012 @ 10:00 a.m.

705 Bridge Street NW, Grand Rapids MI

You are cordially invited to join us to learn more about the opportunities that are available to help moms and babies in need.

Volunteers are truly the heart and soul of our pregnancy center.

At this meeting you will:

Receive a tour of our facilities

Get acquainted with our mission and the programs that we offer

Learn about the various ways that your talents can be used to HELP

Listen as current volunteers share how they have been blessed by the experience

Please call Judy @ 459-9139 if you are interest in attending, or if you have any questions. We look forward to hearing from you!

Kentwood Community Church

There may be people in our own congregation that need help! We encourage you to reach out to our shut-ins, those that are sick, those with disabilities and those that are experiencing hardships.

Go to <http://www.kentwoodcommunitychurch.com/caresupport>

Or call 616-455-1740

Kids Food Basket

Attacking Childhood Hunger in greater Grand Rapids, one sack supper at a time!

We began over nine years ago by serving 125 kids each school day through our Sack Supper program and now serve over 4,800 kids each day. Sack Suppers are evening meals that provide 1000 calories and five food groups—nutrition that's critical to the development of kids' brains and bodies. With these evening meals, we attack childhood hunger by:

- **Serving kids directly.** Sack Suppers are distributed within classrooms or at local parks, meaning every child who needs one can get one easily and safely.
- **Creating an engine for volunteering.** Our work is driven by the love and support of our community, with over 170 volunteers packing and delivering sack suppers every day. Many more lead juice box and snack drives and fund drives.
- **Empowering kids to help each other.** Through volunteering and educational programs, we help kids understand hunger and lead projects to end it. Over 25% of hours volunteered come from youth under age 18.

Go to <http://www.kidsfoodbasket.org> or call (616) 235-4532

Mel Trotter Ministries

Mel Trotter Ministries exists to demonstrate the compassion of Jesus Christ toward the hungry, homeless and hurting of the Grand Rapids area.

We depend on our volunteers to help us in every area of the ministry.

<http://www.meltrotter.org/Volunteer.aspx> or call (616) 454-8249

Wayfinders Refugee Families

Project Ideas:

- the first Saturday of every month Home Depot has a free event. They provide tools, paint, and all materials to teach the kids to make something - a bird house, a bank, or whatever. There must be one adult with every 1-2 kids. Anyone who is able to hold a hammer can participate. What fun!
- take a family ice skating (or some of the kids) at Rosa Park
- roller skating
- bowling
- take the family to the library and help them get library cards and show them how to use the library
- take a refugee mom or teenager for a manicure
- take the kids to the Magic Tree at Rivertown Mall
- take them to McDonald's
- take them to an animated movie at Woodland Mall (only \$4 per ticket)

Many of these kids have never done any of these things and would be over the moon! We'd be thrilled if some of the groups or college kids could take them places. They have no cars and no disposable income either for any of these things. It would be such a thrill for them.

Contact Rex and Brenda Brewer at brendaandrex@hotmail.com

Additional Suggestions:

Go to www.40daysintheword.com and click on **The Micah 6:8 Assignment** to find examples and ideas for a project for your group to undertake.

Go to www.volunteermatch.org and search by city.