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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- This booklet lists partners of The Moody Church working in our city and world, outside of our building. Each has opportunities to live out God’s mission to bring lost people to Himself.
- Each ministry has different requirements to volunteer. Make sure to thoroughly check the requirements.
- Membership in The Moody Church is not required to serve with any of these ministries.
- While each organization is recommended by The Moody Church for opportunities to serve our world, any views expressed by these ministries are their own.

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## FAMILIES IN NEED

### CARIS PREGNANCY COUNSELING AND RESOURCES

Caris is a ministry committed to helping women and children thrive during and after unplanned pregnancy. They offer professional counseling, pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, support groups, and more to walk alongside the most vulnerable in our city. Started in and by The Moody Church, Caris has multiple locations in the city.

**Info:** [caris.org](http://caris.org) or call (312) 229-5700

### FAMILY EMPOWERMENT CENTER

Family Empowerment Center (FEC) seeks to create opportunities for under-resourced individuals and families to experience greater joy and therefore, greater hope in their future. FEC provides programming and safe opportunities for the at-risk youth in Rogers Park, including English classes, multiple food banks for families in need, and more. Currently, our Veritas community serves once a month at their Rogers Park food pantry.

**Info:** [familyempower.org](http://familyempower.org) or call (773) 262-0760

### SAFE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

Safe Families for Children seeks to bring the church and community together to keep children safe and families together. Their goal is to build a network of caring and compassionate volunteers to support families in crisis and reduce the number of children unnecessarily entering the welfare system. Go through the process to become a host family, provide respite care for other volunteer families, mentor, and more.

**Info:** [safe-families.org](http://safe-families.org) or email Jill at [jshannon@safefamilies.net](mailto:jshannon@safefamilies.net)

## KIDS AND TEENS

### BY THE HAND CLUB FOR KIDS

By The Hand (BTH) is a Christ-centered, after-school program that takes kids by the hand and walks with them from kindergarten through college, loving and nurturing them—mind, body, and soul. BTH currently helps 1,700 children in under-resourced Chicago neighborhoods, growing every year! How might you use your life to empower students and raise a generation of leaders in Chicago?

**Info:** [bythehand.org](http://bythehand.org)

### THE ONE SHEEP

The One Sheep is on a mission to disciple the next generation of believers in closed countries by connecting mentors and students through online discipleship. Currently, this ministry is focused on mentoring kids and young teens in Southeast Asia whose parents are involved in house church movements. There is a huge need for mature believers!

**Info:** [theonesheep.org](http://theonesheep.org) or email [theonesheep7@gmail.com](mailto:theonesheep7@gmail.com)

## MUSLIM MINISTRY/REFUGEES

### SOUTH ASIAN FRIENDSHIP CENTER

South Asian Friendship Center (SAFC) is in the heart of Chicago's Little India to express the love of Christ with their South Asian neighbors, reaching the whole family unit with the goodness of Jesus. They provide on-site and in-home tutoring, English classes, kids activities, hospitality, and so much more! Join the SAFC team in reaching the nations, right here in Chicago.

**Info:** [safcchicago.com](http://safcchicago.com) or email [office@safcchicago.com](mailto:office@safcchicago.com)

### WORLD RELIEF

World Relief is an international Christian humanitarian organization whose mission is to empower the local church to serve the most vulnerable. Our local Chicago office serves thousands of refugees and asylum-seekers each year with legal assistance, resettlement help, English tutoring, and more. There are opportunities for individuals and groups who may want to serve together or even "adopt" a family who is new to the United States.

Welcome the nations on our doorstep and be the hands and feet of Jesus!

**Info:** [worldrelief.org/chicagoland/volunteer](http://worldrelief.org/chicagoland/volunteer)

### DEVON OASIS

Devon Oasis is a Christian ministry caring for the many people in Little India. They welcome new neighbors with friendship and help them resettle in tangible ways. Opportunities are available to volunteer including helping with English and citizenship classes (no experience necessary), providing afterschool homework help as well as tutoring, visiting families in their homes, and doing outreach in the community.

**Contact:** Bob Andrews at [andrewsbob@sbcglobal.net](mailto:andrewsbob@sbcglobal.net) or 773-428-7387

## CARING FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE

### 139 DISABILITY MINISTRY OUTREACH

The Lord has opened doors to minister to our neighbors down the street at the Eden Supportive Living Home. Join the 139 Disability Ministry in sharing the Gospel and building relationships with the residents! Volunteers are needed to help with Tuesday afternoon Bible study, transporting residents to and from The Moody Church on Sunday mornings, and more.

**Info:** [elizabeth.wade@moodychurch.org](mailto:elizabeth.wade@moodychurch.org)

## MINISTERING TO COOK COUNTY JAIL'S OFFICERS

Volunteer chaplains (men and women) are needed to support on-duty officers and civilian staff, who serve at the Cook County jail, at 27th & California Avenue. Volunteer chaplains work solo, serve one or more days each week, as many hours as they wish. This is not specifically evangelistic, but is a ministry of walking throughout buildings to visit on-duty staff, building relationships, asking how they are, listening to their concerns (and occasional joys), offering prayer, and sharing the Gospel where opportunities arise. Jail staff serve 24/7/365, so volunteer chaplains are needed every day and hour. There is an application process for this opportunity.

**Info:** Linda at chaplains@moodychurch.org and Pastor Larry McCarthy at larry.mccarthy@moodychurch.org

## NAOMI'S HOUSE

Started by The Moody Church, Naomi's House seeks to help women who have suffered from commercial sexual exploitation. Naomi's House has a residential home in the western suburbs, a day program for women to receive extra support, and drop-in centers around the city to provide immediate help for women caught up in sex trafficking. Partnering with individuals and families allows survivors to start over and live flourishing lives, so volunteers with a heart for this kind of ministry are always welcomed.

**Info:** [naomishouse.org/get-involved](http://naomishouse.org/get-involved)

## PSALM 9:9 HOMELESS OUTREACH

The Psalm 9:9 Homeless ministry reaches out to the homeless in Chicago by providing food and clothing to anyone in need. Volunteers serve every fourth Saturday downtown in the Loop distributing food, toiletries, clothing, and Bibles. Come love your neighbors in a tangible way, bringing Christ's love to those going through difficult times.

**Info:** Rob McMahan, [lopakamcm@gmail.com](mailto:lopakamcm@gmail.com)

## TOGETHER CHICAGO

Together Chicago (TC) is a Chicagoland ministry that seeks to catalyze faith, business, community, and government leaders to inspire hope and bring peace and justice in Chicago communities. TC seeks to reduce gun violence and increase thriving communities in our city through five key areas: economic development, educational achievement, violence reduction, Gospel justice, and faith-community mobilization. There are opportunities to take part all around Chicago.

**Info:** [togetherchicago.com](http://togetherchicago.com)

## FREEDOM SISTERS PRISON MINISTRY

Freedom Sisters is a Bible study ministry to the female detainees at Cook County Jail. We know that the Gospel is what truly sets us free, and we want to share this good news of freedom with our neighbors and community including those who cannot physically join us in church on a Sunday morning. Teams of women go each Sunday to lead Bible studies at the jail; an application process is required.

**Info:** [moodychurch.org/women/city-outreach](http://moodychurch.org/women/city-outreach) or email [rachel.marcello@moodychurch.org](mailto:rachel.marcello@moodychurch.org)

## MISCELLANEOUS

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Join a local team to promote Operation Christmas Child in your community all year long! Volunteers serve year-round to recruit and train participants as well as coordinate the collection of shoebox gifts. This requires leaders and prayer warriors, people with skills in logistics and administration, and those with the gift of communicating. Find out how you can use your God-given talents in this effort to lead children, families, and communities around the world to the Greatest Gift, the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Info:** [samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org) or email Pastor Bill at [bill.vantuinen@moodychurch.org](mailto:bill.vantuinen@moodychurch.org)

### SKYWORD MINISTRY AT MIDWAY

Skyword Ministries is the only authorized Christian Protestant chaplaincy privileged to serve at Midway International Airport. Our volunteer chaplain team conducts multiple chapel services every Sunday and on holidays for airport staff, airline employees, and passengers traveling through. Additional volunteers are needed, especially those with ministry credentials and experience.

**Info:** Contact Reverend Dave Pearson at [reverendpearson@yahoo.com](mailto:reverendpearson@yahoo.com)

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