

Tikkun Olam Resources

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African Well Fund		•										•		•			•	
America Israel Cultural Foundation	•						•								•	•		
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee		•			•			•					•	•		•	•	
American Jewish World Service					•									•		•	•	
Anti Defamation League		•					•			•				•				
Artists Helping Children	•	•	•					•			•							
Association House		•										•					•	
Beauty for the Brave																		•
Belmont-Cragin School		•					•											
Beth Emet Soup Kitchen												•					•	
Blackstone Bicycle Works		•					•										•	
Books for Soldiers							•											•
Boys and Girls Club of Chicago	•	•					•											
Brentwood North Nursing & Rehabilitation Center			•					•										
Buddy Baseball		•		•														
Camp Simcha		•	•															
Center for Enriched Living				•			•											
CHAI: Concern for Helping Animals in Israel									•									
Chicago Action							•							•		•		
Chicago Botanic Gardens									•									
Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind			•				•											
Chicago Wilderness									•									
Chicago Wilderness Habitat Project									•									
Children's Memorial Hospital		•								•								
Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life							•		•									

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Connections for Abused Women and Children Center		●				●												
Cornerstone Community Outreach												●					●	
Council for Jewish Elderly								●										
Darfur					●					●				●				
Darfur Solar Cookers					●									●				
Deborah's Place						●												
Deerfield Food Pantry												●					●	
Doctors without Borders					●									●				
Dolls for Darfur	●						●							●				
Dress for Success						●											●	
Enterprising Kitchen	●					●	●					●						
Evanston Animal Shelter									●									
Evanston Northwestern Healthcare	●		●								●							
EZRA Multi-Service Center													●		●	●		
Friend Center for Early Alzheimer's Care and Gidwitz Center			●					●										
Friends of the IDF/Impact							●								●			
Givat Haviva Education Foundation	●	●					●								●			
Glen Kirk Residential Services	●	●		●			●											
Good News Community Kitchen											●						●	
Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association		●		●														
Greater Chicago Food Depository												●					●	
Hadley School for the Blind		●	●				●											
Hats off for Cancer		●	●															
Hazon Yeshaya												●			●	●	●	
Heartland Animal Shelter										●								

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Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society													•	•	•			
Heifer International							•					•		•			•	
Heller Nature Center							•		•									
Hospital Art	•	•									•							
Howard Community Center		•															•	
Ilan Sports Center for the Physically Disabled		•		•											•	•		
ILoveSchools.com		•															•	
Inspiration Café												•					•	
Interfaith Council for The Homeless												•					•	
Israel Cancer Research Fund			•				•								•			
Israel Guide Dog Center for the Blind			•				•								•			
Jewish Child and Family Services		•				•	•											
Jewish Council for Youth Services	•	•														•		
Jewish Healing Network of Chicago: Generation to Generation		•						•										
Jewish National Fund								•	•					•	•	•		
Jewish National Fund: Invitations								•	•					•	•	•		
Jewish National Fund: Susim Osim Nissim		•		•					•					•	•	•		
Jewish Soldier Foundation																		•
Jewish Welfare Board/Jewish Chaplains Council																		•
Joy of the Game																		
JUF Uptown Café		•										•					•	
Kaboom		•																
Keren b'Kavod/IRAC												•			•	•	•	
Keshet	•	•		•			•											
La Rabida Children's Hospital	•	•									•							

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Lamb's Farm		•		•														
Lieberman Geriatric Health Center			•					•										
Lilly's Wool Project	•	•												•			•	
Little City		•		•			•											
Little Friends		•		•			•											
Little Home Away from Home		•				•												
Lutheran General Children's Hospital		•									•							
Magen David Adom					•						•				•	•		
Make-a-Wish		•	•															
Maot Chitim												•				•	•	
Mary Lou's Place	•	•				•											•	
Maya Works	•								•					•			•	
Mazon												•				•	•	
Meals on Wheels Chicago								•				•					•	
Midwest Palliative and Hospice Care Center			•					•										
Mount Sinai Hospital											•							
Natural Resources Defense Council							•		•									
Nechama: Jewish Response to Disaster												•				•	•	
New Trier Food Pantry												•					•	
North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry (NACOEJ)		•					•							•	•	•	•	
North Park Village Nature Center									•									
North Suburban Special Recreation Association		•		•			•											
Northfield Food Pantry												•					•	
Nothing But Nets														•				
Open Hand Chicago												•					•	

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Orphans of the Storm									•									
ORT: Education for Life		•					•							•	•	•	•	
PADS Crisis Services												•					•	
Project Linus	•	•	•					•			•							
Project Night Night		•							•									
Pups for Peace					•				•						•	•		
Reach Out and Read		•					•				•							
Reader to Reader		•					•										•	
Rebounces.com									•									
Red Cross					•													
Remember Us		•					•			•								
Response Center		•				•												
Room To Read		•					•											
Sarah's Circle						•												
Seafood Watch							•		•									
Shalva						•	•											
Shelter Box USA of Rotary Club International					•									•			•	
Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel									•						•	•		
Soles4Souls					•									•			•	
Special Gifts Theatre	•	•		•														
Special Olympics		•		•			•											
SportsGift.org		•																
Sue Duncan Children's Center	•	•					•										•	
Sunshine Through Golf				•														
The ARK								•				•	•			•	•	
The Bottomless Closet						•						•					•	
The Children's Place Association		•															•	

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The Glass Slipper Project		●															●	
The Good News Community Kitchen		●				●						●					●	
The Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center		●					●			●								
The Kenwood Home								●										
The Lunchbox Fund		●					●					●		●			●	
The Waukegan Project	●	●					●										●	
Tricon Day Care Center	●	●					●											
Urban Meadows				●														
Virginia Frank Child Development Center	●	●					●											
Vital Bridges			●															
Warm Up America												●					●	
Warm Wishes												●					●	
Whitehall Nursing Home & Rehabilitation Facility			●					●										
Wings		●				●												
World Union for Progressive Judaism							●							●	●	●		
World Wildlife Fund									●									
Yad LaKashish, Lifeline for the Aged	●		●					●							●	●	●	
Yad Sarah		●													●	●	●	
Youth Services of Glenview/Northbrook		●																

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<p>African Well Fund www.africanwellfund.org</p>	<p>The African Well Fund believes that access to safe, consumable water is not merely a basic human need, but a basic human right. Our goal is to raise money for the construction and maintenance of clean water wells in Sub-Saharan Africa.</p>
<p>America Israel Cultural Foundation www.aicf.org</p>	<p>The America-Israel Cultural Foundation supports artistic life in Israel. Since 1939, AICF has played a leading role helping develop and fund many of Israel's largest cultural institutions. Most of Israel's finest artists in every discipline have received assistance from AICF. Among those supported: Itzhak Perlman, Menashe Kadishman, Pinchas Zukerman, Gil Shaham, Yefim Bronfman, the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, the Israel Museum, and the Batsheva Dance Company.</p>
<p>American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee www.jdc.org</p>	<p>Since 1914, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Inc. (JDC) has served as the overseas arm of the American Jewish community. Our mission is to serve the needs of Jews throughout the world, particularly where their lives as Jews are threatened or made more difficult. We sponsor programs of relief, rescue and renewal and help Israel address its most urgent social challenges. We are committed to the idea that all Jews are responsible for one another.</p>
<p>American Jewish World Service www.ajws.org (800) 889-7146</p>	<p>American Jewish World Service (AJWS) is an international development organization motivated by Judaism's imperative to pursue justice. AJWS is dedicated to alleviating poverty, hunger and disease among the people of the developing world regardless of race, religion or nationality. Through grants to grassroots organizations, volunteer service, advocacy and education, AJWS fosters civil society, sustainable development and human rights for all people, while promoting the values and responsibilities of global citizenship within the Jewish community.</p>
<p>Anti Defamation League www.adl.org (312) 782-5080</p>	<p>The Anti-Defamation League was founded in 1913 "to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment to all." Now the nation's premier civil rights/human relations agency, ADL fights anti-Semitism and all forms of bigotry, defends democratic ideals and protects civil rights for all.</p>
<p>Artists Helping Children http://www.artistshelpingchildren.org/wayschildrencanvolunteer.html</p>	<p>Artists Helping Children is a Children's site dedicated to comforting children by empowering artists and others to donate artwork, donated murals, donated art supplies, donated toys and a lot of love to sick and needy children. Artists Helping Children also helps artists by giving them information on how they can help the sick and poor children by volunteering to paint murals and other art for hospitals, shelters, clinics, etc. No child should ever have to be sad or have to suffer, that is why we hope that more artists and individuals will help bring colorful art to white walled institutions. We also give you ideas on how and where to donate crayons, colored pencils, clay, markers, paper, and other arts and crafts supplies ... such as what hospitals and shelters you could use these arts supplies to bring a little happiness and joy to these children's' lives and to so many white-walled institutions. We also have filled this site with free coloring pages & coloring printouts for children to color with as well as 1000s of free arts and crafts projects for kids to use when they need some crafts ideas</p>
<p>Association House in Humboldt Park http://www.associationhouse.org/Main.html (773) 772-7170</p>	<p>Association House is a community center and soup kitchen in Humboldt Park. Volunteers are always needed to help with programs and the food pantry.</p>
<p>Beauty for the Brave www.beautyforthebrave.org</p>	<p>Our idea is wonderfully simple. What if every American woman donated the cost of her favorite beauty treat to benefit wounded troops? Think of your favorite - whether a manicure, a facial, a massage, or a new lipstick - and consider donating its cost to benefit our wounded. It's not how much each woman gives, but the fact that we are all contributing. And the symbolism of sacrificing something related to our own beauty is beautiful in itself. It hearkens back to the unique sacrifices our mothers and grandmothers on the home front made during past wars in our country's history. The donations go to a wonderful organization called Fisher House that has been in existence for 17 years. They build houses right near military hospitals all across the country. It's a "home away from home" where the family of wounded service men and women can stay for free until their loved one is treated and released.</p>

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Belmont-Cragin School www.belmontcragin.cps.k12.il.us	Our vision at Belmont-Cragin School (BCS) is to be a strong academic community with high expectations that addresses the needs of the whole child. The Early Childhood Center's (ECC) is to provide a safe, organized, child-centered environment that values children's rights and individuality. It promotes a culture of respect, understanding and inclusion. Donations of sports equipment are especially welcome.
Beth Emet Soup Kitchen http://www.bethemet.org/community/socialaction/soupkitchen.php (847) 869-4230	Beth Emet in Evanston hosts a dinner each Wednesday to provide nutritious meals for the hungry in their community. Volunteers (ages 12 and older) purchase ingredients, set tables, cook dinner, bag lunches "to go", and serve a buffet-style dinner for as many as 100 diners in a welcoming and respectful environment.
Blackstone Bicycle Works www.experimentalstation.org/blackstone	From their website: We run a bike shop, yes, but our goal is to weave local youth into all levels of our activity, from learning basic bike skills to facing the entrepreneurial challenges of a bustling small business. Your participation, as a customer, donor or volunteer enriches your community and the lives of our young members.
Books for Soldiers http://booksforsoldiers.com/	From their website: During the first Gulf War, several of my friends from school were in the reserves and were activated to fight the Iraqis. CNN reported that once the soldiers were deployed, they were faced with massive downtime and were restricted to their base due to the travel limitations set by the Saudi government. I had a closet full of paperback books. So instead of selling them at the used book store, I packed them up in small care packages and sent them out to all the soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen I had addresses for. Within a few weeks, I ran out of books before I ran out of addresses.

No act of tzedakah is too small to make a difference.

Boys and Girls Club of Chicago http://www.bgcc.org/ (312) 235-8000	Just one or two hours each week can make a real difference in a young person's life!
Brentwood North Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (847) 459-1200	Brentwood organizes a variety of recreational programs for the residents. Read, play games, or with a parent, bring your dog.
Buddy Baseball http://www.keshet.org/buddybaseball.asp (847) 205-1234	Keshet's Buddy Baseball allows children with physical and developmental disabilities to participate in the all-American sport of baseball and with the help of typical teenagers; it allows friendships to form and substantial barriers to be dissolved.
Camp Simcha http://www.chailifeline.org/index.php (847) 763-1818	For kids who are facing cancer or other serious illness, Camp Simcha and Camp Simcha Special provide the experience of a lifetime! Located on the 125 acre Jack and Moishe Horn Campus in Glen Spey, NY, each of these unique camps is an oasis of carefree fun and emotional rejuvenation midst the arduous struggle with illness and pain.
Center for Enriched Living http://www.centerforenrichedliving.org/	Located in north suburban Riverwoods, The Center serves people with developmental disabilities or special needs from Chicago and 59 surrounding communities in Lake and Cook counties. As an organization, we have no geographic boundaries. We are open seven days a week, and offer more than 30 different programs for youth, adults and senior citizens. Most of our members have some degree of mental retardation; however, many program participants have secondary disabilities such as Cerebral Palsy, Autism, Prader-Willi, Downs Syndrome, visual and hearing impairments and/or emotional and behavioral disorders.

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<p>CHAI: Concern for Helping Animals in Israel www.chai-online.org</p>	<p>The mission of CHAI and Hakol Chai is to prevent and relieve animal suffering in Israel and to elevate consciousness about animals through education. We strive to foster empathy, respect, and responsibility toward all living beings, and to inspire and empower people, Jewish, Muslim, and Christian, to recognize the interconnectedness of all life and to make compassionate choices for the good of all. We believe that animals do not exist to serve human needs, and we are opposed to the exploitation of animals in all its forms. CHAI and Hakol Chai approach the challenge of reducing animal suffering with concurrent initiatives. Some of these efforts result in abolishing a particular form of abuse, while others result in regulations that reduce abuse through incremental changes. Nevertheless, we believe that all animal exploitation must ultimately be abolished and not merely regulated.</p>
<p>Chicago Action (847) 433-0144</p>	<p>Chicago Action supports small communities throughout the Former Soviet Union who have no other support from outside organizations. Our sister congregation in Yerevan, Armenia is part of this project</p>
<p>Chicago Botanic Gardens www.chicago-botanic.org (847) 835-5440</p>	<p>The Garden is a place of ever-changing natural beauty that makes each visit unique. Enjoy a walk through the English Walled Garden's six distinct rooms or through the beautiful Crescent. See the majestic great blue herons soar along the water's edge. If the plants go, we go. Thirty percent of the world's plants are threatened with extinction by 2050. Learn more about what the Garden is and will be doing to save the world's plants at the Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice Plant Conservation Science Center.</p>

Rabbi Tanhum needing only one pound of meat for himself, was wont to buy two, one for himself and one for the poor; two bundles of vegetables one for himself and one for the poor. (Kohelet Rabbah)

<p>Chicago Lighthouse for the Blind http://www.thechicagolighthouse.org/ (312) 666-1331</p>	<p>The Chicago Lighthouse was founded in 1906 by a group of women volunteers, both blind and sighted, working out of the basement of a doctor's home offering clothing and food to Chicagoans who were blind, many of them homeless. Since then, the Chicago Lighthouse has evolved into the most comprehensive private rehabilitation and educational facility in the nation dedicated to assisting children, youth and adults who are blind, visually impaired or multi-disabled. Many programs were "firsts" in the Midwest: the first Low Vision Clinic, the first Center for Blind and Multi-Disabled Children, the first Adaptive Technology Center for computer users. For 101 years, the Lighthouse has been responding to the emerging needs of people living with blindness, now helping people across the nation as we begin another century of service.</p>
<p>Chicago Wilderness www.chicagowilderness.org/invoice/volunteer/index.cfm (847) 956-1150</p>	<p>Provides volunteer opportunities to care for the local environment.</p>
<p>Chicago wilderness habitat project www.habitatproject.org</p>	<p>The Habitat Project is a network of thousands of volunteers and staff—scientists, monitors, land managers and advocates—who work side by side to assure the holistic and effective conservation of Chicago Wilderness, a regional nature reserve.</p>
<p>Children's Memorial Hospital http://www.childrensmemorial.org/ (773) 244-5393</p>	<p>Children's Memorial Hospital is the place where kids come first. We have a 125-year history of providing compassionate care in a family-centered environment, staffing top pediatric specialists, using the latest technologies and offering valuable kid-focused experience. Our mission is dedicated to the health and well-being of <i>all</i> children.</p>
<p>Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life www.coejl.org (212) 532-7436</p>	<p>The Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life (COEJL) deepens the Jewish community's commitment to the stewardship of creation and mobilizes the resources of Jewish life and learning to protect the Earth and all its inhabitants.</p>

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Connections for Abused Women and Children Center http://www.cawc.org/	Connections for Abused Women and their Children, formerly Chicago Abused Women Coalition, is committed to ending domestic violence. Using a self-help, empowerment approach, we provide a shelter for women and children, and counseling, advocacy, and a 24-hour hotline for people affected by domestic violence. We work for social change through education, service collaboration and institutional advocacy.
Cornerstone Community Outreach www.ccolife.org (773) 271-8245	Cornerstone Community Outreach was created to raise the quality of life for low-income residents of the United States and the rest of the world through social, educational and economic development programs that include: development & preservation of decent & affordable housing for the poor, job training & creation, educational & social programs, and feeding & sheltering the homeless.
Council for Jewish Elderly www.cje.net (773) 508-1000	CJE SeniorLife, a comprehensive network of housing, healthcare, community services, education and applied research, since 1972 has enhanced the lives of older adults and their families throughout metropolitan Chicago.
Darfur Solar Cookers www.solarcookers.org (916) 455-4499	Solar Cookers International (SCI) assists communities to use the power of the sun to cook food and pasteurize water for the benefit of people and environments.
Darfur www.savedarfur.org (800) 917-2034	Around the country and across the globe, the Save Darfur Coalition is inspiring action, raising awareness and speaking truth to power on behalf of the people of Darfur. Working with world leaders, we are demanding an end to the genocide, and our efforts are getting results. The key to our success is the millions of everyday citizens who have joined our movement. With you and other committed activists by our side, we will end the genocide.
Deborah's Place http://www.deborahsplace.org/	For nearly a quarter century, Deborah's Place has worked to break the cycle of homelessness through compassionate, innovative, and award-winning programs. Our dedicated volunteers and staff support women through their journeys from homelessness to permanent supportive housing with comprehensive services. Women are especially vulnerable to the factors that contribute to homelessness – factors like chronic poverty, a rapidly changing housing market, illness, and addiction. This year in Chicago more than 11,000 women will experience the devastating effects of homelessness.
Deerfield Food Pantry http://www.westdeerfieldtownship.org/community_services.htm (847) 945-0614	West Deerfield Township operates a year-round food pantry for needy residents. The pantry relies entirely on the generosity of the community to support the pantry and accepts all non-perishable food and personal care items. We are currently assisting over 50 households with groceries every month.
Doctors without Borders http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org/ (888) 392-0392	Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) is an international medical humanitarian organization working in nearly 60 countries to assist people whose survival is threatened by violence, neglect, or catastrophe.
Dolls for Darfur www.dollsfordarfur.org (214) 706-0000	Dolls for Darfur aims to bring an end to the atrocities in Darfur, Sudan by demanding that the United States and world community stop the senseless bloodshed and genocide. We seek to raise awareness about this crisis in the media, the general public, and Washington, D.C.

Therefore was only one person created, to teach you that whosoever wrecks a single soul, the Bible consider to have wrecked a complete world, and whosoever sustains an saves a single soul, it is as if that person sustained a whole world. (Mishnah Sanhedrin 4:5)

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<p>Dress for Success http://www.dressforsuccess.org/</p>	<p>The mission of Dress for Success is to promote the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire, a network of support and the career development tools to help women thrive in work and in life. Founded in New York City in 1997, Dress for Success is an international not-for-profit organization offering services designed to help our clients find jobs and remain employed. Each Dress for Success client receives one suit when she has a job interview and can return for a second suit or separates when she finds work.</p>
<p>Enterprising Kitchen www.theenterprisingkitchen.org (773) 506-3880</p>	<p>The Enterprising Kitchen (TEK), a nonprofit social enterprise, provides workforce development and support services to women who are working toward self-sufficiency and economic independence. Within the context of a business where we manufacture natural soaps and spa products, under the brand name Choices from The Enterprising Kitchen, women receive intensive workforce preparation and skills development including: paid employment, work and life skills training, individualized career planning, high school equivalency preparation, technology training, financial planning and a variety of other support services. Located in Chicago, our enterprise enables lower-income women who have been unemployed and underemployed to maximize their individual potential and move into sustainable employment after 6-12 months. The Enterprising Kitchen was founded in 1996 and in 2005 relocated to a larger, more efficient training and production facility located in Chicago's Ravenswood industrial corridor.</p>
<p>Evanston Animal Shelter http://www.care-evanston.org/ (847) 866-5080</p>	<p>C.A.R.E. is an all volunteer organization that works in conjunction with Evanston's municipal Animal Shelter to find homes for the abused and abandoned animals that are brought to the shelter. Since our inception in 1987, C.A.R.E. has been responsible for the adoption of thousands of dogs and cats that would have otherwise been euthanized. C.A.R.E. provides medical treatment and conducts all adoptions for the shelter animals.</p>
<p>Evanston Northwestern Healthcare http://www.enh.org/ (847) 570-2831</p>	<p>Create greeting cards and seasonal door decorations to cheer up patients. Please only sign your first name. Create and donate blankets. Create and decorate "goody bags" and then donate them.</p>
<p>EZRA Multi-Service Center http://www.juf.org/guide/detail.aspx?id=20158 (773) 275-0866</p>	<p>The Dina and Eli Field EZRA Multi-Service Center provides a broad range of services to low-income individuals and families on the north side of Chicago including tenant support projects combating homelessness, community case management, job readiness training, a Russian senior center, group services for the mentally or developmentally disabled, the JUF Uptown Café – a kosher anti-hunger program and health programming.</p>
<p>Friend Center for Early Alzheimer's Care and Gidwitz Center (847) 374-0500</p>	<p>Spend time with residents who are confronting dementia. Play games, talk and get to know one another. Your presence will offer support and caring.</p>

Give of yourself . . . you can always give something, even if it is only kindness. (Anne Frank)

<p>Friends of the IDF/Impact (312) 372-8500 X4</p>	<p>Provides scholarships to Israeli soldiers to attend university.</p>
<p>Givat Haviva Education Foundation http://www.givathaviva.org/Home</p>	<p>The Foundation comprises a community of supporters and activists who work to increase awareness of Givat Haviva Institute's role in advancing Jewish-Arab relations in Israel.</p>
<p>Glen Kirk Residential Services www.glenkirk.org (847) 291-7522</p>	<p>This organization serves 1,000 developmentally disabled children and adults with housing, workshops, respite, and social programming. They are in need of volunteers to assist with dances (set up, decorate, and supervision). Teachers or assistants are needed for creative arts, gardening, scrap booking, jewelry making, fitness, and games.</p>

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<p>Good News Community Kitchen Office manager Kristi Sanford 773 262 2297</p>	<p>The Good News Community Kitchen began as a ministry of the Good News Community Church (UCC) in 1983 and began serving meals a few days per week in the "North of Howard" neighborhood of Rogers Park, on the furthest northern border of Chicago. Today, with the help of more than 30 partnering congregations and community organizations, GNCK is the highest capacity community Kitchen in the metropolitan Chicago area and we are the only community kitchen that serves a hot nutritious meal 365 days per year. Last year, more than 2,500 volunteers worked with our staff to serve 56,000 hot meals to an average of 120 patrons per night. However, we are more than just a "soup kitchen." Together with community residents and our congregational partners, our patrons are engaged in advocacy to address the core issues that contribute to hunger and poverty. GNCK created <u>Northside POWER</u> (People Organized to Work, Educate and Restore) and the <u>Northshore Caucus</u> to work on making neighborhood streets safer, to improve community health care, and develop local pre-apprenticeship job training which will help patrons and area residents get access to living wage construction jobs.</p>
<p>Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association http://www.glasa.org/ (847) 283 0908</p>	<p>To promote and support the optimal development and well being for youth and adults who have a primary physical or visual impairment through the provision of inclusive recreational, fitness and competitive sports activities and to offer opportunities for empowerment through education, leadership and training in collaboration with community based organizations.</p>
<p>Greater Chicago Food Depository http://www.chicagosfoodbank.org/site/PageServer?pagename=abt (773) 247-3663</p>	<p>The Greater Chicago Food Depository is a not-for-profit food distribution and training center providing food for hungry people while striving to end hunger in our community. The Food Depository distributes donated and purchased food through a network of 600 food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters to almost a half-million adults and children every year.</p>

*If a person comes to you for assistance, and you tell him, "God will help you," you are acting disloyally to God.
For you should understand that God has sent you to aid the needy person, not to refer him back to the Almighty. (The Leover Rebbe)*

<p>Hadley School for the Blind http://www.hadley-school.org/ (847) 446 8111</p>	<p>To promote independent living through lifelong, distance education programs for blind people, their families and blindness service providers.</p>
<p>Hats off for Cancer http://www.hatsoffforcancer.org/default.asp</p>	<p>Hats Off For Cancer collects and donates hats of all kinds to the courageous children who lose their hair due to cancer treatments.</p>
<p>Hazon Yeshaya http://www.hazonyesaya.org/ Abraham Israel 347 733 2346</p>	<p>Since 1997, Hazon Yeshaya Soup Kitchens has been providing life-saving meals to thousands of Israel's neediest adults and children, 365 days a year. Hazon Yeshaya was founded by Abraham Israel, a successful businessman from New York. Shortly after making aliya to Jerusalem, Abraham chanced upon a destitute woman living in a squalid apartment with an empty refrigerator and no idea where her next meal would come from. He was astounded by her situation and even more surprised to discover there are hundreds of thousands like her in Israel. Immediately, he set up a small kitchen to serve 17 starving Jerusalem residents. Today, Hazon Yeshaya provides more than 400,000 hot meals each month at over 60 distribution points across Israel.</p>
<p>Heartland Animal Shelter http://www.heartlandanimalshelter.net/</p>	<p>To find permanent, loving homes for homeless animals and promote responsible pet ownership through education, community outreach and collaboration while maintaining respect and compassion for all creatures. Together we can make a difference!</p>

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<p>Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society www.hias.org (212) 967-4100</p>	<p>Who are we when we say “HIAS”? HIAS not only includes a worldwide staff of more than 100 employees and the 57 people who sit on our board of directors but also a support base of over 14,000 generous individuals. We all work together towards a common goal: rescue those in peril, reunite families in freedom, and enable newcomers to build new lives with hope and prosperity.</p>
<p>Heifer International www.heifer.org (800) 422-0474</p>	<p>Heifer envisions...A world of communities living together in peace and equitably sharing the resources of a healthy planet. Heifer's mission is...To work with communities to end hunger and poverty and to care for the earth. Heifer's strategy is...To “pass on the gift.” As people share their animals' offspring with others – along with their knowledge, resources, and skills – an expanding network of hope, dignity, and self-reliance is created that reaches around the globe. This simple idea of giving families a source of food rather than short-term relief caught on and has continued for over 60 years. Today, millions of families in 128 countries have been given the gifts of self-reliance and hope.</p>
<p>Heller Nature Center www.hellernaturecenter.org (847) 681-2189</p>	<p>Projects can be designed for group ranging from 4 to 40 volunteers. A special workday can be organized for a group of ten or more students. On Sundays and school holidays, volunteers are needed for seed collection, clearing buckthorn, brush pile burns, and planting.</p>
<p>Hospital Art www.hospitalart.org (770) 645-1720</p>	<p>The Foundation for Hospital Art is dedicated to softening the hospital environment with colorful paintings, wall murals and ceiling tiles. Participants paint pre-drawn, color-coded designs at PaintFests held in a variety of settings around the world. The artwork is touched-up and then donated to needy hospitals on behalf of the sponsor.</p>

*Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly, now. Love mercy, now. Walk humbly, now.
 You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it. (Talmud)*

<p>Howard Community Center http://www.howardarea.org/ (773) 262-6622</p>	<p>The mission of the Howard Area Community Center is to assist low-income individuals and families in Rogers Park to stabilize their lives and to develop the social skills necessary to become effective community members. HACC Programs include: Howard Area Leadership Academy: Provides a second chance for youth who dropped out of traditional public schools to earn a high school diploma. Family Center Campus: Provides full-day care and early childhood education for children birth to five, family support and parent education. Education and Employment: Assists adults to increase their reading and math skills, earn a GED, or become more proficient in English. Also, staff members help adults build work-related skills and secure and retain employment. Social Services: Provides emergency services, case management, and other support services to encourage self-sufficiency and personal responsibility. Youth Programs: Includes after-school academic enrichment, workshops on life and social skills, employment-related services, recreational activities, and a full-day summer camp.</p>
<p>Ilan Sports Center for the Physically Disabled http://www.geocities.com/ilanisrael/2001/english.html</p>	<p>ILAN is a voluntary organization that takes care of the children born with physical disabilities due to CP or other Neuro-Muscular disorders. When ILAN was founded, 50 years ago the main target was to help the children that were disabled by the Polio Epidemic. Through time ILAN continues to help the handicapped and struggles to raise money and initiate activities to improve their life. ILAN has become one of the most important non profit organizations in Israel and is now taking care and helping in the rehabilitation of around 15,000 handicapped in all the country. ILAN helps the handicapped through various frameworks like educational institutes live-in homes and sport centers.</p>
<p>ILoveSchools.com www.iloveschools.com</p>	<p>iLoveSchools.com is a free donor-matching service for education! School teachers build WishLists of equipment, materials and supplies; anything they need for their classroom. Donors locate teachers through our WishList search and offer their donations of new or used items or the cost of the teacher's WishList. 100% of donations go directly to a school teacher in need!</p>
<p>Inspiration Café http://www.inspirationcorp.org/programs/cafe/cafe.html (773) 878-0981</p>	<p>Located in Uptown on Chicago's north side, Inspiration Cafe provides restaurant-style meals, case management, support groups, life-skills training, financial assistance and other services to homeless men and women in a therapeutic community that promotes dignity and respect. Guests of the Cafe have access to the full range of Inspiration Corporation's programs, including employment training and career services, voice mail, and subsidized housing. Inspiration Cafe's goal is to help men and women overcome the causes of their homelessness and find stability by securing income and affordable housing.</p>

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<p>Interfaith Council for The Homeless www.ichchicago.org (773) 265-1207</p>	<p>Interfaith Council for the Homeless (ICH) ends homelessness for families and individuals by offering hope, help and housing. ICH provides permanent housing, education, advocacy, and social services.</p>
<p>Israel Cancer Research Fund www.icrfonline.org</p>	<p>The Israel Cancer Research Fund is the only voluntary charitable organization in North America solely devoted to supporting cancer research in Israel. Since 1975, ICRF has provided 1600 grants to outstanding cancer researchers whose laboratories are located in all of the leading scientific research institutions, universities and hospitals across Israel.</p>
<p>Israel Guide Dog Center for the Blind www.israelguidedog.org</p>	<p>The Israel Guide Dog Center for the Blind began operations on January 1, 1991 with just one objective -- to help blind people in Israel to achieve independence and mobility through the use of guide dogs. Only blind Israelis who could understand and communicate in English were sent to guide dog schools in the United States for instruction. Many, unable to comply with these criteria, could not participate and simply never received a guide dog. Even the lucky ones who received a guide dog from overseas found that if a problem with the guide dog arose later on, there was no one to provide the follow up (after care) service so vital to a successful "Partnership" (blind person and dog).</p>
<p>Jewish Child and Family Services www.jcfs.org (773) 467-3746</p>	<p>Every day, volunteers help fulfill the JCFS mission—to redefine what is possible—for the lives of children and their families. Whether shooting hoops with a teenage foster child, visiting a local nursing home resident or cuddling with a baby while her teen mom studies, volunteers have the opportunity to make a profound and lasting impact on the life of a child, adult, senior or family.</p>
<p>Jewish Council for Youth Services www.jcys.org</p>	<p>Jewish Council for Youth Services ("JCYS") is an independent, not-for-profit agency dedicated to serving both Chicagoland's Jewish and greater communities and developing leaders who continue its tradition of volunteer service. Embracing Jewish values and culture, JCYS provides educational and recreational programs that nurture individual growth and promote responsibility to others.</p>
<p>Jewish Healing Network of Chicago: Generation to Generation: B'nei Mitzvah Visit the Elderly Carol E. Berry 847 568 5208 or carolberry@jcfs.org</p>	<p>Participants in Generation to Generation have the opportunity to participate in group activities and do one on one visits. One-on-one visiting involves regular visits with an elder carefully matched to your family. Each family will receive a handbook with suggested activities to help facilitate conversation and connection as you visit.</p>
<p>Jewish National Fund http://www.jnf.org/site/PageServer (847) 656-8880</p>	<p>Over the past century, the JNF family has planted over 240 million trees, built over 180 dams and reservoirs, developed over 250,000 acres of land, created more than 1,000 parks throughout Israel and educated students around the world about Israel and the environment. Through the support of donors around the world, the JNF family was able to ensure that Israel was the only nation in the world to end the 20th century with more trees than it had at the beginning. In addition, over the past decade, JNF has increased its water resources to furnish water to more than 1.2 million Israelis. As a global environmental leader focusing on Israel, JNF is committed to the United Nations Millennium Developmental Goals of 2015 and its partnerships with Israel's neighbors, improving the quality of life for all who live in the Middle East.</p>
<p>Jewish National Fund Susim Osim Nissim http://www.jnf.org/site/PageServer?pagename=riding (847) 656-8880</p>	<p>The benefits of riding for those with disabilities have been recognized for over 3,000 years, since the time of Hippocrates. Therapeutic riding has been widely used since the early 1950s as a tool for improving the lives of people with disabilities. Individuals with almost any cognitive, physical and/or emotional disability can benefit from therapeutic riding, driving, vaulting, competition or other purposeful, safe and supervised interaction with horses.</p>
<p>Jewish National Fund Invitations http://www.jnf.org/site/PageServer?JServSessionIdr011=0b9mre4m02.app25a&pagename=simcha (847) 656-8880</p>	<p>Purchase your B'nai Mitzvah invitations through JNF and a tree will be planted for each invitation you send.</p>

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<p>Jewish Soldier Foundation www.jewishsoldier.org (410) 591-1564</p>	<p>The Jewish Soldier Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the Jewish men and women who daily risk their lives defending freedom and democracy. Our mission is threefold: We advocate for Jewish soldiers by working with the military and the U.S. Congress to provide educational resources for Jewish soldiers about the rich history and traditions of their faith. We offer Jewish soldiers and their families all the elements necessary to observe the tenets of their faith, including books, kosher food, and the full spectrum of ritual services. We fight to protect the values of diversity and freedom of religion that are the bedrocks of American values.</p>
<p>Jewish Welfare Board Jewish Chaplains Council http://online.jcca.org/</p>	<p>Jewish Welfare Board Jewish Chaplains Council supports American Jewish troops with holiday kits and other materials.</p>
<p>Joy of the Game www.joyofthegame.com (847) 498-6646</p>	<p>Youth basketball training program and league for boys and girls (ages 3 through 17 years).</p>
<p>JUF Uptown Café http://www.juf.org/tov/uptown_cafe.aspx?terms=uptown+cafe</p>	<p>The JUF Uptown Café is Chicago's first kosher anti-hunger program for the needy. In addition to providing hot meals in a restaurant-style setting, the JUF Uptown Café program brings dignity and hope to people in need. The JUF Uptown Café feeds Jews and non-Jews alike and is open three days a week for dinner and on Sundays for brunch.</p>
<p>Kaboom www.kaboom.org (202) 659-0215</p>	<p>KaBOOM! Is a national non-profit organization that envisions a great place to play within walking distance of every child in America. Celebrating twelve years of service in 2008, we rally communities to achieve better public policy, funding and public awareness for increased play opportunities nationwide; provide resources, including trainings, challenge grants, and publications for communities that wish to plan a new playspace on their own; and bring together children, business and community interests for a select number of community playspace builds each year.</p>

Hillel said: Do not separate yourself from the community. (Avot)

<p>Keren b'Kavod/IRAC http://www.irac.org/SocialAction.aspx</p>	<p>Keren B'Kavod, the humanitarian aid project of the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism, is an outgrowth of our response to the growing difficulty of many Israelis to provide themselves with basic necessities. Poverty is a complex phenomenon, one that includes a need to be sustained both with food and with cultural and social opportunities. As it is written: "A person does not live on bread alone," Deut. 8.3. Because of this, we feel that it is necessary to address the problem of poverty from a number of different aspects. The following four elements make up the basis of Keren B'Kavod: holiday food drives, ongoing charity work, humanitarian aid to refugees and advocacy efforts to combat hunger.</p>
<p>Keshet www.keshet.org (847) 205-1234</p>	<p>Keshet provides educational, recreational and vocational programs for children and young adults with special needs. Keshet's impact beyond the schools and summer programs includes its national prominence as a premier training center serving thousands of professionals and parents in the treatment of autism and communication disorders through structured teaching techniques and other related informational seminars.</p>
<p>La Rabida Children's Hospital www.larabida.org (773) 363-6701</p>	<p>Learning to live with a chronic illness or disability is a difficult road for anyone to travel, especially a child. That is why everything we do at La Rabida Children's Hospital is geared toward helping young patients lead childhoods that are as typical and productive as possible. Providing hope, encouragement, and support, La Rabida helps children and their families learn to live with lifelong medical conditions, and rise above them as well. La Rabida addresses more than the medical needs of children with chronic illnesses and disabilities. We address their developmental and emotional needs as well. And since chronic illness impacts the entire family, La Rabida concentrates on helping families understand and overcome any challenges they may encounter. By doing this, La Rabida enables our patients and their families to live healthy, productive lives at home and in their communities. La Rabida is the only hospital in the country solely dedicated to caring for children with chronic illnesses, disabilities, or who have been abused or neglected.</p>

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<p>Lamb's Farm http://www.lambsfarm.org/ (847) 362-4636</p>	<p>Located in Libertyville, Illinois, Lambs Farm is a place that, most importantly, empowers an extraordinary group of more than 250 people with developmental disabilities to lead personally fulfilling lives. Uniquely, Lambs Farm is also a place where families gather to enjoy our many shops and attractions, where community groups hold meetings and picnics, where businesses have products made with care and where many others attend a wide variety of entertaining events.</p>
<p>Lieberman Geriatric Health Center (847) 674-7210</p>	
<p>Lilly's Wool Project www.woolproject.byethost33.com</p>	<p>Lilly's Wool Project began in February 2008 , when Lilly, now age 14, decided to do The Wool Project as a service project for her bat mitzvah. The idea of the project is to help impoverished men and women living in the rural area of Meru, Kenya—including some who are HIV-positive-- find a sustainable income through weaving and spinning and to sell their finished products abroad. Since February, Lilly has raised \$4,213, which paid for a spinning wheel , loom, and accessories (all wholesale), shipping of the equipment, and for one week of training, including materials such as raw wool.</p>
<p>Little City www.littlecity.org (847) 358-5510</p>	<p>The mission of Little City Foundation is to provide state-of-the art services to help children and adults with mental retardation or other developmental, emotional and behavioral challenges to lead meaningful, productive and dignified lives.</p>
<p>Little Friends http://www.littlefriendsinc.org/home.asp (630) 355-6533</p>	<p>Little Friends, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization serving children and adults with Autism and other developmental disabilities. Based in Naperville, Illinois, Little Friends operates 14 programs including early intervention, alternative schools, family support, vocational training, and community-based residential services. Little Friends was founded in 1965 and now serves more than 800 people each year from throughout DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Will and western Cook counties in Illinois. It is the mission of Little Friends, Inc. to empower children and adults with special challenges to live, learn, work and participate in the community.</p>
<p>Little Home Away From Home Kerwin Family (contact through Rabbi Greenberg at rabbigreenberg@templejeremiah.org)</p>	<p>Little Home Away from Home is a family endeavor involving 3 generations and is truly a labor of love. Each house, with its unique rooms and fanciful details, requires weeks to assemble by hand. Our vision is simple; to provide kids who are going through transition due to domestic violence and abuse with a special play setting that delights them and envelops them with a sense of warmth and well-being. Each dollhouse is custom made in our family's workshop using an estimated 70 percent recycled materials. The houses contain rough-hewn furniture and handmade accessories which are artistically rendered from surplus materials and attic treasures. We decorate the dollhouses with a little whimsy and a little refinement and hope that when a child sits down to play, she finds comfort within the small spaces and sees larger possibilities in her mind. LHAFH donates dollhouses to domestic violence shelters and to organizations like Connections for Abused Women and their Children to be used by abused children in play therapy programs. A portion of the proceeds from individual sales benefits programs in the Chicagoland area that are dedicated to helping children live free of fear and violence.</p>
<p>Lutheran General Children's Hospital – Child Life Department 847 723 6290</p>	<p>Will allow young people to work with children</p>
<p>Magen David Adom http://www.afmda.org/ (847) 509-9807</p>	<p>Magen David Adom (MDA) and its team of trained volunteer and professional medical responders provides the entire nation's pre-hospital emergency medical needs, including disaster, ambulance and blood services. Seven hundred MDA ambulances travel over 5.25 million miles a year taking care of more than 325,000 patients annually. MDA answers calls for all types of accidents, medical emergencies and terror attacks. MDA has over 100 Emergency Medical Stations and 11 dispatch stations in communities throughout Israel.</p>
<p>Make-a-Wish Foundation http://www.wish.org/</p>	<p>Since 1980, the Make-A-Wish Foundation[®] has enriched the lives of children with life-threatening medical conditions through its wish-granting work. The Foundation's mission reflects the life-changing impact that a Make-A-Wish[®] experience has on children, families, referral sources, donors, sponsors, and entire communities.</p>

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<p>Maot Chitim www.maotchitim.org</p>	<p>"Maot Chitim" refers to the centuries old custom of gathering wheat to provide the poor with matzoh and other items for the observance of Pesach. More recently we have expanded our program to include the Rosh Hashanah holiday. We need <u>volunteers</u> to help pack the food packages and to help deliver the packages. We attempt to have as few expenses as possible, however the cost of the food, boxes and other costs and expenses require us to raise money. We need your financial donation to help underwrite the associated costs involved in feeding so many needy people in the observance of these holidays.</p>
<p>Mary Lou's Place http://www.ywca.org/site/pp.asp?c=erLOK1PJLsF&b=1075431 (847) 864-8445</p>	<p>Mary Lou's Place, a domestic violence shelter for women and their children (formerly the Evanston Shelter for Battered Women and Their Children), was created in 1980 as a five-bed volunteer-run shelter, and has since grown into a 32-bed residential facility. Women and children, including boys up to the age of 12, are able to access emergency shelter for up to 90 days. When a woman arrives at the Shelter, her immediate needs, as well as those of her children, are addressed. Provided a private room for her family, many of which have private bathrooms, residents are given clothing, bed linens and personal supplies. During their stay, women's advocates and children's counselors provide daily individual and group counseling sessions, parent/child workshops, and specialized workshops such as health education, job readiness, and financial literacy. This important combination of emotional and practical support enables residents to access the resources and find within themselves the ability to achieve self-sufficiency</p>
<p>Maya Works www.mayaworks.org (312) 243-8050</p>	<p>MayaWorks markets the work of Maya artisans who otherwise have no outlet for their handiwork. As a proud member of the Fair Trade Federation, MayaWorks pays artisans at prices they set, provides technical assistance and educational opportunities and meets other Fair Trade criteria. MayaWorks believes that community development happens through the economic development of women who otherwise have limited ways to participate or contribute to the economic stability of their families. Giving women an opportunity to earn an income from their skills gives them self-confidence and hope for themselves, their children, their family and their village.</p>
<p>Mazon www.mazon.org (310) 442-0020</p>	<p>MAZON allocates donations from the Jewish community to prevent and alleviate hunger among people of all faiths and backgrounds.</p>
<p>Meals on Wheels Chicago http://www.mealsonwheelschicago.org/ (312) 744-2120</p>	<p>Meals on Wheels Chicago is committed to the belief that all individuals have the right to live independently with dignity in their own homes. The meal delivery program provides isolated and homebound seniors the opportunity to secure a more stable home environment, thus improving their quality of life. By reducing food insecurity and providing daily human contact, the Meals on Wheels program offers this vulnerable population the tools necessary to maintain self-sufficient and dignified lives in the comfort and familiarity of their own residence.</p>
<p>Midwest Palliative and Hospice Care Center http://www.midwestpalliativeandhospicecarecenter.org/index.cfm (800) 331-5484</p>	<p>Midwest Palliative & Hospice CareCenter is committed to Meeting our community's need for compassionate, high-quality healthcare that fills the gaps in the system of care for people with life-challenging or age-related conditions. Offering a range of carefully coordinated care options—a safety net of services—that improve the physical and emotional well-being and meet the spiritual needs of people of all ages. Providing patient- and family-centered services and programming, using an interdisciplinary team approach. Building on our history of excellence by expanding, enhancing and strengthening services, programs and operations. Influencing greater access to care by participating as a leader in national, state, regional and local professional organizations, advisory groups and government bodies. Providing services that are above and beyond those for which we receive payment.</p>
<p>Mount Sinai Hospital www.sinai.org (773) 542-2000</p>	<p>For more than 80 years the hospitals, physicians and staff of Sinai Health System have provided medical care and social services to Chicago's neediest communities. Sinai today provides a full continuum of care- acute, primary, specialty and rehabilitation- to meet the needs of the communities and patients we serve.</p>
<p>Natural Resources Defense Council www.savebiogems.org (212) 727-2700</p>	<p>Each year, the BioGems Initiative mobilizes hundreds of thousands of concerned citizens to take action via the Internet in defense of irreplaceable natural treasures and the wildlife that depends on them for survival. Bringing the full power of citizen activism to bear on government officials and corporations.</p>

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<p>Nechama: Jewish Response to Disaster http://www.nechama.org/ (763) 732-0610</p>	<p>NECHAMA (Hebrew for comfort) is the Jewish community's disaster response organization. Based in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St Paul, NECHAMA has deployed thousands of volunteers to help communities clean-up after floods, tornados, and other natural disasters. Rooted in the Jewish value of <i>Tikkun Olam</i> (repairing the world), NECHAMA offers help to all people regardless of religious affiliation. We do not ask "who are you?" but rather "how can we help?" We work shoulder-to-shoulder with homeowners in urban and rural areas, generally providing help to the most vulnerable: the elderly, the poor, single parents, and people with disabilities or other health problems.</p>
<p>New Trier Food Pantry http://www.newtriertownship.com/pantry.html (847) 446-8202</p>	<p>The Pantry is an important service for residents whose incomes do not cover all their needs. Its shelves offer a variety of canned and packaged food, useful paper goods, and toiletry items for all ages.</p>
<p>North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry (NACOEJ) www.nacoej.org (212) 233-5200</p>	<p>The North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry (NACOEJ) is a grassroots, non-profit organization founded in 1982 with four mandates: 1) To help Ethiopian Jews survive in Ethiopia; 2) To assist them in reaching Israel; 3) To aid in their absorption into Israeli society; 4) To preserve their unique and ancient culture.</p>
<p>North Park Village Nature Center www.ci.chi.il.us/environment</p>	<p>Mission is to protect human health and the environment, improve the urban quality of life and promote economic development.</p>
<p>North Suburban Special Recreation Association http://www.nssra.org/ (847) 509-9400</p>	<p>The Northern Suburban Special Recreation Association (NSSRA) is an intergovernmental partnership of ten park districts, one city and one village in the northern suburban area of Chicago. NSSRA provides and facilitates year-round recreation programs and services for children and adults with disabilities who live in the partner communities. In addition to 15 full time staff members, NSSRA utilizes hundreds of part-time, seasonal paid employees and volunteers. NSSRA is funded through Program Fees, a Special Recreation property tax levied by partner agencies, Grants, Donations and other sources.</p>
<p>Northfield Food Pantry http://www.twp.northfield.il.us/Pantry.htm (847) 724-8300</p>	<p>Over 370 households are eligible to visit the Pantry each month to receive perishable and non perishable food items and grocery store cards. The Pantry is stocked entirely by the generosity of individuals, businesses, civic groups and the faith community. If you are interested in donating food or holding a food drive, please call our office. Volunteers help sort food, stock the pantry, pick up food donations and pack grocery bags.</p>
<p>Nothing But Nets http://www.nothingbutnets.net</p>	<p>Nothing But Nets is a grassroots campaign to save lives by preventing malaria, a leading killer of children in Africa. While the UN Foundation has been working with the UN to fight malaria for years, it was a column that Rick Reilly wrote about malaria in Sports Illustrated, challenging each of his readers to donate at least \$10 for the purchase of an anti-malaria bed nets - and the incredible response from thousands of Americans across the country - that led to the creation the Nothing But Nets campaign.</p>
<p>Open Hand Chicago http://www.volunteermatch.org/search/org25250.jsp (773) 665-1000</p>	<p>Each year, Open Hand provides nearly 1,500 low-income men, women, and children living with HIV/AIDS free food and nutritional care through its grocery distribution program, home delivered meals service, and nutritional counseling and education programs.</p>
<p>Orphans of the Storm http://www.orphansofthestorm.org/ (847) 945-0235</p>	<p>Orphans of the Storm® animal shelter is located in Riverwoods (Deerfield), in north suburban Illinois. Orphans takes in, cares for and finds good and loving adoptive homes for thousands of stray and abandoned dogs and cats each year.</p>
<p>ORT America www.ortamerica.org/ (212) 505-7700</p>	<p>ORT's mission is to work for the advancement of Jewish and other people through training and education; to provide communities wherever they are, with the skills and knowledge necessary to cope with the complexities and uncertainties of their environment; to foster economic self-sufficiency, mobility and a sense of identity through use of state-of-the-art technology.</p>

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<p>PADS Crisis Services http://www.lakecountypads.org/home.html (847) 689-4357</p>	<p>PADS Crisis Services, Inc., is a not-for-profit organization that is dedicated to providing emergency shelter, permanent housing, and supportive services to families with children and individuals who are experiencing homelessness in Lake County. We work in partnership with our clients as they strive to achieve their fullest potential—as families, as individuals, and as members of the community. We operate the largest rotating, non-restrictive emergency shelter site system for individuals and for families with children in Lake County that is open on a seasonal basis (October 1st through April 30th). PADS sleeps approximately 160 people per night. We provide the only Lake County resource center/day shelter, which is open 365 days a year for individuals and for families with children.</p>
<p>Project Linus www.orgsites.com/il/projectlinuschicago (847) 498-6081</p>	<p>Our mission is to supply handmade security blankets to comfort children who are critically ill, traumatized or otherwise in need. Additionally, Project Linus provides a rewarding volunteer opportunity for community service groups, as well as school and scouting groups, for the benefit of children.</p>
<p>Project Night Night http://www.projectnightnight.org/</p>	<p>Project Night Night donates over 25,000 Night Night Packages each year, free of charge, to homeless children who need our childhood essentials to feel secure, cozy, ready to learn, and significant. Each Night Night Package contains a new security blanket, an age-appropriate children's book, and a stuffed animal -- all nestled inside of a new canvas tote bag. By providing objects of reliable comfort, Project Night Night reduces trauma and advances the emotional and cognitive well-being of the children we serve. Every child who receives one of our Night Night Packages leaves the shelter owning a book which encourages reading and family bonding, a security blanket which can be cuddled, and a stuffed animal which can become a cherished friend. We have one objective – to deliver our Night Night Packages to every homeless child in the country who needs one.</p>
<p>Pups for Peace http://www.pupsforpeace.org/ (800) 669-8930</p>	<p>Pups for Peace is a humanitarian, non-partisan, non-profit organization dedicated to reducing death and injury through the use of explosive-detection dogs to counter terrorism.</p>
<p>Reach out and Read http://www.reachoutandread.org/</p>	<p>Reach Out and Read (ROR) is a national nonprofit organization that promotes early literacy by giving new books to children and advice to parents about the importance of reading aloud in pediatric exam rooms across the nation. Doctors and nurses know that growing up healthy means growing up with books. The ROR program provides the tools to help promote children's developmental skills and later school success.</p>
<p>Reader to Reader http://www.readertoreader.org/</p>	<p>Reader to Reader, Inc. is a non-profit organization that distributes books to schools and libraries in need. Our base at Amherst College is run by our dedicated staff, local volunteers and work-study students.</p>

Simon, the son of Rabban Gamliel taught: It is not what one says, but rather what one does that makes all the difference in the world. (Avot)

<p>Rebounces.com http://www.rebounces.com/</p>	<p>There are hundreds of millions of tennis balls manufactured world wide each year - approximately 20,000 tons of landfill waste. Rebounces tackles this situation with a simple REPLAY, REUSE, RECYCLE initiative.</p>
<p>Red Cross http://www.redcross.org/ (800) 733-2767</p>	
<p>Remember Us www.remember-us.org (707) 570-2883</p>	<p>Remember Us: The Holocaust B'nai Mitzvah Project offers an invitation to children preparing for bar/bat mitzvah to connect with the memory of children lost in the Holocaust before they could be called to the Torah. The Project provides the student and the bar/bat mitzvah teacher with the name of a lost child, information about him/her, and <i>suggestions</i> for simple acts of remembrance: doing mitzvot b'shem (in the name of the child), mentioning the child in a <i>dvar Torah</i> or speech from the <i>bimah</i>, taking on the <i>mitzvah</i> of saying <i>Kaddish</i>, lighting a <i>yahrzeit</i> candle yearly, etc.</p>

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<p>Response Center http://www.responsecenter.org (847) 676-0078</p>	<p>Response's mission is to support adolescents and their families in the Jewish and general community by providing prevention, outreach, counseling and medical services in a teen friendly environment with the goal of empowerment and the facilitation of healthy decision-making. Response is a program of the Jewish Federation, administered by JCFS (Jewish Child and Family Services) and combines the talents of JCFS, Jewish Community Centers, JVS (Jewish Vocational Services) and Mount Sinai Hospital.</p>
<p>Room To Read http://www.roomtoread.org/ (415) 561-3331</p>	<p>We partner with local communities throughout the developing world to provide quality educational opportunities by establishing libraries, creating local language children's literature, constructing schools, providing education to girls and establishing computer labs. Through the opportunities that only education can provide, we strive to break the cycle of poverty, one child at a time.</p>
<p>Sarah's Circle www.sarahs-circle.org (773) 728-1014</p>	<p>Sarah's Circle offers daytime supportive services in a welcoming, safe refuge for women who are homeless. We respect each woman and her opportunity to make positive changes in her life. We work toward ending homelessness by providing options, services and advocacy, meeting the needs of the women who come through our doors.</p>
<p>Seafood Watch www.Seafoodwatch.org</p>	<p>Seafood Watch's mission is to empower consumers and businesses to make choices for healthy oceans. A program of Monterey Bay Aquarium designed to raise consumer awareness about the importance of buying seafood from sustainable sources. We recommend which seafood to buy or avoid, helping consumers to become advocates for environmentally friendly seafood. We're also partners of the Seafood Choices Alliance where, along with other seafood awareness campaigns, we provide seafood purveyors with recommendations on seafood choices.</p>
<p>Shalva http://www.shalvaonline.org/ (773) 583-4673</p>	<p>SHALVA—a social service agency launched in 1986 and a beneficiary of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago—promotes two goals: First, the agency empowers the Jewish community to reduce and/or eliminate domestic abuse through awareness, education, and prevention through programs like PEERS. And second, SHALVA aids abuse victims in the Jewish community through advocacy, counseling, legal information, and other support services for no fee. The agency serves clients who self-identify with the Jewish community, even if they themselves are not Jewish, but are married to Jewish spouses.</p>
<p>Shelter Box USA of Rotary Club International www.shelterboxusa.org</p>	<p>The Shelter Box project was conceived and developed by Tom Henderson, a member of the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard, Cornwall District, in Great Britain as their Millennium Service Project. Struck with the urgent world-wide need for a self-contained emergency shelter unit when disaster occurs, Tom designed a tent, researched suppliers and, through trial and error, developed the Shelter Box.. The international relief agency Feed the Children, has called Tom's Shelter Box 'the best disaster relief tool they have seen in their 20 years of experience'. Working primarily through UK Rotary clubs, Tom and his Rotary club has succeeded in exposing the Shelter Box project to over 25 million Brits and, as a result, distributed provided shelter for approximately one-third of a million people in the last six years.</p>
<p>Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel www.aspni.org</p>	<p>The American Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (ASPNI) was founded in 1986, to help raise awareness and support for the work of the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel (SPNI) , Israel's oldest and largest environmental organization. Since 1953, SPNI has worked to promote knowledge, love, and respect for the land among its citizens and abroad. With a growing population of 6.5 million and a land mass the size of New Jersey, it is of critical importance to preserve the remaining open space and the green areas left in Israel. SPNI is at the forefront of this effort, while promoting sustainable alternative development that balances residential needs.</p>
<p>Soles4Souls http://www.soles4souls.org/ (615) 391-5723</p>	<p>Soles4Souls facilitates the donations of shoes, which are used to aid the hurting worldwide. Shoe companies, retailers, and individuals can donate footwear (both new and used). The idea behind gifts of shoes is nothing new to the Soles4Souls team, as they coordinated relief efforts for the Asian Tsunami and Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, netting over 1 Million pairs donated for these disasters.</p>
<p>Special Gifts Theatre http://www.specialgiftstheatre.com/ (847) 564-7704</p>	<p>To provide children and teens with special needs, a unique, creative drama experience enabling personal growth while breaking down stereotypes related to disabilities within the community at large. Our ultimate goal is to create specific opportunities for children and teens, with and without special needs, to work together. Mainstreaming is encouraged whenever students have developed the appropriate social and artistic skills necessary to succeed. Based on this premise, SGT's goals include developing creative abilities, building friendships and providing disability awareness by breaking down stereotypes about disability.</p>

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<p>Special Olympics www.specialolympics.org (202) 628-3630</p>	<p>Special Olympics is an international nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering individuals with intellectual disabilities to become physically fit, productive and respected members of society through sports training and competition. Special Olympics offers children and adults with intellectual disabilities year-round training and competition in 30 Olympic-type summer and winter sports.</p>
<p>SportsGift.org http://www.sportsgift.org/ (949) 388-2359</p>	<p>Sport Gift is focused on providing sports to underprivileged children throughout the world and promoting sports related community service among our youth. We work to improve the lives and give hope to impoverished children through a variety of sports programs including the collection and donation of sports equipment. We offer community service programs to America's youth to increase their awareness of and compassion for underprivileged children who cannot afford to play sports. Through this effort, we seek to instill in our youth a lifelong commitment to and passion for community service.</p>
<p>Sue Duncan Children's Center http://www.sueduncanchildrenscenter.org/ (773) 268-2965</p>	<p>The daily program, run Monday through Thursday at Jackie Robinson School, begins at 2:30 with homework help, beginning reading groups, computer projects and other academic activities. Sue runs a group for younger children while Owen focuses on the older children. A meal is served at 4:15 and the older group convenes from 4:45-5:45 while the younger children settle into art projects or being read to by adults. At 5:45 everyone goes down to the gymnasium for basketball, rollerblading, jumping rope etc. At 6:30, the children head home: well-fed, exercised and better educated than before!</p>
<p>Sunshine Through Golf http://www.sunshinethroughgolf.org/</p>	<p>The Sunshine Through Golf Foundation, charitable arm of the Chicago District Golf Association (CDGA), brings the benefits and resources of the game of golf into the lives of beginners, juniors, individuals with disabilities, minorities and the economically disadvantaged throughout the Chicago District. The Foundation's Sunshine Through Golf camp program is the largest grassroots golf program for individuals with disabilities in the United States.</p>
<p>The ARK www.arkchicago.org (773) 973-1000</p>	<p>To create a safety net for Chicagoland Jews in need by providing vital human services within a framework of Jewish values and laws. To build bridges between volunteers and those in need in our community.</p>

Through faith we experience the world; through action we give the world meaning. (Leo Baeck)

<p>The Bottomless Closet http://www.bottomlesscloset.org/ (312) 527-9664</p>	<p>Bottomless Closet provides professional clothing, job readiness, and post-employment training and coaching services to women on assistance and working-poor women.</p>
<p>The Children's Place Association http://www.childrens-place.org/ (773) 826-1230</p>	<p>The Children's Place Association is a safe haven for children and families whose lives have been devastated by disease and poverty. Since 1991, the agency has reached out to HIV/AIDS-affected children and families through services such as: residential care with 24-hour nursing, specialized day care, summer camp, psychotherapy and foster care/adoption. None of these services would be possible without the generous support of our many valued friends and donors in the community.</p>
<p>The Glass Slipper Project http://www.glassslipperproject.org/</p>	<p>We welcome donations of formal dresses, shoes, evening bags, jewelry and unused make-up for high school formal dances and events. We couldn't make this project work without the help of dedicated volunteers. Whether you're interested in being a personal shopper at our dress giveaways, setting up the boutiques, or helping with dress collections, we'd love your support.</p>
<p>The Good News Community Kitchen http://www.gnck.org/</p>	<p>The Good News Community Kitchen began serving meals a few days per week in the "North of Howard" neighborhood of Rogers Park, on the furthest northern border of Chicago. Today, with the help of more than 30 partnering congregations and community organizations, GNCK is the highest capacity community Kitchen in the metropolitan Chicago area and we are the only community kitchen that serves a hot nutritious meal 365 days per year. Together with community residents and our congregational partners, our patrons are engaged in advocacy to address the core issues that contribute to hunger and poverty. GNCK created <u>Northside POWER</u> (People Organized to Work, Educate and Restore) and the <u>Northshore Caucus</u> to work on making neighborhood streets safer, to improve community health care, and develop local pre-apprenticeship job training which will help patrons and area residents get access to living wage construction jobs.</p>

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<p>The Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center http://www.hmfi.org/</p>	<p>The Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center is a project of the Holocaust Memorial Foundation of Illinois. Founded by Holocaust survivors more than 25 years ago, the organization is dedicated to teaching about the Holocaust and the dangers of unchallenged hate.</p>
<p>The Kenwood Home 3121 N Sheridan welcomes dogs http://www.seniorhousingnet.com/seniorliving-detail/kenwood-lake-view_3121-north-sheridan_chicago_il_60657-560843</p>	<p>Kenwood Home is an Independent and assisted living center. They welcome volunteers who bring dogs to visit their residents.</p>

Rabbi Yona said, "Happy is the person who gives to the person in need" is NOT what the verse says, but rather, "Happy is the one who is in relation to the person in need." Meaning, look at the situation carefully, and keep in mind how it is a privilege to do the Mitzvah through that person. (Leviticus Rabbah 34:1)

<p>The Lunchbox Fund http://www.thelunchboxfund.org/</p>	<p>The Lunchbox Fund aims to provide disadvantaged and impoverished pre- and secondary school children with the food they need to help them achieve their goals in life. Aims: reduction of short-term hunger, increasing student attendance at school, provision of meals at school, to enhance children's ability to learn, promotion of parental participation at school, alleviation of household stress due to lack of funds for food.</p>
<p>The Waukegan Project Barb and Steve Miller (847) 266-1686</p>	<p>Temple Jeremiah's ongoing project to support education in the under-funded Waukegan School District. Projects vary, volunteers are always needed. Contact the Miller's to learn more.</p>
<p>Tricon Day Care Center http://www.triconchildcare.com/ (847) 433-1450</p>	<p>Lots of opportunities to play games, read or create individual activities for these children.</p>
<p>Urban Meadows (312) 377-3993</p>	<p>Sponsored by Thresholds, Urban Meadows is a non-profit, full service florist employing the mentally ill.</p>
<p>Virginia Frank Child Development Center http://www.jcfs.org/p_program.cfm?cat=ce&id=25 (773) 761-4550</p>	<p>Virginia Frank Child Development Center provides a network of preventive, diagnostic, and therapeutic services to families with children under six years of age experiencing intra-family, emotional, or developmental difficulties. Methods of service include family counseling, therapy groups for parents and children, preventive outreach services, and a therapeutic nursery or kindergarten. Volunteer opportunities may include painting murals at the Center, providing holiday treats for families, and generally improving the facilities of the Center.</p>
<p>Vital Bridges http://www.vitalbridges.org/ (773) 665-1000</p>	<p>A front-runner in the war against HIV and AIDS, Vital Bridges is a multi-service, non-profit organization meeting the complex needs of its clients at no cost to them. By combining food and housing assistance, nutrition counseling, case management, and educational services. Vital Bridges provides a life-line of wrap-around services that rebuilds and stabilizes lives. Serving more than 2,400 people annually in the Chicagoland area, a corps of more than 400 volunteers and 34 trained staff operate out of six sites to deliver immediate and long-term solutions.</p>

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<p>Warm Hearts Foundation http://www.warmheartsfoundation.org/</p>	<p>Our Mission is to provide a loving hand to lift those less fortunate out of poverty and into self-sufficiency by providing clean water sources, safe shelter, nourishment and educational opportunities. Our Dream is for the children in our programs to be examples to us all as compassionate, joyful citizens of the world inspired to achieve their dreams and empowered to lift others. Our Belief is that providing hope for a better tomorrow creates a more peaceful world today. It is hard to imagine that today, together, we have drilled 197 water wells in Malawi providing 250,000 villagers with safe, reliable water, built two primary schools in Malawi making it possible for over 500 children to attend school, drilled two water wells with full plumbing and sanitation systems for schools in Kenya, opened Warm Hearts House, an orphanage/safe house in Kenya, built Maggie's Farm at Warm Hearts House to assist with the food needs for the children, started the WILLOW Program (Women in Leadership Leading Our World) that is making it possible for 4 girls to receive scholarships to attend boarding school for high school, our eldest Warm Hearts House child is mid-way through his final year of College at the East African School of Aviation Engineering and our next two children just got word that they have qualified for Medical School in Kenya due to their success on their 12th grade National Exams! Way to go! We are amazed every day to watch as the journey unfolds in miraculous ways. Stay tuned...it's going to continue to be great!</p>
<p>Warm Up America http://www.warmupamerica.org/</p>	<p>Warm Up America! (WUA!) is an organization made up of volunteers who create handmade afghan blankets, clothing and accessories to help those in need. These items provide warmth and comfort to people who have lost their homes, fled abusive relations, or are being cared for in hospices, shelters, hospitals, and nursing home. Evie Rosen, a former yarn retailer and nationally known knitting teacher who resides in Wausau, Wisconsin, came up with the idea for Warm Up America! because she wanted to do something to help the homeless. Her simple concept of asking customers, friends and the community to knit and crochet 7" X 9" sections that would be joined into afghans grew into a nationwide program that has produced more than 250,000 afghans. These afghans have been donated to victims of natural disasters, battered women's shelters, the homeless, and others in need.</p>
<p>Warm Wishes http://www.warmwishes.com/ (630) 881-4906</p>	<p>Warm Wishes provides blankets, comforters, quilts, and sleeping bags to those in need. Deliveries are made to overnight shelters, the homeless, or other financially disadvantaged people. Women and children, recovering substance abusers, and the elderly are just some of the beneficiaries.</p>
<p>Whitehall Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Facility (847) 945-4600</p>	<p>Read, play games, or with a parent, bring your dog.</p>
<p>Wings http://www.wingsprogram.com/index.html (847) 348-3001</p>	<p>The mission of WINGS is to provide a continuum of integrated services in an effort to end domestic violence and homelessness one family at a time. WINGS helps homeless and abused women and children by offering integrated services that meet their needs for shelter, education, guidance and support. We provide safe, secure living environments, through transitional housing and emergency shelter, in residential neighborhoods that allow women to go to school, work, and care for themselves and their children.</p>
<p>World Union for Progressive Judaism www.wupj.org</p>	<p>The World Union For Progressive Judaism is the international umbrella organization of the Reform, Liberal, Progressive and Reconstructionist movements, serving 1,200 congregations with 1.7 million members in more than 40 countries.</p>
<p>World Wildlife Fund www.worldwildlife.org (202) 293-4800</p>	<p>For more than 45 years, WWF has been protecting the future of nature. The largest multinational conservation organization in the world, WWF works in 100 countries and is supported by 1.2 million members in the United States and close to 5 million globally. WWF's unique way of working combines global reach with a foundation in science, involves action at every level from local to global, and ensures the delivery of innovative solutions that meet the needs of both people and nature. WWF's mission is the conservation of nature. Using the best available scientific knowledge and advancing that knowledge where we can, we work to preserve the diversity and abundance of life on Earth and the health of ecological systems by protecting natural areas and wild populations of plants and animals, including endangered species; promoting sustainable approaches to the use of renewable natural resources; and promoting more efficient use of resources and energy and the maximum reduction of pollution. We are committed to reversing the degradation of our planet's natural environment and to building a future in which human needs are met in harmony with nature. We recognize the critical relevance of human numbers, poverty and consumption patterns to meeting these goals.</p>

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<p>Yad LaKashish, Lifeline for the Aged http://www.lifeline.org.il/shop/UserFiles60/Microsoft%20Word%20-%20all%20in%20one.pdf</p>	<p>Yad LaKashish (Lifeline for the Old) is a non-profit organization that offers Jerusalem's needy elderly and disabled the opportunity to remain an integral part of society. Founded in 1962 by Mrs. Mendilow, Yad LaKashish provides work opportunities, support services, and intergenerational programs to over 250 elderly and disabled, most of whom are new immigrants from the Former Soviet Union, Ethiopia, and South America. Yad LaKashish strives to be a model of the importance of understanding the needs of the aging population, encouraging the elderly to use their capabilities and providing them with a supportive environment in which they can utilize their skills.</p>
<p>Yad Sarah http://www.yadsarah.org/index.asp?id=198</p>	<p>Yad Sarah, the largest voluntary organization in Israel, provides a spectrum of free or nominal cost services designed to make life easier for sick, disabled and elderly people and their families. Yad Sarah has 103 branches throughout Israel run by more than 6,000 volunteers, and saves the Israeli economy about \$320 million a year in hospitalization and medical costs. Yad Sarah's mission is to keep the ill and the elderly in their homes and out of institutions as long as possible. Yad Sarah's best-known service is the lending of medical and rehabilitative equipment on a short-term basis free of charge to anyone who needs it - from a stock of over 250,000 items, from crutches and wheelchairs to oxygen concentrators and electronic monitors. In addition, Yad Sarah provides a wide range of other services, including transportation and day care centers for the disabled, drop-in centers and minimum-charge dental clinics for the elderly. The organization also provides equipment and services for new mothers, infants, recently discharged hospital patients and others in need, and a wide range of volunteer-run creative, recreational and rehabilitative activities for homebound people. One out of two Israeli families has been helped by Yad Sarah. Over 380,000 Israelis use its services yearly.</p>
<p>Youth Services of Glenview/Northbrook http://www.youthservices-gn.org/index.html (847) 724-2620</p>	<p>Youth Services is devoted to the mental health, character development and physical well-being of children and families in our communities.</p>

Other Resources for Volunteerism and Tikkun Olam

JUF TOV Volunteer Network <http://www.juf.org/tov/default.aspx>

Chicago Cares www.chicagovolunteer.net

Online Jewish Resource for Repairing the World <http://www.socialaction.com/index.shtml>

Find a charity you can trust <http://www.charitynavigator.org/>

American Institute of Philanthropy <http://www.charitywatch.org/>

Find a place to volunteer www.volunteermatch.org

Looking to make a different overseas? www.volunteerabroad.com

Change www.change.org

Jewish volunteer resources www.areyvut.org

Tzedakah weighs as much as all the other commandments combined. (Talmud)

TEMPLE JEREMIAH MISSION STATEMENT

- Temple Jeremiah is a Reform Jewish congregational family whose mission is to foster and invigorate a love for worship, study of Torah and acts of *Tikkun Olam* in a caring community that embraces diversity in its membership.
- We are dedicated to lifelong Jewish education, *tzedakah*, social justice and the State of Israel.
- We strive to fulfill our mission by building relationships that connect us as members of an extended family who recognize each other as created in the image of God.

- Adopted by the Board of Directors, April 26, 2004

Please keep us posted with additional organizations, contact people and inaccuracies in the information below.

Many thanks for your dedication to *Tikkun Olam*, Mending the World, as well as your insight on the best ways for Temple Jeremiah to remain involved in the work of *tzedakah* and social justice.

Shalom and Blessing,
Rabbi C. Michelle Greenberg