

# CONNECT

with Health and Human Care

This directory is intended to be a resource as you and your congregation explore the areas to make a difference in the lives of others. Just as the needs of the nations change, so should this directory. We welcome your input of agencies to be included.

Selections based on faith-based, non-profits with low overhead and a mission of making a difference in the lives of others.

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## Association of Lutheran Older Adults

### Mission Statement:

The ALOA movement is a resource to the Lutheran Church that strengthens ministry by, for and with older adults.

### Volunteer Opportunities:

1. Take part in building up a volunteer network of people as program planners and as advocates.
2. Assist in recruiting citizens and congregations for social ministries

### Opportunities to offer Donations:

1. There are several different levels of membership at each level of membership the cost increases. Used as a method to raise money and help support the organization. (Refer to website for more information)
2. Congregations, seminaries, districts, synods, social ministry organizations can also become members. There are several membership levels and costs. (Refer to website for more information)

### Contact:

ALOA  
Association of Lutheran Older Adults  
The Lutheran Center  
700 Light Street  
Baltimore, MD 21230 / 1st Floor  
Tel: (800) 930-ALOA (2562)  
[www.aloa1.org](http://www.aloa1.org)



## Bread for the World

### Mission Statement:

Bread for the World is a nationwide Christian citizens movement seeking justice for the world's hungry people by lobbying our nation's decision makers BFW institute seeks justice for hungry people by engaging in research and education on policies related to hunger and development.

### Volunteer Opportunities:

1. Letter Writing Day - congregation writes letters to Congress advocating for more food distribution.
2. Speaker Bureau - churches collaborate to form speaker bureau.
3. Create workshops on hunger and legislation.

Organizations are located in Main, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Washington D.C. and Texas.

### Contact:

Bread for the World  
50 F Street, NW, Suite 500  
Washington D.C. 20001  
Tim Stipe (Northeast Regional Organization)  
Tel: (866) 238-0507  
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[www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org)



**Eger Health Care and Rehabilitation Center**

**Mission Statement:**

The Eger family of corporations is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Motivated by the Love of God and the pressure of human need, we see as our particular mission a responsibility to bring comfort, healing and hospitality to all persons, especially the aging and persons with special care needs.

We manifest this mission by providing compassionate care and services to those persons needing the assistance to attain and/or maintain their physical, spiritual, emotional and psychological health and by utilizing our resources to foster human dignity and to promote an optimum quality of life.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

1. Assist residents with various everyday tasks.
2. Assist with activities and games.
3. Assist with in house transport.
4. Meal Companions.
5. Computer assistants to help residents.
6. Help with music movement and massage (a wheelchair exercise to music and massage).
7. Day trip escorts.

**Opportunities to offer Donations:**

1. Can be given for Pastoral Care
2. Can be sent to a Ladies Auxiliary where the proceeds will go toward the residents.

**Contact:**

140 Meisner Ave  
Staten Island, NY 10306-1200  
Astrid Petersen  
Tel: (718) 989-3125  
[www.eger.org](http://www.eger.org)



**Heifer International**

**Mission Statement:**

To work with communities to end hunger and poverty and to care for the earth.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

1. Local volunteers opportunities include helping with facility and equipment maintenance, livestock chores, reception duties and leading educational programs.
2. Promote Heifer international at your work place – show a video, write an article for the newsletter, organize a drive to raise money for an animal or an ark full of animals.
3. Can partake in spending money on an animal that will be given to a family, which will enable them to become self-reliant. (To learn more about a gift catalog visit this website: <http://catalog.heifer.org/>)
4. For an additional list of volunteer opportunities or chances to give donations refer to their website.

**Contact:**

216 Wachusett St.  
Rutland, MA 01543-2099  
Sue Collette  
Tel: (877) 663-1681  
Northeast Regional Office's Email: [ne@heifer.org](mailto:ne@heifer.org)



**L.C.M.S. World Missions**

**Mission Statement:**

In grateful response to God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacraments, the mission of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod is vigorously to make known the love of Christ by word and deed within our churches, communities, and the world.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

1. Involve the full congregation in providing prayer and financial support for projects that a missionary wants to accomplish.
2. Designate the fifth Sunday offering to missionary support.
3. Together in Mission – help support missionaries around the world; link congregations together with missionaries. Three priorities are prayer, letters/ Communication, and Financial support (\$75,000 – \$100, 000 a year).

**Opportunities to offer Donations:**

1. Challenge the congregation to match up to a certain amount of the congregational mission budget.
2. Challenge 25 families to give \$20 dollars per month (above regular offerings) for 12 months. Can continue next year or offer opportunity to 25 other families. Have families share what they have learned from their missionary through communication and prayer.
3. For more opportunities visit the “financial donations” page on their website.

**Contact:**

LCMS World Mission  
 1333 South Kirkwood Road  
 St. Louis, MO 63122 – 7295  
 Debra D. Feenstra [Debra.Feenstra@lcms.org](mailto:Debra.Feenstra@lcms.org)  
 Tel: (314) 996 – 1651  
 Tel: (800) 433 – 3954, ext.1651  
<http://mission.lcms.org>



**Lutheran Social Services of New York**

**Mission Statement:**

Called by God, we enable people to reach their full potential.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

1. Clerical help to do data entry, and helping with record keeping
2. Mailing copies, making phone calls, or filing data entries.
3. Need volunteers for the development office
4. “Matching Grant” In-Kind Donations” – a program that provides food, clothing and cultural orientation for refugee families. –see page 7
5. Infant Layette Program – send new clothing for infants, new baby items, can also send toys and new school supplies for preschooler’s.
6. Donate new school supplies for elementary school and high school children
7. Annual Fundraisers are held in the month of February. Donations of raffle items accepted such as Airline tickets, trip tickets, tickets for Broadway shows and dinners.

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## Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

In Lutheran partnership, Lutheran Social Services of New York's Refugee and Immigration Program is the **New York City affiliate of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services**. The LSSNY Refugee and Immigration Program has a special program that allows volunteer time and in-kind donations from churches to be matched by government dollars. Each dollar worth of donation brings a two dollars in match.

### Volunteer Opportunities:

The on-going needs of the recently arrived refugees are:

1. Clothing for work / job interviews.
2. Winter clothes / jackets.
3. Pre – purchased metro cards (\$4.00 each) to allow individuals to get to and from appointments if they have no money.
4. Volunteer mentors for refugees, who have just arrived, to help them learn about the American school system, grocery shopping, etc.
5. Help with purchasing food for people during the first week of their arrival from the refugee camp, to help get them started.

### Contact:

Maggie Jarry  
Program Coordinator  
Refugee and Immigrant Resources  
(212) 265-1826 ext.313  
[mjarry@lssny.org](mailto:mjarry@lssny.org)  
[www.lssny.org](http://www.lssny.org)



## Mill Neck Family of Organizations

### Mission Statement:

The mission of the Mill Neck Family of Organizations is to enhance the quality of life for people who are Deaf, or who have other communication needs, through excellence in individually designed educational, vocational or spiritual programs and services.

### Volunteer Opportunities:

1. Fall Harvest Festival – for more information and a volunteer form refer to website.
2. Buddy up Program for Schools and Sunday schools – Sunday schools and Church schools give contributions through Chapel, Lenten, Advent or special offerings.

If you would like to volunteer on a regular basis you may also contact the Director of Human Resources, Kathleen Lagalante, at (516) 922-4100 ext. 224.

### Contact:

Mill Neck NY 11765  
Frost Mill Road, P.O. Box 12  
Nancy Leghart  
Tel: (516) 922-4100  
Tel: (516) 628-4243  
[www.millneck.org](http://www.millneck.org)



## Orphan Grain Train

### Mission Statement:

In loving response to Christ, the Servant, the Orphan Grain Train movement encourages and enables God's people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ's name and character to needy people both far and near. Sometimes that character expresses itself as a word well spoken, sometimes as a bandage well applied, and sometimes as a child well fed.

### Volunteer Opportunities:

1. Sponsor a Box – congregations collect a desired amount of money and ship it to the organization.
2. Collect new underwear – congregations collect and ship underwear, undershirts, and/or socks.
3. By kids...for kids – children fill book bags with school supplies, their picture, gospel witness note, and bible storybook.
4. Other donations that can be sent are infant supplies, medical equipment /supplies and new or gently used clothing
5. Need people such as nurses or others willing to help put together workshops in Thailand or Nicaragua

### Opportunities to offer Donations:

1. Most urgent form of aid needed is money for shipping costs

### Contact:

Orphan Grain Train International Office  
PO Box 1466  
Norfolk, NE 68702  
Dick Jondice  
Tel: (402) 371-7393  
[www.orphangraintrain.com](http://www.orphangraintrain.com)  
Marya & Myron Smith  
543 Glenn St. Glen Falls, NY 12801  
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[mmhtims@aol.com](mailto:mmhtims@aol.com)



## SERRV International

### Mission Statement:

A Greater Gift is a program of SERRV International, a nonprofit alternative trade and development organization. Our mission is to promote the social and economic progress of people in developing regions of the world by marketing their products in a just and direct manner. Our goal is to alleviate poverty and empower low-income people through trade, training and other forms of community support as they work to improve their lives. SERRV has worked to assist artisans and farmers for more than 55 years, by:

- ★ Marketing their handcrafts and food products in a just and direct manner.
- ★ Educating consumers in the United States about economic justice and other cultures.
- ★ Providing development assistance to low-income craftspeople through their community-based organizations.

### Volunteer Opportunities:

1. Groups can volunteer in one of the warehouses where they would help to prepare the products for sale by helping to display them and place price tags on each item.
2. You can sell A Greater Gift crafts at a local festival or special event, or at a sale organized by your church or nonprofit organization. More than 60% of all A Greater Gift products are sold through church and nonprofit group sales.
3. To learn more of the above project or various other projects, in which you can volunteer, refer to their website. (When on website click on, "Get Involved")

### Contact:

P.O. Box 365  
500 Main Street  
New Windsor, MD. 21776-0365  
Marcia Bubel  
Tel: (410) 635-8767  
[www.serrv.org](http://www.serrv.org)



**SonRise Lutheran Ministries**

**Mission Statement:**

SonRise Lutheran Ministries provides people of all ages opportunities for spiritual and personal growth and renewal while enjoying Jesus-centered hospitality in an outdoor setting.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

1. Memorial Day Work Weekend – participate in work projects that help to prepare the camp for summer.
2. Both high school and college students can work at Sunrise as volunteer staff members (Summer Volunteer staff)
3. Help with various activities that are held at the camp.

**Opportunities to Offer Donations:**

1. Annual Fund – raises money for the camps operating expenses.
2. Campership – raises scholarship money for the campers.
3. Debit Reduction – enables the camp to reduce the debt by buildings that were built in the past.

**Contact:**

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Pottersville, NY 12860  
Paul Marks  
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[www.sonriseministries.com](http://www.sonriseministries.com)



**The Wartburg Adult Care Community**

**Mission Statement:**

The Wartburg Adult Care Community provides ministries of healing and hope through comprehensive services which nurture body, mind and spirit.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

1. Friendly Visitors - enhance the quality of a resident's life with your thoughtful visits.
2. Gift Shop Attendants - gift shop operated by volunteers.
3. Clerical - assist with light office work in various programs.
4. Arts & Crafts - assist with the Wartburg's therapeutic recreation.
5. Call for more opportunities.

**Contact:**

The Wartburg Adult Care Community  
Wartburg Place  
Mount Vernon, NY 10552  
Tel: (914) 699-0800  
Lois Slattery  
Tel: (914) 513-5114



**The Wartburg Foundation**

**Mission Statement:**

We raise funds from donors, manage our endowment and make grants to assist the Wartburg community, Lutheran ministries and other charities so that older adults may live with dignity.

The Wartburg Foundation solicits and receives all donations and planned gifts for the benefit of the greater Wartburg.

**Opportunities to Offer Donations:**

1. Spiritual Care Endowment – provide financial support in any amount to enhance the quality of a resident’s spiritual life.
2. General Fund – a donation in any amount will provide ongoing assistance to the various programs at the Wartburg Home.
3. Planned Giving or Estate Planning – two types of donations that are a benefit to your financial health as well

**Contact:**

Wartburg Place  
Mt. Vernon NY 10552  
Roger Dow  
Tel: (914) 513-5355  
Tel: (914) 664-0191



**Wartburg Lutheran Services**

**Mission Statement:**

For more than 130 years, Wartburg Lutheran Services, Inc., has been a ministry of healing, hospitality, and community through partnerships in caring. We are a Social Ministry Organization of the Lutheran Church that serves individuals regardless of religious or ethnic background, offering compassionate care through our growing community of nursing homes, adult day health care programs, home delivered meals, long term home health care services, and independent housing for seniors.

Wartburg builds *Life Enhancing Communities* to help elderly and disabled individuals live life to the fullest, without sacrificing their dignity, their individuality, or their independence.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

1. Adopt a resident.
2. Befriend a resident.
3. Read to a Resident.
4. Help transport residents to activities, and to areas around the facility.

**Contact:**

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Wartburg Lutheran Services  
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Brooklyn, NY 11207  
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(Check website for listing of other locations; including their location in upstate New York.)