Children & Youth

Children’s Healing Center
1530 Fulton St East
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 426-8366
info@childrenshealingcenter.org
http://www.childrenshealingcenter.org/
Mission: Provides a safe, clean place for kids with compromised immune systems to gather, engage with our expert staff, learn and play.

Indian Trails Camp
1859 Lake Michigan Dr. NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49534
(616) 677-525
info@ikuslife.org
https://ikuslife.org/services/indian-trails-camp/
Mission: Provide individuals with disabilities an enriched life experience through recreation, advocacy and meaningful relationships.

Disadvantaged (i.e. homeless, food security)

Community Food Club
1100 South Division Ave
Grand Rapids, MI 49507
(616) 288-5550
Volunteer Coordinator: Kendra Valkema
kendra.valkema@communityfoodclubgr.org
https://communityfoodclubgr.org/volunteer/
Mission: Innovative and dignified approach to food security rooted in consumer choice, member participation and access to health foods.

Dégagé Ministries
144 Division Ave S.
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 454-1661 x. 212
Holly Kammel
holly@degageministries.org
http://www.degageministries.org/volunteer/
Mission: To reflect the love of Christ to all who come through our doors by building relationships and offering programs that foster dignity and respect.

Free & Low Cost Clinics

Exalta Health
2060 Division
Grand Rapids MI 49507
(616) 475-8446 x. 116
Volunteer Coordinator: Sarah Pegman
spegman@exaltahealth.org
Website: https://www.exaltahealth.org/
Mission: Reflect the spirit of Christ by providing compassionate, accessible healthcare.

Holland Free Health Clinic
99 W 26th St
Holland, MIT 49423
(616) 392-3610 x. 201
Contact: Kim Jennings
kjennings@hfhclinic.org
http://www.hfhclinic.org/
Mission: To express the healing ministry of Jesus by facilitating access to health care for those in need.
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**Mercy Health Mission Clinics**  
Multiple locations  
- Clinica Santa Maria (Spanish-speaking)  
- Browning Claytor Health Center (urban)  
- Heartside Health Center (homeless)  
- Sparta Health Center (migrant)  
- 36th Street Dental Clinic

(616) 685-1898  
Volunteer Coordinator: Rachel Jonaitis  
Rachel.Jonaitis@mercyhealth.com  
https://www.mercyhealth.com/donate/volunteer  
Mission: Provides services to the underserved, homeless, migrants, and uninsured throughout the community.

**Oasis of Hope**  
522 Leonard St NW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504  
(616) 451-8868  
volunteer@ohcgr.org  
http://ohcgr.org/  
Mission: Provide hope through low cost/free medical care and basic life-skills education to the economically disadvantaged and uninsured of the west-side of Grand Rapids, Michigan, in Jesus’ Name.

**Grief**

**Ele’s Place**  
2000 Michigan St NE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
(616) 301-1605 x. 102  
Contact: Michaela Ayew  
MAyewew@elesplace.org  
https://www.elesplace.org/  
Mission: Dedicated to creating awareness of and support for grieving children, teens, and their families.

**Gilda’s Club of Grand Rapids**  
1806 Bridge St NW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504  
(616) 453-8300  
Contact: Ben Mepham  
bmepham@gildasclubgr.org  
https://www.gildasclubgr.org/  
Mission: Provides free emotional healthcare to children, adults, families, and friends on any kind of cancer journey or those grieving the death of someone in their life due to any cause.

**Hospice**

**Emmanuel Hospice**  
2161 Leonard St NW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504  
(616) 719-0919  
Contact: Jackie Chandler  
jchandler@emmanuelhospice.org  
https://emmanuelhospice.org/  
Mission: An interfaith partnership to provide exemplary spiritual and physical care creating a peaceful experience for the dying and their loved ones.

**Faith Hospice**  
Multiple Grand Rapids locations  
(616) 356-4859  
Contact: Cheryl Brink  
cheryl.brink@hollandhome.org  
https://www.faithhospicecare.org/  
Mission: Provides care “wherever you put your head down to sleep at night” including private homes, assisted living or skilled nursing facilities and hospitals.

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Hospice of Holland
270 Hoover Blvd.
Holland, MI 49423
(616) 369-2808
Contact: Jody Correa
jcorrea@hollandhospice.org
https://www.hollandhospice.org/
Mission: Provides the most compassionate and highest quality end-of-life care through physical, emotional and spiritual support.

Kindred Hospice
625 Kenmoor Ave SE #115
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
(616) 249-3043
Contact: Bethany Vanden Bosch
Bethany.VandenBosch@Gentiva.com
https://www.kindredhealthcare.com/our-services/hospice
Mission: Help people receive the highest-quality, most compassionate end-of-life care while surrounded by friends and family.

Mercy Health
200 Jefferson Ave SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 685-1898
Contact: Rachel Jonaitis
Rachel.Jonaitis@mercyhealth.com
https://www.mercyhealth.com/donate/volunteer

Metro Health
5900 Byron Center Ave
Wyoming, MI 49519
(616) 252-7009
Contact: Jennifer DeVries
Jennifer.DeVries@metrogr.org
https://metrohealth.net/about-metro-health/careers/volunteering/
Mission: Improve the health and well-being of our communities.

Spectrum Health Rehab & Nursing Center
750 Fuller Ave NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 486-3024
Contact: Terri Morse
terressa.morse@spectrumhealth.org
https://www.spectrumhealth.org/volunteer/spectrum-health-rehab-and-nursing-fuller
Mission: Long term care facility that offers direct patient/resident care.

Spectrum Health Volunteer Services
(includes Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital)
100 Michigan St NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 391-8194
Alexis Hendricks
alexis.hendricks@spectrumhealth.org
https://www.spectrumhealth.org/volunteer

Medical Supplies

Alternatives in Motion
201 Matilda St NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 493-2620
Contact: Coleen Davis
coleen@aimgr.org
http://alternativesinmotion.org/
Mission: To enhance independence through access to mobility equipment.

Project C.U.R.E.
(303) 792-0729
info@projectcure.org
https://projectcure.org/
Mission: Identifies, solicits, collects, sorts and distributes medical supplies and services according to the imperative needs of the world.

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**Mental Health**

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
401 S. Washington, Suite 104
Lansing, MI 48933
Denise Koeper (kmkting@aol.com)
Natalie Wagner (nwagner6@davenport.edu)
http://namimi.org/
Mission: Dedicated to the eradication of mental illnesses and to the improvement of the quality of life of all who are affected by these diseases.

Women’s Health

MomsBloom
3292 North Evergreen Dr. NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525
(616) 828-1021
bloom@momsbloom.org
https://momsbloom.org/
Mission: Provide mom-to-mom family and postpartum depression support for moms with new babies.

Pregnancy Resource Center
Multiple Grand Rapids locations
Willing to Wait Program
(989) 292-5199
Joseph Sheffer
joseph@willingtowait.com
https://www.prcforlife.org/
Mission: To be the most trusted and respected source for information, education and services that affirm the gift of human life.

**Miscellaneous**

National Kidney Foundation of Michigan
1345 Monroe Ave NW, Suite 140
Grand Rapids, MI 49505
(616) 458-9520
Shawl Sfleet
sfleet@nkfm.org
https://www.nkfm.org/
Mission: To prevent kidney disease and improve the quality of life for those living with it.

Van Andel Institute
333 Bostwick Ave NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Phone: (616) 234-5767
Contact Person: Allyson Huttenga
Email: Allyson.Huttenga@vai.org
https://purplecommunity.vai.org/volunteer/
Mission: Independent biomedical research and science education organization committed to improving the health and enhancing the lives of current and future generations.

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Certified Nurse Aid (CNA) Training

Goodwill Industries of Greater Grand Rapids
(616) 532-4200
Email: cnatraining@goodwillgr.org
https://www.goodwillgr.org/cna/

Walker Medical Instructional Services
1035 Four Mile Road NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49544
(616) 784-3001
Email: info@walkermedical.net
http://www.walkermedical.net/

EMT Training

Great Lakes EMS Academy
1001 S. Division
Grand Rapids, MI 49507
(616) 459-1736
http://greatlakesems.com/

Medical Scribe

GVSU Scribe Academy (affiliate of Spectrum & Bronson)
Cook-DeVos Center for Health Science
301 Michigan St. NE, #550
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 331-5943
Jeff Trytko
Email: trytkoj@gvsu.edu
https://www.gvsu.edu/SCRIBE/

PhysAssist (affiliated with east side of Michigan providers, now Scribe America)
(877) 488-5479
Email: info@scribeamerica.com
https://www.iamscribe.com/be-a-scribe-apply/

ScribeAmerica (Mercy Health affiliate)
(877) 488-5479
Email: info@scribeamerica.com
https://www.scribeamerica.com/

Phlebotomy Training

Training for the field varies. It should include classroom instruction plus “X” amount of clinical hours; however, not all programs offer the clinical hours. Students interested in this work should research their options and select a program that meets their needs.

Note: Most hospitals prefer candidates with certification but will consider applicants without (and will train).

Schools/Organizations providing training:

- Blue Heron Academy of Healing Arts and Sciences
- Career Quest Learning Center
  3 weeks
- DRM International Learning Center
  10 days
- Genesee Health Careers
  8 weeks
- MedRight
- Phlebotomy Express Training Center
  4 weeks (1 day per week)
- Grand Rapids Community College
  10 weeks
- Lansing Community College
- Mott Community College
- Mid Michigan College
  9 weeks

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- North Central Michigan College
- Oakland Community College
- Schoolcraft College
- Southwestern Michigan College
- Wayne County Community College District

Employers that may provide training:

- BioLife Plasma
- Michigan Blood (Versiti)
- Quest Diagnostics

Research

Van Andel Institute Graduate School
333 Bostwick Ave NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Phone: (616) 234-5708
Email: gradschool@vai.org
https://vaigs.vai.org/undergrad-research/
Mission: Independent biomedical research and science education organization committed to improving the health and enhancing the lives of current and future generations.

Additional Resources

- College of Health Professions – Job Shadow/Clinical Observation
  - Includes locations outside of Grand Rapids
- Community Service Learning Center – Health Related Service Organizations
- Exercise Science Department – Pre-Approved Internship Sites
- Psychology Department – Volunteer/Practicum Suggestions

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