

Volunteer & Healthcare Opportunities

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, MI 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 Mephram

bmephram@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.

Hospitals & Clinics

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 Koepfer (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/>

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Employment Opportunities

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@scribeameric.com

<https://www.iamscribe.com/be-a-scribe-apply/>

ScribeAmerica (Mercy Health affiliate)

(877) 488-5479

Email: info@scribeameric.com

<https://www.scribeameric.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@vail.org

<https://vaigs.vai.org/undergrad-research/>

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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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