

## 2010 Member Group Volunteer Opportunities

Access Press, [www.accesspress.org](http://www.accesspress.org)

Charlie Smith Award Banquet is an annual event that could use volunteers to set up, assist with fundraiser raffle, help seat and serve meals to attendees, and be available in case there is something that someone with a disability is unable to do on their own within the banquet setting. This year's event will take place on November 5.

All Parks Alliance for Change (APAC), [www.allparksallianceforchange.org](http://www.allparksallianceforchange.org)

APAC principle means for distributing housing rights information to manufactured home park residents is door-to-door outreach. Groups of volunteers could help APAC staff and leadership distribution information about APAC programs, such as the tenant hotline, educational workshops, resident association meetings, etc. Volunteers could also help with canvassing for membership outreach (renewals and recruiting), petitioning to establish resident associations, and signing up volunteers. Outreach occurs through the year.

Asian Media Access (AMA), [www.amamedia.org](http://www.amamedia.org)

AMA hosts an annual Media and Leadership Camp during the two-day Education Minnesota Professional Conference. The Camp features a professional mentoring session to inform under-served youth about career choices and strategies to be successful professionals. The Camp needs volunteer guest trainers (requires multi-media background), mentors and facilitators.

Energy CENTS Coalition, [www.energycents.org](http://www.energycents.org)

Volunteers could be used to conduct outreach mailings and phone calls to inform low-income homeowners in Xcel Energy's service territory about the availability of the Coalition's conservation services.

Family Tree Clinic, [www.familytreeclinic.org](http://www.familytreeclinic.org)

A volunteer group could assemble Safer Sex kits, which the Clinic distributes free of charge to the community through a variety of venues. A volunteer group could assist with large mailings that occur several times throughout the year.

Friends for a Non-Violent World (FNVW), [www.fnvw.org](http://www.fnvw.org)

A volunteer group could assist with tasks associated with one of FNVW's large annual events such as the Ways of Peace Conference, Holiday Fair, or the Alternatives to Violence/USA Conference.

In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre, [www.hobt.org](http://www.hobt.org)

Groups of volunteers are needed to assist with the annual MayDay Parade and Festival, held on the first Sunday in May. Volunteer positions include festival set-up crew, ceremony ushers, festival strike crew, parade marshals, and merchandise booth assistants.

KFAI Radio, [www.kfai.org](http://www.kfai.org)

A group of volunteers could be used as telephone operators during KFAI's Spring or Fall Pledge Drive. Volunteers answer calls from listeners pledging financial support to KFAI. Fall 2010 dates are September 25-October 3, 2010. worksite volunteers could also assist as part of KFAI's "street team" at the Juneteenth Festival, Rondo Days Celebration or Cinco de Mayo Parade.

Lexington-Hamline Community Council, [www.lex-ham.org](http://www.lex-ham.org)

Lexington-Hamline Community Council has an annual Ice Cream Social on a July Sunday that has been an event in the neighborhood for over 30 years. Volunteers are needed to help sell tickets, staff kids games and help them to participate, find donations for silent auction, serve ice cream and hot dogs, event set-up and take down.

MIGIZI, [www.migizi.org](http://www.migizi.org)

MIGIZI's annual sugarbush camp, held each spring at Lake Independence, features traditional practices related to gathering and processing maple syrup, sugar, and candy. A group of volunteers could assist with the wide variety of jobs that need to be performed at the seasonal camps including help with cooking, and

the traditional activities. Another opportunity to assist would be at our annual Indian Month celebration. This might include event planning, set-up, or coordination.

Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault, [www.mcasa.org](http://www.mcasa.org)

A group of volunteers could assist with the annual AWARE event, setting up, serving food and beverages, and cleaning up.

Minnesota Women's Consortium, [www.mnwomen.org](http://www.mnwomen.org)

A group of volunteers could assist with their large annual solicitation mailing of approximately 6,000 pieces.

National Federation of the Blind of Minnesota, [www.nfbmn.org](http://www.nfbmn.org)

Each year, they conduct a thorough "Spring cleaning" of their headquarters building which is in a former mansion in Minneapolis. This opportunity would provide volunteers a chance to work with blind people and dispel some of the misunderstandings and stereotypes about blindness.

Pro-Choice Resources, [www.prochoiceresources.org](http://www.prochoiceresources.org)

Pro-Choice Resources is the only pro-choice organization to have a booth at the Minnesota State Fair (they've been there for over 36 years!). They need volunteers to staff their booth, and will provide training. Groups of volunteers could also assist in assembling Safe Sex Kits, including information about STI's and HIV, safe sex, and birth control options. The kits are distributed to recently released inmates from the Shakopee Women's Prison.

Quatrefoil Library, [www.qlibrary.org](http://www.qlibrary.org)

Groups of volunteers could participate in the weekly Third Saturday Work party, assist with library inventory, provide booksale help or event staffing.

Resource Center of the Americas, [www.americas.org](http://www.americas.org)

A group of volunteers could assist with phone banking for their year end fund drive.

Rondo Community Land Trust, [www.rondoclt.org](http://www.rondoclt.org)

The Rondo Community Land Trust provides ongoing assistance to its homeowners as it is needed. A group of volunteers could assist with a major project, such as painting a home for a family facing a major medical issue who needed help completing the job.

Southside Family Charter School, [www.southsidefamilyschool.org](http://www.southsidefamilyschool.org)

The School could use a group of volunteers to assist with digging and planting a garden they are planning.

Twin Cities Gray Panthers, [www.graypantherstwincities.org](http://www.graypantherstwincities.org)

Smaller groups of volunteers could assist at events that occur throughout the year, helping with set-up and logistics, serving food, being table hosts, serving as scribes.

West Side Community Health Services, [www.westsidechs.org](http://www.westsidechs.org)

Volunteers could provide support for an annual Holiday party/gift drive.

Women Against Military Madness (WAMM), [www.worldwidewamm.org](http://www.worldwidewamm.org)

WAMM could use a group of volunteers to hold a special 'Fund Human Needs, Not War' vigil on a Wednesday afternoon on the Lake Street/Marshall Avenue Bridge. Issues such as senior programs, housing, healthcare, social services or education could be highlighted. WAMM would provide the signs.

Youth Farm and Market Project, [www.youthfarm.net](http://www.youthfarm.net)

The Urban Gardens Program relies heavily on groups of volunteers during the Spring and Fall to get the gardens prepared for summer and put to sleep for the winter.

YouthCARE, [www.youthcaremn.org](http://www.youthcaremn.org)

Volunteers can participate in direct service areas as program volunteers with YouthLEAD, the Young Women's Mentoring Program or Camp Sunrise. Workplace volunteers could serve as mentors, provide career shadowing, or teach employment skills workshops for youth.