



## **United Way of RI Grant Funded Agencies Volunteer Opportunity Directory 2009/2010**

<b>United Way Grant Funded Agency</b>	<b>Opportunity (Call the United Way agency today to find out more!)</b>
<p><b>Boys &amp; Girls Club of Newport County</b></p> <p><i><b>Agency Description/Mission:</b></i> To inspire and enable all young people ages 5-18, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens. Provides programming in five core areas—Sports, Fitness and Recreation; Health and Life Skills; Character &amp; Leadership Development; Education &amp; Career Development; the Arts. Over 1300 members receive services from the club on an annual basis. Many of the club’s current members come from disadvantaged circumstances. Many live in single parent families (60%), with 61% living below the poverty level.</p> <p>Contact: CiCi Dunn      Phone: 847-6927 ext. 18  <a href="mailto:cdunn@bgcnewport.org">cdunn@bgcnewport.org</a>      <a href="http://www.bgcnewport.org">www.bgcnewport.org</a></p>	<p>There are three club sites and one summer camp so there’s opportunities for sprucing up the landscaping, painting, rejuvenating playground areas and assisting with special events.</p> <p>Volunteers can help with homework, inspire budding artists in the art room, play games in the gym or game room, or help coach the swim team or basketball teams. All volunteers and staff are given a background check to insure the safety of our members. If you are interested, please stop by the club to receive a volunteer application.</p> <p>Volunteers are given a thorough overview of club programs and a personal introduction to a small group of members by our volunteer coordinators during the volunteer orientation.</p>
<p><b>House of Hope CDC</b></p> <p><i><b>Agency Description/Mission:</b></i> As a community development corporation (CDC), House of Hope creates community and economic development in neighborhoods and villages in Warwick and its adjacent communities. By developing affordable housing and assuring supportive services, House of Hope eliminates situations of homelessness and empowers individuals and families to reach their fullest potential.</p> <p>Contact: Tom Miller      Phone: 463-3324 ext. 236  <a href="mailto:tom@thehouseofhopecdc.org">tom@thehouseofhopecdc.org</a>      <a href="http://www.thehouseofhopecdc.org">www.thehouseofhopecdc.org</a></p>	<p>House of Hope manages 12 properties in Warwick and Cranston. Landscape work is available in spring and fall and there are two special events per year happening in April and September. Volunteers are welcome to help at these events.</p> <p>There is a Christmas giving program for families in need in the Warwick area. Volunteers can be utilized one week prior to Christmas for gift collection and distribution.</p>

<p><b>John Hope Settlement House</b></p> <p><i><b>Agency Description/Mission:</b></i> The mission of John Hope Settlement House centers on these key values: Care and development of children and youth, family support and capacity building to help people fulfill their personal potential. John Hope achieves this mission through social services, health and wellness education and programming, financial literacy and support and comprehensive childcare.</p> <p>Contact: Leslie Gifford  <a href="mailto:lgifford@johnhope.org">lgifford@johnhope.org</a>    <a href="http://www.johnhope.org">www.johnhope.org</a></p>	<p>Opportunities for volunteer groups vary day by day and season to season. Please contact the agency for specific information.</p>
<p><b>Mt. Hope Learning Center</b></p> <p><i><b>Agency Description/Mission:</b></i> Mt. Hope Learning Center's purpose is to provide a safe and nurturing environment in which the children and adults of the Mount Hope community can learn skills and improve academics. This includes activities that are as rich and diverse as the populations they serve, including tennis, cooking, photography, poetry, art, workshops and guitar lessons for youth. Neighborhood adults benefit from classes that are educational, such as ESL (English as a Second Language), GED preparation classes, and computer literacy as well as workshops that inform and enrich neighbors' lives such as yoga and nutrition. The Learning Center draws participants of all ages from 5 to 90 years old from across the city.</p> <p>Contact: Erica Johnson    Phone: 455-8875  <a href="mailto:EJohnson@mthopelearningcenter.org">EJohnson@mthopelearningcenter.org</a>  <a href="http://www.mthopelearningcenter.org">www.mthopelearningcenter.org</a></p>	<p>The Mt. Hope Learning Center is located in an old house that needs a lot of tender care such as painting both interior and exterior, seasonal yard and patio cleanup, plantings and garden care, resurfacing the floors in the 2 story building (replacing peel &amp; stick tiles as well as gym coating wood floors).</p> <p>There are additional needs for volunteers at special events on MLK Day (Jan 19) and at the Annual Plant, Bake Yard Sale in May each year.</p>

**YWCA Greater Rhode Island**

***Agency Description/Mission:*** The YWCA Greater Rhode Island, founded in 1867, is the third oldest YWCA in the world. YWCA members and supporters provide services to women and families to fulfill their mission of empowering women and eliminating racism. They work to create opportunities for women's growth, leadership and power in order to attain a vision of peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all people.

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Volunteers are welcome to help with seasonal yard work to trim bushes, plant flowers, rake leaves, etc. There are also seasonal needs for exterior sanding, painting, staining deck, porches, doors, windows, etc.

Year-round need for painting learning center classrooms, hallways and vestibule and/or homestead bedrooms, hallways, and bathrooms. Year-round need for a crew to clean learning center and/or homestead kitchen.

Year-round need for office help including filing, shredding, answering phones, photocopying and helping with mailings.

