

Selection of Community Engagement Opportunities

Poverty Alleviation



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Selected Resources

Addison County Restorative Justice Services

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Addison County Restorative Justice Services is a non-profit dedicated to providing restorative justice programs to the residents of Addison County. Court diversion is a community-based response to crime. Participants are given a chance to repair some of the harm caused by their actions and to build skills necessary to avoid future involvement with the juvenile or criminal justice system. We rely on thoughtful, nonjudgmental, dedicated volunteers to serve on a regularly scheduled monthly panel for about two hours. Volunteers meet with program participants to talk about what happened and see if they can develop a contract that will allow the one who has broken the law to make up for what has happened.

Addison County Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO)

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CVOEO is a non-profit formed in 1965 to implement the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 in Vermont's Northwest counties. The organization addresses issues of social, economic and racial justice to help people achieve economic independence by providing necessary education and financial skills.

Tri-Valley Transit (TVT)

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Tri-Valley Transit (TVT) connects the people and places of Addison, Orange, and Northern Windsor Counties of Vermont with our network of community transportation alternatives. Their clientele is the general public with a special emphasis on elders, persons with disabilities, low-income families, and other disadvantaged persons. TVT seeks volunteer drivers; flexible time commitment.

Addison County Community Trust (ACCT)

Elise Shanbacker, Executive Director: 802-877-2626 ext. 101, elise@addisontrust.org

Addison County Community Trust (ACCT) works to create affordable housing while regarding Smart Growth ideals; the non-profit currently owns and operates over 600 units of permanently affordable housing. They seek volunteers to work on rehab and beautification projects for ACCT properties.



Did you know...

Middlebury has the
5th highest poverty
rate in Addison
County.
Approximately 1 in
10 people in
Middlebury live in
poverty.

Addison Central Teens (ACT)

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Addison Central Teens is a local teen center that provides safe and fun activities for students grades 6-12 throughout the Addison Central School District. They seek volunteers who enjoy being with teens to help during after-school drop-in hours: 3-6 PM Monday-Friday, walking distance from campus.

Bridport Community Supper

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Bridport Community Suppers seek volunteers to host free meals for the Bridport community every Friday night during the coldest months (roughly November through April). Each week, 4-6 volunteers plan, prepare, and share meals.

Charter House Coalition Student Group

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The Charter House Coalition is a non-profit, volunteer-based organization dedicated to providing basic food and housing in and around Middlebury, VT. Charter House Coalition student organization helps organize student volunteers to make and serve meals to Charter House guests, promoting a sense of community to all members of our community. As volunteers, students can participate in any meal preparation and service and winter shelter shifts. Charter House also hosts several interns throughout the academic year and summer to assist in their meal programs, organic garden initiatives, staff the family shelter, and coordinating volunteers.

Charter House Coalition Community Supper

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Each week, a volunteer group prepares a Community Supper for about 200 guests every Friday night at the Congregational Church in Middlebury. The group also seeks individuals, weekly, to prepare and preserve food to share at Community Suppers; contact Dottie for more information about how your group can get involved with processing (washing, prepping, freezing, etc.) produce, baking desserts, or preparing meals.



Did you know...

Approximately 6% of the U.S. population, 4.7% of the population in Vermont, and 3.8% of the population in Addison County lived in deep poverty in 2018.

HOPE (Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects)

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HOPE is a locally controlled and funded poverty relief organization. They run the largest food shelf in Addison County, the RetroWorks thrift store, and provide numerous poverty-relief services to the community. Through their food shelf, HOPE tries to provide healthy, nutritious food through their Local Food Access Program and as a member organization of the Vermont Gleaning Collective. Volunteers are needed to help with the organization's new gleaning project and help process produce.

Juntos

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Juntos is the Middlebury College student and farmworker solidarity network. It strives to address the needs of people working as migrant workers in Addison County. Juntos fosters relationships at both the individual & community levels through social and educational programs focusing on English language learning, driver license acquisition, and workers' rights.

MiddVolunteers

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MiddVolunteers organizes regular service activities and hosts annual events; contact the group to get involved in one or all of the direct service opportunities!

Open Door Clinic

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The Open Door Clinic (Community Health Services of Addison County) provides access to quality health services, free of charge, to those who are uninsured or under-insured and who meet financial eligibility guidelines; services are provided in a compassionate, respectful and culturally sensitive manner until a permanent healthcare provider can be established. Volunteers can do a variety of things, including interpretation services, as well as support with marketing and communications.



Did you know...

The childhood poverty rate declined during the COVID-19 pandemic, from 9.8% in 2020 to 5.6% in 2021, due to financial aid programs.

Turning Point Center of Addison County

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Turning Point Center (TPC) is a member of the Vermont Recovery Network, a system of community centers that focus on support for individuals and their families seeking recovery from alcohol and other addictions. The Center helps people rebuild their lives and become productive members of society. Volunteers can spend time weekly at the center greeting visitors, answering phones, and analyzing data or help with specific project including workshops and programming.

United Way of Addison County (UWAC)

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United Way's mission is to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of Addison County. They seek Tax Aide Volunteers to help with their Tax Assistance Program (no prior experience needed; training and certification provided). UWAC also seeks student volunteers as part of its Community Impact Funding grant review committee.

Vermont Department of Health

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Vermont Department of Health partners with child care centers, schools, organizations, worksites and communities to 1) increase access to local, healthy food, 2) increase opportunities for physical activity, and 3) build support for tobacco/smoke-free zone policies. They can help connect Middlebury College students with local organizations (i.e. Addison County Hunger Council) and partners (local schools) to work towards these goals.

WomenSafe

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WomenSafe is a nonprofit domestic and sexual violence victim advocacy organization and a member of the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. Services provided include a 24-hour hotline, legal, medical, and community services, advocacy, support groups, supervised visitation, safe homes, education and outreach to community, college, and youth groups. Volunteers are needed to staff the hotline, support outreach efforts, court advocacy, and more. Please reach out for details about volunteer training and schedules!