

Northwestern Settlement Volunteer Opportunities



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When Northwestern Settlement first opened its doors in 1891, volunteers were the primary agents administering help, providing comfort, and empowering neighbors to reach their potential. For nearly 125 years volunteers and in-kind donations have continued to be the foundation on which the Settlement House rests. Over 250 volunteers contribute to the effective provision of our services each year. Thanks to the tens of thousands of service hours they contribute, the Settlement can reach more and more families each year.

Unless otherwise specified, please contact Matthew Sudman (msudman@nush.org) to verify availability of dates and to register a group.

Volunteer Opportunities

Adventure Stage Chicago

Adventure Stage Chicago is the only theater in the Midwest devoted to middle school audiences and the adults in their lives. Volunteers can usher at productions, mentor young artists, and help with graphic design, marketing, and photography. For more information about specific projects, please contact Mary Kate Barley-Jenkins at marykate@adventurestage.org.

After-School Programming

Each day, 200 Rowe scholars attend after-school programming administered by the Settlement. Volunteers can help with arts and crafts, reading, homework time, computer lab, and more. On Wednesdays, Rowe dismisses early and the program takes place from 1:30-5:00pm, providing ample time to work directly with students. *Ideal for groups of 5-10.*

AmeriCorps

Project YES! is the AmeriCorps program located at the Northwestern Settlement. It serves at Northwestern Settlement, Rowe Elementary and other sites and schools throughout the community. Project YES! members plan several large service projects each program year. Members spend months planning, preparing and organizing three large service projects:

- **MLK Literacy Fair** (January 18, 2016) promotes literacy among neighborhood children. The event gives an opportunity for storytelling, reading books to small groups and organizing fun reading games.
- **Global Youth Service Day** (April 2016) celebrates and mobilizes young people who improve their communities. A field day of games and fun activities (flag football, yoga, kickball) is organized for local youth.
- **Seeds of Service** (May 2016) helps local community gardens in Humboldt Park become centers for community engagement and empowerment. Different gardening activities help transform neighborhoods.

Specific date and time information will be made available on nush.org or [facebook.com/ACProjectYES](https://www.facebook.com/ACProjectYES) as events approach. *Ideal for groups of any size.*

Early Childhood Education

Volunteers assist preschool teachers and children ages 3-5 in small group program segments in literacy, art, science, story time, blocks, computer time, and meals. Extra hands are always needed and volunteers can schedule a regular time and day. Volunteers are needed Tuesday-Friday. There are two shifts: Morning Session runs from 9am-11am, and Afternoon Session operates from 2:30pm-5pm. *Ideal for groups of 5-10.*

Emergency Services

Many West Town families turn to the Settlement's Emergency Services Program (ESP) because they know that they will find a quick and caring response to their need. The Settlement has been providing this service for more than 120 years. ESP offers a Food Pantry, Clothing Assistance, Health Services, Referrals, and Holiday Assistance.

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry provides nutritional food to families and individuals in the West Town community. The pantry is open four days a week, Monday through Friday from 9am-11am and again between 1pm-3pm. Volunteers are needed on Wednesdays to move and stock food, organize food baskets, and provide general assistance to neighbors. *Ideal for groups of 3 or fewer.*

Special Events

While the Settlement serves a diverse range of people from many different countries and faiths, many celebrate Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. Emergency Services Program coordinates several events that are open to the community and require significant volunteer assistance:

- Thanksgiving Dinner – Tuesday, November 24, 5pm
- Christmas Basket packing – Saturday, December 12, 9:30am
- Adopt-A-Family gifts distribution – December 15-16, 9am
- Holiday Toy Room – Wednesday, December 16, 9am

Please contact Matthew Sudman (msudman@nush.org) for more information about these special events.

Golden Agers

Golden Agers is the Settlement's senior citizen group that meets every Friday from 10am-12pm from September-May. This group of wonderful and active seniors plays bingo, wins prizes, celebrates holidays, and participates in outings during the year. Volunteers will help supervise the event, call bingo numbers, hand out prizes, and provide essential companionship. Opportunities to sponsor events or trips are also available. *Ideal for groups of 5 or fewer.*

House In The Wood

House In The Wood provides campers with positive alternatives to negative urban

lifestyles within the context of an outdoor camp experience. On 23 acres alongside Lake Delavan in Wisconsin, this year-round residential camp provides overnight, weekend, and week-long camping to low-income children and families as well as community groups from across Chicagoland. If you are interested in learning about volunteer opportunities in House in the Wood, please contact Val Wright at vwright@houseinthewood.org or 262-728-2752.

Rowe Elementary School

Rowe Elementary School cultivates the desire and expectation to go to college by teaching scholars and their families how to succeed academically and socially. Teachers deliver an academically rigorous curriculum infused with unique social and emotional programming led by Northwestern Settlement. Rowe Elementary School serves more than 800 scholars in grades K-8 this year. If you are interested in volunteer opportunities at Rowe, please contact Alexandra Hoffman at ahoffman@nush.org.

Contact Information and Directions

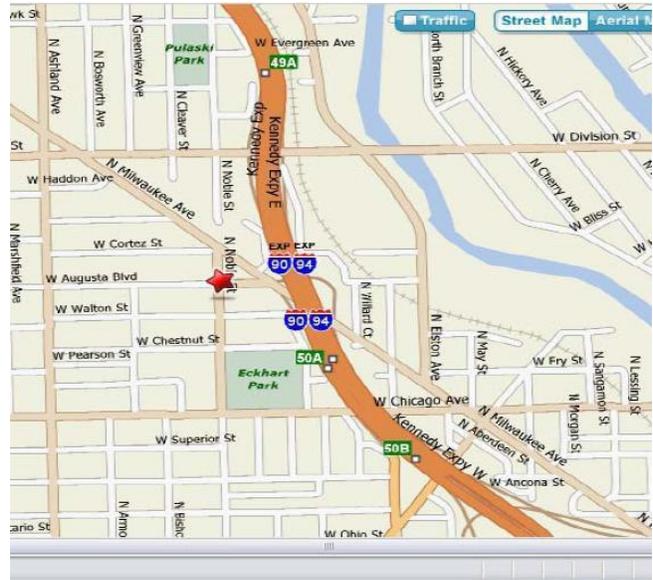
For more information on how your group can become involved at Northwestern Settlement, please contact:

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Volunteer opportunities at Northwestern Settlement are located at 1400 W Augusta Blvd, Chicago, IL 60642.

Directions

- There is limited free street parking along Noble St and Augusta Blvd in front of the Settlement.
- From the CTA Blue Line Division stop, walk southeast down Milwaukee Ave, take a right on Noble, and a right on Augusta.
- CTA bus routes that pass near the Settlement are the 9, 56, 66, and 70.
- The Clybourn stop on the UP-N Metra line is roughly a mile north of the Settlement.



Rowe Elementary School's main office and grades K-5 are located a few blocks north of Northwestern Settlement at 1424 N Cleaver Street. Middle school grades 6-8 are located next door to the Settlement at 1434 W Augusta Boulevard.

House In The Wood is located off of Lake Delavan at 3300 Bay Road, Delavan, WI 53115.

For More Information...

For more information on Northwestern Settlement or any of its programming, please visit:

- Northwestern Settlement: <http://www.nush.org>
- Adventure Stage Chicago: <http://www.adventurestage.org/>
- House In The Wood: <http://www.houseinthewood.org/>
- Rowe Elementary School: <http://www.roweelementaryschool.org/>