



Local Volunteer Agencies

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This list is compiled from experiences that students have had and is only for your information. The agencies on the list are not necessarily approved or recommended, and may not be accepting volunteers at this time. *Students must use their own discretion and initiative in finding suitable social work related experiences.*

Agency with Contact Information	Description
Gratiot Isabella RESD 1131 E Center Street, Ithaca, MI 48847 *volunteering offered at various schools in Isabella and Gratiot counties. Email Leah Hazen for more information at: lhazen@giresd.net	The Gratiot-Isabella RESD has availability for volunteers to work in classrooms with students with severe Emotional Impairments. A volunteer will help support the success of students in the classroom by assisting with classwork or providing a listening ear when they are having a challenging moment. The school hours range from approximately 8-2:30, with some slight variations depending on the grade level. This would be an especially great opportunity for anyone who is interested in pursuing school social work in graduate school.
Isabella Community Soup Kitchen 621 S. Adams, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 989.772.7392 info@icsk.org www.isabellacommunitysoupkitchen.org	The Isabella Community Soup Kitchen provides sustenance and food to low-income populations in Isabella County. Duties include food preparation, washing and/or cutting vegetables, preparing salad ingredients, carrying donated items to weigh and sort, serving patrons hot meals in cafeteria-style line, and cleanup of the facility including sweeping, mopping, and washing dishes. NOTE: Social work students volunteering at ICSK must interact with guests and other volunteers.
Isabella County Commission on Aging 2200 S Lincoln Rd, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 www.isabellacounty.org/departments/commission-on-aging Contact Kelly Lee for more information at: 989.772.0748 klee@isabellacounty.org	The Commission on Aging (COA) provides opportunities to work with the elderly to enhance social and physical well-being. This can include respite care, and time spent with the older adult to provide relief for caregivers. It may also include volunteering at a meal site and/or delivering home-based meals. COA has many opportunities for individuals of all ages to volunteer with older adults through their Gold Key Volunteer Program.
Isabella County Restoration House (ICRH) 120 South Pine Street, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 989.854.0183 https://www.icrhouse.org/volunteer Email Cindy Hoyle for more information at: cindy.hoyle@icrhouse.org	ICRH provides opportunities for volunteers to work with individuals who are homeless. Students may be able to assist with intakes when the client first arrives for services. Volunteers may also arrange evening activities, mingle with guests, and attend to guest needs. The shelter is open from November through April. Hours vary, including nights and weekends. NOTE: Social work students volunteering at ICRH must interact with guests and other volunteers.
The Laurels of Mt. Pleasant 400 S. Crapo, Mt. Pleasant MI 48858 www.laurelsfmtpleasant.com Contact Lynn Larson for more information at: 989.773.5918 Mtpleasant_ss@cienafacilities.com	The Laurels is a skilled nursing and rehabilitation center offering both short-term care as well as extended-stay care for individuals with physical or cognitive limitations. Volunteer opportunities vary with skill level and include shadowing and assisting with completing social histories, psychological assessments, discharge planning, behavior management, care planning, reports, computer notes, and paperwork. Other tasks include recreational activities with residents and meal assistance. Hours vary, including nights and weekends.
R.I.S.E. Advocacy, Inc. P.O. Box 743, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48804 989.773.0078 www.riseadvocacy.org	R.I.S.E. Advocacy, Inc. works with victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. It provides a safe living environment for the victim as well as legal advocacy, counseling and many other supportive services and resources. Volunteers are an integral part of the continued operations. Volunteers may be required to participate in the 20 hours of advocacy training that is offered every two months. Hours vary and include nights and weekends.

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Child Advocacy – Gratiot County 515 N. State St, Alma, MI 48801 989.463-1422 https://childadvocacy.net/	Child Advocacy is a Non-Profit organization with four programs. Our focus areas include Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention, Suicide Prevention, and Substance Abuse Prevention through education, training, and support. We offer internships with all four programs that offer extensive on-site education regarding staff roles and program information allowing students to gain knowledge and skills for a future career path.
Listening Ear 107 E Illinois, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 989.772.2918 www.listeningear.com	Listening Ear is a crisis center operating as a private, nonprofit, United Way human service agency providing services across mid and northern Michigan. The agency serves various populations, including the developmentally disabled. Volunteer opportunities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekend Recreation Program – provides activities for persons with developmental disabilities and mental health issues, such as games, arts/crafts, Bingo, celebrations, dances, etc. • The Crisis Center – a few trained volunteers answer the crisis lines. The selection process includes an application, an interview and approximately 60 hours of training. Social work and related programs have preferences. Volunteers work about 4 hours per week once trained.
Mid Michigan Community Action Agency 1574 E Washington Rd, Farwell, MI 48622 989.386.3805 https://www.mmcaa.org/	Mid Michigan Community Action serves Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Mecosta, Midland, and Osceola counties. They are dedicated to empowering neighborhoods and eliminating poverty. Their services include assistance with food, housing, early childhood education, home energy savings, energy assistance, employment support, homebuyer assistance, and more!
Mid Michigan Industries (MMI) 2426 Parkway Dr, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 989.773.6918 https://www.mmionline.com/ Contact: HR@mmionline.com with questions.	MMI services individuals in Clare, Gratiot, Ionia, Isabella, Mecosta, and Montcalm counties. It is a not-for-profit organization committed to helping people make connections that lead them to meaningful employment, advanced skill enhancement, and greater independence. Volunteer and part-time paid positions that might qualify as social work related experience are available.
Woodland Hospice – MyMichigan Health 2597 S. Meridian Rd, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 833-295-2402 https://www.mymichigan.org/locations/profile/woodlandhospicehouse/	Hospice provides end-of-life care and support as an alternative to private homes, area care facilities, or hospitals. It affirms life and regards dying as a normal process, one of life's greatest challenges. Volunteers provide clients, caregivers, and family members with physical and emotional support during this important and stressful time. Volunteers must complete an application, attend training, submit to a criminal background check, and complete a TB test with negative results. All background and testing costs are paid by the agency. Hours vary, including evenings and weekends.
Additional Agencies – These agencies might also be appropriate for social work related experiences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption Option – PO Box 2225, Midland, (989) 839-0534, https://adoptionoptioninc.org/ • Alzheimer's Association – 801 Joe Mann Blvd, Suite P#9, Midland, (989) 859.5307 www.alz.org/gmc • Clare-Gladwin RESD – 4041 E Mansiding Rd, Clare, (989) 386-3851, https://www.cgresd.net/ • Eagle Village – 5044 175th Ave, Hersey, (231) 832-2234, https://eaglevillage.org/ • EightCap Community Action – 1114 W High Street, Mt. Pleasant, (616) 236-1027, https://8cap.org/isabella-county-cs/ • Gratiot County Hope House – 1001 W. Washington, St. Louis, (989) 681-8486, https://www.gchopehouse.org/ • Mid Michigan Community Action Agency – 1574 E Washington Rd, Farwell, (989) 386-3805, https://www.mmcaa.org/ • Mt. Pleasant Housing Commission – 1 Mosher St., Mt. Pleasant, (989) 773-3784, https://www.mtphousing.org/ • PACE Central Michigan – 1750 E Bellows, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858, (989) 953-5814, https://michiganmasons.org/pace-central-michigan/ • Safe & Sound Child Advocacy – 2716 Jefferson, Midland, (989) 835-9922, https://www.safeandsoundcac.org/ • Shelterhouse – 2500 Waldo Ave., Midland, (989) 835-6771, https://shelterhousemidland.org/ • Summit Clubhouse – 2120 E Remus Rd, Mt. Pleasant, (989) 317-3330, https://www.clubhouse-summit.org/ 	

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