

# WAYS TO HELP



## HOW CAN I HELP?

While the impact of recent unrest stretches across our city, several of CPC's local mission partners and close organizations have been especially affected. We are connecting with them to understand how our church can come alongside and help, following God's call to love and serve our neighbors. Below is a list of opportunities we have gathered so far, and we will continue to share updates as we learn more ways you can get involved.

## CRISIS RELIEF FUND

At CPC, we have a dedicated fund called the Crisis Relief Fund, which exists to provide special financial support to organizations during times of critical need. In the past, this fund has been used to respond to situations such as hurricane and earthquake relief, support for Ukraine, and recovery efforts following the California wildfires. We are now seeing similar levels of need within our own city, as recent events related to immigration enforcement have deeply affected many individuals and families in our community. For those who are able, giving to the Crisis Relief Fund is one tangible way to get involved.

[GIVE TO CRISIS RELIEF FUND](#)

## WAYS TO SERVE

### ARRIVE MINISTRIES

*Arrive Ministries provides essential services & assistance to refugees and immigrants to advance self-sufficiency.*

One way that we can support Arrive is by caring for their staff as they continue the emotionally demanding work of advocating for our refugee neighbors. CPC has committed to providing lunch for their team of 15 staff members on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays through March.

[SIGN UP TO DELIVER A MEAL](#)

34 families have indicated that they are in need of hygiene items. The staff at Arrive has created this Amazon wishlist. Purchasing through this link will give you the option to have items delivered directly to their offices. If you'd like to donate similar items you have purchased in store, you can drop any donations off at CPC in the Missions Corner of the Great Room.

[AMAZON WISHLIST](#)

39 families are on a waitlist for volunteers who will walk alongside them as friends through Good Neighbor Teams in the weeks and months ahead.

[VOLUNTEER WITH ARRIVE](#)

# JONATHAN HOUSE

*Jonathan House supports asylum seekers in Minneapolis-St. Paul as they navigate survival from forced displacement.*

Jonathan House is organizing support pods for current and former residents who need help with things like rides, groceries, and safety check-ins. They have asked volunteers to fill out their application and will follow up with you after their team can connect you with opportunities.

## VOLUNTEER WITH JONATHAN HOUSE

# URBAN VENTURES

*Urban Ventures provides support for youth & families in Minneapolis.*

## **Volunteer to Deliver Grocery & Supply Packs**

Urban Ventures is currently serving more than 130 households with essential grocery and supply packs. They are looking for volunteers to help with deliveries on Monday afternoons and Friday late mornings. Volunteers must use their own vehicle and be comfortable carrying boxes up to 20 pounds.

## **Serve as a Volunteer Coordinator**

Urban Ventures is seeking a volunteer to act as a Volunteer Coordinator to support their team in organizing community support efforts. Commitment would be 10 hours per week.

## VOLUNTEER WITH URBAN VENTURES

### **Food Boxes**

Gather friends to source items and pack complete boxes of food for families. This combination of items is designed to last a family up to 10 days.

After packing your boxes, you can deliver them directly to Urban Ventures for distribution. Questions? Contact [missions@cpcedina.org](mailto:missions@cpcedina.org)

## INFO ON FOOD BOXES

### **Bless Their Staff with a Meal**

You can support the Urban Ventures team by blessing their team with lunch for their 60 staff members. Meals may be prepared personally or ordered. If ordering, consider ordering from local Lake Street businesses, another way to support our neighbors. Recommended restaurants include Marsu Pizza, Pollo Movil, and Pinedas Tacos Plus. If you are interested, please contact [missions@cpcedina.org](mailto:missions@cpcedina.org) to coordinate a day.

# COMMUNITY EMERGENCY SERVICE

*CES is a food shelf that fosters community among neighbors in the Phillips neighborhood of Minneapolis.*

## **Meals on Wheels Drivers Needed**

CES is seeking volunteers to commit to a regular meal delivery schedule on weekdays from 11:00AM-12:00PM. Commitments may be weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, or flexible, depending on availability.

### **Host a Food Drive for CES**

You can also support CES by hosting a food drive within your neighborhood, school, workplace, or personal networks. There is an ongoing need to keep shelves stocked as more neighbors seek assistance. Donation drop-off: Monday–Friday, 9:00AM–12:00PM. No appointment needed. For more information, contact Nicole Smalley at [nsmalley@cesm.org](mailto:nsmalley@cesm.org).

### **VOLUNTEER WITH CES**

## **HOPE ACADEMY**

*Hope Academy is a Christ-centered K–12 school in South Minneapolis that partners with families to provide a high-quality education rooted in faith, character development, and academic excellence.*

### **Bus Driver Needed**

Hope Academy is seeking a bus driver to help transport students during this season of increased need. Nearly 80 students are currently being picked up and dropped off daily by staff members, and this opportunity would help create a more sustainable transportation solution for students and families.

Hope Academy owns a small bus that would be used for morning pick-ups and afternoon drop-offs for families requesting private transportation. Schedule needed: Monday–Friday, 8:45–9:45AM and 4:15–5:15PM. Afternoon-only availability may also be considered. Valid CDL license required.

If you or someone you know has the capacity and heart to serve in this role, please reach out to Glenn Smith [GwenSmith@hopeschool.org](mailto:GwenSmith@hopeschool.org) and fill out this application.

### **FILL OUT APPLICATION**

## **VEAP**

*VEAP is the Twin Cities' largest food pantry, providing access to healthy foods, social services, and financial assistance.*

A gift of \$30 helps fill and deliver a Care Pack that provides food for a family for one week.

### **DONATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT A CARE PACK**

#### Donate Items for Care Packs

You may donate any of the following items: Pasta and sauce, Canned fruits and vegetables, Bread, peanut butter, and jelly, Canned protein (pork, chicken, beans), Rice, Soup, Toilet paper and soap.

Drop-off locations:

VEAP Building, Door 4 (9600 Aldrich Avenue South, Bloomington)

Edina Coffee Roasters during regular business hours through February 3

Due to an overwhelming response, VEAP's current volunteer capacity for packing and delivery is full. If you would like to be contacted when additional opportunities become available, please complete this brief form:

### **VOLUNTEER TO PACK OR DELIVER CARE PACKS**

# TRANSFORM MINNESOTA

*Where Church leaders engage complex issues from a biblical perspective.*

## **Food Delivery**

Volunteers are needed to help deliver food to local immigrant churches. If you are interested, please email Brie Brown, Program Coordinator, at [Brie@transformmn.org](mailto:Brie@transformmn.org), and she will connect you with immigrant church partners across the metro area and in Rochester.

# DIOS HABLA HOY (DHH) CHURCH

*DHH is a bilingual church in south Minneapolis and has a community outreach effort to provide food and urgent assistance to families in need.*

## **Food Donations**

DHH is collecting unopened and unexpired indicated here [LIST OF ITEMS](#)

Drop off on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00AM – 5:00PM at DHH church: 5728 Cedar Ave S, Minneapolis

## **Volunteer**

Volunteering available on Mondays, Wednesdays, and/or Fridays. Roles include: receiving, unloading, and organizing donations; packing food boxes; and driving to deliver food. All volunteers must attend a registration/training session before serving.

[LEARN MORE HERE](#)

# LEGAL ASSISTANCE RESOURCE LIST

We are maintaining a list of individuals and firms willing to serve as a resource for those seeking legal assistance, including both paid and pro-bono options. If you are an immigration attorney, or know one who would like to be included, please email [missions@cpcedina.org](mailto:missions@cpcedina.org).

# SPANISH SPEAKERS

We are keeping a list of individuals who are bilingual in Spanish and interested in using their language skills to assist as translators for various opportunities. If you would like to be included, please email [missions@cpcedina.org](mailto:missions@cpcedina.org)

# ENCOURAGEMENT LETTERS

We are connected with a Minneapolis Presbyterian church that has been walking closely with 24 Ecuadorian families who worship alongside them. During this season of uncertainty, many of these families are experiencing deep isolation and loneliness as they fear to leave their homes. One meaningful way we can love and encourage them is by delivering handwritten letters of hope along with their regular food and hygiene deliveries. If you are able to write in Spanish, you are especially invited to lift up our brothers and sisters in Christ so they can hear the words in their heart language. Letters can be dropped off at the Main Office or given directly to a CPC staff member.

## **WAYS TO PRAY**

*God who is near to the brokenhearted,  
we come to You with heavy hearts.  
We grieve the brokenness in our city  
and lament the fear, violence, and uncertainty our neighbors are facing.  
We bring our honest emotions before You.*

*Jesus, You move toward suffering, not away from it.  
Teach us to slow down, to see, and to love our neighbors well.  
Form us as a people marked by Christlikeness,  
resisting dehumanization, choosing peace, and pursuing the good of our city.*

*Holy Spirit, guide us as a church.  
Show us how to listen, love, pray, and act with humility.  
Even here, even now, Christ is our hope.  
Amen.*

## **QUESTIONS?**

CPC remains committed to staying in close communication with our mission partners as needs continue to unfold. If you have questions, please reach out to Katie Olson, Director of Missions, at [katieo@cpcedina.org](mailto:katieo@cpcedina.org).