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Chicago?

# CityLINC

*Connecting Those Who Want to Serve With Those Who Need Them*

## **Servant Hearts Blossom in Chicago through CityLINC**

*Youth Pastor Matt Agnew wanted a spring break project for Cicero Christian Church's youth group that would challenge the youth and grow their faith.*

*Impressed by World Vision's 30 Hour Famine program, Matt contacted World Vision's Chicago office. Soon, he had an unforgettable mission trip planned – in the heart of Chicago.*

*Serving in Chicago transformed the hearts of the students from Cicero Christian Church. They built relationships with the people there, and they began to understand the depth of issues that others face in Chicago. As they served others, their love for God deepened, and they gained a hunger to serve more.*

*Maggie Shields, one of the Cicero students, said, "I came here to teach the kids about God, but they actually taught me. They taught me how to love life, even when you don't have much at all. They taught me how to be thankful for what I have. And that God does move lives."*

*The experience surpassed Matt's expectations for his group. "Some*



*of the kids weren't sure why they were here at the beginning of the week. By the end of the week, they had tears in their eyes as they talked about the experience. A few kids are even considering full-time missions as a career now."*

*"It's incredible what World Vision is doing here in Chicago."*

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— Maggie Shields, Cicero Christian Church youth group

## **How CityLINC Works**

World Vision links those who want to serve with those who need them. Churches, corporations, and individuals desiring volunteer opportunities are connected with other churches, tutoring programs, and organizations around the Chicago area, including Olive Branch Mission, Cornerstone Mission,



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Breakthrough Ministries, Open Hand, and Salvation Army. Each year, more than 1,000 people volunteer more than 5,000 hours through CityLINC.

## **Connecting Volunteers**

World Vision matches volunteers with projects and programs appropriate for them. CityLINC has placed groups from around the country in one-time and week-long projects. CityLINC can also place local individuals into more permanent volunteer arrangements.

After placing the group with a particular project, CityLINC ensures that each individual is prepared to serve and to be used where needs are the greatest.

Examples of volunteer links by CityLINC:

- **Work teams:** groups of people (local or from out of town) volunteering to paint, clean, or donate their time and energy in other ways.
- **Mentors, tutors, and child care providers:** individuals or groups interested in nurturing young people.
- **Visitation volunteers:** individuals willing to visit the homebound and provide assistance in shelters and transitional living programs.
- **Professional volunteers:** individuals sharing their time and professional skills in areas such as carpentry, plumbing, electrical, engineering, and accounting.

Regardless of your experience, CityLINC has volunteer opportunities for you.

KidREACH, helping to shape and guide young students in one-on-one, tutoring relationships, is one of World Vision's flagship programs in Chicago. CityLINC provides volunteers for KidREACH. When kids get help with their studies in one-on-one relationships, they gain self-esteem, a valuable role model, and keys to personal success.

## **What Is Your Vision?**

Join CityLINC, the volunteer movement that is changing lives in communities across Chicago. Your organization can provide volunteers, make in-kind donations, and offer financial assistance to support CityLINC projects.

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