

**Database of Service Learning Organizations**  
**Helpful Websites and General Service sites**

**City of Richmond**

<http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/index.aspx?nid=2376>

Volunteer Center of the East Bay

<http://www.volunteereastbay.org/volunteers-opportunities/student-volunteering/>

**Catholic Charities of the East Bay**

Catholic Charities of the East Bay has adopted accountability, collaboration, cultural diversity/cultural competence and integration as guiding principles, which express and define CCEB's commitment to excellence and guides agency planning processes.

website: <http://www.cceb.org/volunteer.php>

**Family Literacy Program (Catholic Charities of the East Bay)**

Verde Elementary School

2000 Giaramita

Richmond, CA 94801

Contact: Marta Olivares

Phone: 510.236.3900

website: <http://www.cceb.org/volunteer.php>

**Richmond Police Activities League**

2200 MacDonald Avenue

Richmond, CA 94804

Phone: 510-621-1221

Fax: 510-215-8085

<http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/1044/Police-Activities-League>

**Richmond Project ACCESS (Catholic Charities of the East Bay)**

2369 Barrett Ave

Richmond CA 94804

Contact: Lisa Raffel

Phone: 510.234.5110

website: <http://www.cceb.org/volunteer.php>

**East Bay Habitat for Humanity**

Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley revitalizes neighborhoods, builds affordable and sustainable housing solutions, and empowers families through successful homeownership. Since 1986, we have partnered with volunteers, the community, and qualified families with limited incomes to strengthen communities in Alameda, Contra Costa, and Santa Clara Counties.

**East Bay Office:**

2619 Broadway

Oakland, CA 94612

Phone: (510) 251-6304

Info on **volunteering**: (510) 251-6304 x311 or [Volunteer@HabitatEBSV.org](mailto:Volunteer@HabitatEBSV.org)

Info on **volunteering as a group**: (510) 251-6304 x360 or [DRadigan@HabitatEBSV.org](mailto:DRadigan@HabitatEBSV.org)

Website: <http://www.habitatebsv.org/Get-Involved/Student-Groups>

### **LITA (Love is the Answer)**

Our mission is to improve the quality of life and lessen the loneliness of residents by providing a friendly human contact where there is none. Over half of the people in nursing homes have no one to visit them regularly. These individuals often feel alone and isolated. LITA volunteers are able to assist residents in maintaining a sense of dignity and self-worth by sharing their friendship.

Contact: Victoria Ryan

Phone: Director's Cell Phone: 925-212-4573

Email: [info@litaofcontracosta.org](mailto:info@litaofcontracosta.org)

Website: <http://www.litaofcontracosta.org>

### **The Elder's Actualization Project**

The mission of the Elders' Actualization Project is to support the potential for growth and development of all seniors and to develop practical ways to integrate that perspective into support services. The Elders' Actualization Project applies new research demonstrating that cognitive stimulation, personal growth and social engagement are basic human needs.

Address: 3701 Barret Ave

Richmond, CA 94805

Contact: Amy Rock

Website: <http://volunteer.truist.com>

### **Artistic Expression**

#### [Arts Change](#)

The mission of Arts Change is to promote imagination, health and well being in stressed East Bay neighborhoods, by engaging artists and communities in the creation of socially conscious art designed for accessible public settings.

(Office) 205 41st Street

Richmond, CA 94805

Phone 510.275.4787

Website: <http://www.artschange.org/index.html>

Contact: Rae Thomas [rae@artschange.org](mailto:rae@artschange.org)

(Gallery) Richmond Health Center

100 38th Street, 2nd floor

Richmond, CA 94805

### **Multicultural Institute**

**The Multicultural Institute (MI)** is a 501(c)3 nonprofit founded in 1991. Our mission is to be a stepping stone that helps society transition immigrants from poverty and isolation to prosperity and participation.

3600 MacDonald Avenue

Richmond, CA 94805

Phone: (510) 847-1479

email: [info@mionline.org](mailto:info@mionline.org)

Website: <http://mionline.org/>

## **Youth Centers**

### **YWCA Richmond**

YWCA of Contra Costa/ Sacramento is dedicated to empowering women and families from diverse backgrounds, our services will build self-worth, social and emotional health on a foundation of tolerance and social equity.

Address: 3230 Macdonald Ave

Richmond, CA 94804

Phone: 510-234-1270

Website: <http://www.ywcaccc.org/help.html>

### **YMCA Richmond**

As a community-based charitable service organization, the West Contra Costa YMCA is dedicated to building the spirit, mind, and body of families in East Bay communities. We strive to give members of our communities a sense of belonging and opportunities to interact with people who care, to experience a wide variety of activities that build character, health, skills, self-esteem and to provide safe places to have fun.

Address: 263 S. 20th St

Richmond, CA 94804-2709

(510) 412-5647

Website: <http://westcc.ymcaeastbay.org/programs>

### **Familias Unidas**

Familias Unidas exists to improve wellness and self-sufficiency in Latino and other communities. We accomplish this by delivering quality mental health counseling, service advocacy, and information/referral services. Our programs include: mental health, education and prevention, youth development, and wrap-around services.

Address: 205-39th Street

Richmond, CA 94805

Phone: (510) 412-5930

Website: <http://www.familias-unidas.org>

## **Soup Kitchens**

### **Souper Center Kitchen**

For over 20 years the Souper Center has fed hungry and homeless individuals and families nutritious, noonday meals. Lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. -12:45 p.m., 365 days each year.

Over 135,000 meals will be served in 2007 with the help of 7,500 congregational volunteers

Address: 165 22nd Street

Richmond, CA 94801

Contact: Joyce Hutson

Phone: (510) 233-2141, ext. 324

Website: <http://www.gripcommunity.org>

### **Bay Area Rescue Mission**

Statement of Purpose: To share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the homeless and needy and empower them to change their world.

Statement of Vision: To present the means and opportunity for real and lasting change to the homeless and needy through: Meals and Food Distribution, education, job skills training, youth outreach programs, and more.

(Main Headquarters)

Address: 2114 Macdonald Avenue

Richmond, CA 94801

Phone: (510) 215-4555

Website: <http://www.bayarearescue.org/>

(Food Pantry & Distribution Center)

Address: 123 Macdonald Avenue

Richmond, CA 94801

Phone: (510) 215-4887

Website: <http://www.bayarearescue.org/foodservices>

### **Richmond Emergency Food Pantry**

Providing emergency food packages to those in need since 1971

Social Services Organization

Address: 2369 Barrett Ave

Richmond, CA

Phone: (510) 235-9732

## **Literacy Programs**

### **West County Reads!**

West County Reads! is a volunteer community collaborative of individuals, businesses and organizations working in collaboration with parents, schools, libraries, and community groups in West Contra Costa County to improve literacy outcomes for young children.

Address: 3219 Pierce Street

Richmond, CA 94804

Phone: 510-816-READ

Website: <http://www.westcountyreads.org/help>

### **LEAP**

#### **Literacy for Every Adult Project**

One in five Americans today cannot read or write well enough to fill out job applications, read bus schedules, labels on prescription medicine bottles, or bedtime stories to their children. In order for adults to have the power of choice in a society that is dominated by the written word, it is absolutely essential that they read and write well.

Address: 325 Civic Center Plaza Richmond, CA 94804

Phone: 510-307-8084

Contact: Sherry Drobner

Phone: 510-307-8082

Website: <http://www.ci.richmond.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=788>

### **Reach Out and Read**

Reach Out and Read prepares America's youngest children to succeed in school by partnering with doctors to prescribe books and encourage families to read together, with a special emphasis on children growing up in low-income communities. Doctors, nurse practitioners, and other medical professionals incorporate Reach Out and Read's evidence-based model into regular pediatric checkups, by advising parents about the importance of reading aloud and giving developmentally-appropriate books to children.

(Through Kaiser Richmond)

Address: 901 Nevin Avenue Richmond, CA 94801

Read to children in hospital waiting rooms

Website: [http://www.reachoutandread.org/involved\\_difference.html](http://www.reachoutandread.org/involved_difference.html)

### **Read Aloud Volunteer Program**

The Read-Aloud Volunteer Program is a non-profit organization that recruits and places adult volunteers in public elementary schools in Richmond and San Pablo, CA to read aloud one-on-one to children. The program purchases all of the books and handles all training, coordination and administrative functions. We are funded by donations from individuals, foundations, community service groups, and corporate grants.

Address: 5 Alvarado Square

San Pablo, CA 94806

Contact: 510-237-0735

<http://www.ravp.org>

## **Area Catholic Parishes**

### **KMHMU Catholic Community**

#### **St. Calistus**

3580 San Pablo Dam Rd. (near El Portal Dr.)

El Sobrante, CA 94803

Parish Phone: (510) 223-1153

Website: <http://www.stcallistus-es.org>

St. Mark's Richmond

Address: 159 Harbor Way

Richmond, CA 94801

Phone: (510) 234-5886

#### **St. Paul Parish**

As one of the original missions in Western California we have evolved into one of the most diverse Churches in the Oakland Diocese. We hold Masses in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Portuguese and Khmu. We are proud of our heritages and rejoice in uniting together in one Church to celebrate our Catholic traditions.

Address: 1845 Church Lane (near San Pablo Ave.)

San Pablo, CA 94806-3792

Phone: (510) 232-5931 Website: <http://www.saintpaulschurch.org>

#### **St. Cornelius Catholic Church**

Father: Filiberte Barrera

Address: 225 28th Street

Richmond, CA 94804

Parish Phone: (510) 233-5215

### **St. David of Wales Catholic Church**

The parish of Saint David of Wales is a Catholic community in the city of Richmond, California. As members of the Body of Christ, we desire to be engaged in the life of our parish, our diocese and the Catholic Church as a whole, and seek and serve Christ and all who are in need. The parish of Saint David of Wales's mission is to provide meaningful liturgies while serving the sacramental needs of our community, to foster a sense of warmth and welcome to all, to provide faith development for the children, youth, adults and all in need, to provide opportunities for parish members to share their time, talent and resources with the parish, to promote the teachings of the Catholic Church. justice, and RETURN God's gifts in abundance.

Ways to volunteer:

#### **SOUPER CENTER**

Volunteers work at the Souper Center preparing and serving lunch for the homeless and limited income people in the greater Richmond area. Anyone who is interested is welcome to help. No special training is required.

### **ST. DAVID'S PANTRY**

St. David's Pantry is an outreach program of St. David's parish. It is a non-profit organization that gives away free food to the needy. Food is given out every Friday from 10 am to 12 noon. Groceries to feed 35 – 50 families (160 – 250 people) are given out each week. St. David's Pantry is unique because the clients make their own choices rather than handing them prepackaged grocery bags. They may come once per month. The number of food choices is based on the size of the family. Clients are of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds that are having difficulty keeping their families fed. There are three ways parishioners can help. Number one, volunteer. Number two, donate. Number three, pray for our ministry.

**Address:** 5641 Esmond Ave. Richmond, CA 94805

**Phone:** (510) 237-1531

**E-mail:** [davidofwales@gmail.com](mailto:davidofwales@gmail.com)

**Father:** John R. Blaker

### **St. Jerome Catholic Church**

St. Jerome Church is a diverse family of faith in Jesus Christ in the Catholic tradition. We gather for worship, faith formation, and education. Our mission as a community of welcome and outreach is to serve the needs and development of our faith family and build solidarity with our neighbors and beyond.

**Father:** Dante Tamayo

**Address:** 308 Carmel Avenue El Cerrito, CA 94530

**Parish Phone:** (510) 525-0876

### **St. John the Baptist Catholic Church**

**Address:** 11150 San Pablo Ave. El Cerrito, CA 94530

**Parish Phone:** (510) 232-5659

**Parish Email:** [stjohns@sjtbc.us](mailto:stjohns@sjtbc.us)

**Pastor:** Rev. Thuong Nguyen

**Pastor email:** [tnguyen@sjtbc.us](mailto:tnguyen@sjtbc.us)

### **St. Joseph Parish**

St. Joseph Catholic Church originated in 1881, when a wooden building was constructed where the modern church now stands. Then a part of St. Paul Church in San Pablo, it became a mission of St. Patrick Church in Rodeo in 1923. Finally, in 1947, it became fully independent. Today, it is part of the Oakland Diocese. The parish also includes a school for students in kindergarten through 12th grade, at 1961 Plum Street.

**Address:** 837 Tennent Ave. (at Plum St.) Pinole, CA 94564

**Parish Office & Mailing Address:** 2100 Pear St. Pinole, CA 94564

**Parish Phone:** (510) 741-4900

**Fax:** 510-724-9185

## Environmental Organizations

### [Eco Village Farm and Learning Center](#)

Our **mission** is to create a healthy sustainable environment and socially/economically just society for present and future generations. EcoVillage Farm Learning Center is a place where urban residents of all cultural backgrounds feel welcome and come to learn through (participatory) “mind/hands on” activities how to restore and protect Mother Earth and her people.

21 Laurel Lane

Richmond, CA 94803

Phone: (510) 223-1693

Website: <http://ecovillagefarm.org/about-us/>

Contact: Shyaam M. Shabaka [info@ecovillagefarm.org](mailto:info@ecovillagefarm.org)

### [The Watershed Project](#)

The Watershed Project’s vision is “people committed to a healthy San Francisco Bay watershed.” Since 1997, we’ve pursued that vision through initiatives that:

- [Restore and preserve](#) our unique, local ecosystems
- Give students, teachers and volunteers the tools to preserve [healthy watersheds](#)
- Bring a watershed perspective to the [urban environment](#)
- Support [grassroots watershed organizations](#)
- Nurture young people who aspire to environmental [careers](#) working for positive change in our Bay Area communities

We are located in Richmond, California, on the University of California's Richmond Field Station.

<http://www.thewatershedproject.org/home.php>

## State and Regional Parks

### [East Bay Regional Park District](#)

The East Bay Regional Park District spans Alameda and Contra Costa counties east of San Francisco with 112,000+ acres in 65 parks including over 1,200 miles of trails for hiking, biking, horseback riding and nature study. The Park District offers lakes, shorelines, campgrounds, visitor centers, interpretive and recreation programs, picnic areas, indoor/outdoor rental facilities, golf courses and much more. Our volunteer programs offer opportunities in public safety, interpretation, environmental protection and habitat and species preservation. We hope you will enjoy your visit to our East Bay Regional Parks.

### [Volunteering:](#)

Thanks to hundreds of dedicated volunteers and docents, the East Bay Regional Park District offers the public a great variety of high-quality services and programs. Whether you are looking for a one-time special event or a year-round volunteer program, you, your family and friends, or your school or civic group can volunteer here -- in the Regional Parks.

\*Some events require registration and some programs require training, fingerprinting, background checks or TB testing.

### **Contact Information**

**Phone (EBRPD Receptionist):** 1-888-EBPARKS or 1 (888) 327-2757

**Phone (Volunteer Coordinator):** (510) 544-2515

**Email:** [Volunteers@EBParks.org](mailto:Volunteers@EBParks.org)

**EBRPD Website:** <http://www.ebparks.org/>

### **Parks:**

[Point Pinole Regional Park](#)

San Pablo, California 94806

[Miller Knox](#)

900 Dornan Drive  
Richmond, CA 94801

[Wildcat Canyon Regional Park](#)

San Pablo Dam Road and Clark road  
Berkeley, CA

[Point Isabel](#)

2701 Isabel Street  
Richmond, CA

[Brooks Island Regional Preserve](#)

Located off the Richmond Inner Harbor

[Sobrante Ridge Regional Preserve](#)

The entrance is at the end of Coach Drive  
Richmond, CA

[Kennedy Grove Regional Recreation Area](#)

6531 San Pablo Dam Road  
El Sobrante, CA 94803

[Contra Costa Country Parks](#)

Contra Costa County Parks and Recreation Facilities include:

**West County:** Lefty Gomez Recreation Building and Ball field Complex, Montalvin Park, MonTaraBay Park, Community Center and Ball field Complex ,Rodeo Creek Trail, Parkway Estates, Bella Flora Park

**Central County:** Andrew H. Young Park, Alamo Elementary School and Park, Clyde Park, Hap Magee Park, Livorna Park, Marie Porter Park, Maybeck Park, Big Oak Park

**East County:** Lynbrook Park, Boeger Park, Hickory Meadows Park, Viewpointe Park (aka Lehman Park)

**Website:** <http://www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=446>

[San Pablo Reservoir](#)

The San Pablo Reservoir Recreation Area is a beautiful and scenic 1,000-acre park and reservoir that provides opportunities to picnic, hike, bike, jog, fish, boat and sail, and is located minutes from the urban centers of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

**Email:** [recreate@ebmud.com](mailto:recreate@ebmud.com)

**Phone:** (510) 223-1661

**Website:** <http://www.ebmud.com/recreation/san-pablo-recreation-area>

[Friends of Five Creeks](#)

Friends of Five Creeks is an all-volunteer group working hands-on for clean water and healthy watersheds. We protect and restore natural areas that welcome both wildlife and people on the urbanized east side of San Francisco Bay.

**Address:** 1236 Oxford St.

Berkeley, CA 94709S

**Web Site:** <http://www.fivecreeks.org>

**Email:** [f5creeks@aol.com](mailto:f5creeks@aol.com)

**Phone (Susan Schwartz, President):** (510) 848-9358



## **Area Catholic Feeder Schools**

### **St. Jerome (K-8)**

Saint Jerome Catholic School is an educational ministry of Saint Jerome Catholic Church in El Cerrito. Our K – 8 school – committed to sharing the Catholic tradition – serves and embraces a diverse population and welcomes people of all beliefs. We offer a challenging academic program in a prayerful, safe and stimulating environment. Our qualified faculty, in partnership with dedicated parents, provides our students with opportunities and experiences to develop the skills and values necessary to become responsible, contributing citizens of the 21st century.

**Address:** 320 San Carlos Ave. 94530

**Phone:** (510) 525-9484

**Website:** <http://www.StJeromeEC.org>

**Fax:** (510) 525-5227

### **St. John the Baptist (K-8)**

*“Our school is a thriving community where Gospel values and high academic standards are integrated into the life of the school...we are Christian Leaders, Academic Achievers, and active members in our communities and out world. We are Confident and We Make Difference by believing in ourselves, leading by example, exploring new ideas, having the courage and the skills to pursue our dreams, are healthy in mind, body and spirit, communicate openly and honestly and make a positive difference in the world!*

*Together, as partners in the vision, we can truly make a difference for our children, our community, and our world.”*

11156 San Pablo Ave.

El Cerrito, CA 94530

(510) 234-2244

fax (510) 234-3726

### **St. Joseph (PK-8)**

*“St. Joseph School is a Christ-centered community of life-long learners. Each child is valued and respected as a unique individual and as a member of God's family. St. Joseph School is committed to providing a well- rounded education for our students. We promote the Christian growth of each child as he/she develops spiritually, morally, intellectually, socially, culturally, and physically.”*

1961 Plum St.

Pinole, CA 94564

(510) 724-0242

fax (510) 724-9886

### **St. Patrick (PK-8)**

*“The Mission of St. Patrick School is to provide a quality Pre-K through Eighth grade education emphasizing the growth of the whole person in the Catholic tradition...Each child is empowered to deal responsibly with the increasingly complex issues facing them as citizens of the world.”*

907 Seventh St.

Rodeo, CA 94572

(510) 799-2506

fax (510) 799-6781

### **St. Cornelius (K-8)**

*“St. Cornelius Catholic School...instills the truths and values of the Roman Catholic Tradition, and as a faith based community, we are committed to educating the whole child and providing a challenging curriculum in a safe and secure environment, in which we celebrate diversity, pride, inclusion and respect of self, others and the environment, motivating each student to reach his/her potential and become an individual of integrity and social awareness who is equipped to make positive contributions to society.”*

201 - 28th St.

Richmond, CA 94804

(510) 232-3326

fax: (510) 232-4071

[St. David \(PK-8\)](#)

*"Our quiet and safe location is filled with committed teachers and staff that are dedicated to teaching the "entire" student. St. David students are not only taught academics, but are taught strong moral & spiritual values that they will carry with them throughout their lives." -Brian Swanson, Principal*

871 Sonoma St.

Richmond, CA 94805

(510) 232-2283

fax (510) 231-0484

[St. Paul's School](#)

*"Founded in 1952 and firmly rooted in Catholic tradition, St. Paul School..serves the diverse cultural community in West Contra Costa County... and provides a quality education, which engages the whole child to become a faith-filled, responsible human being, with a love for God and learning."*

1825 Church Lane

San Pablo, CA 94806

(510) 233-3080

## **Hospitals and Hospice Care**

### **Hospitals**

[Kaiser Permanente Medical Center Volunteering Services](#)

*"The Volunteer Services Department is an integral partner in achieving member satisfaction. Service Volunteers are dedicated to providing caring and compassionate assistance to our members, guests and staff."*

901 Nevin Ave

Richmond, CA 94801

For Volunteering information for Richmond or Pinole, call: (510) 307-3181

email: [Peggy.Hill@kp.org](mailto:Peggy.Hill@kp.org)

[East Bay AIDS Center](#)

*"We enhance the health and well being of people in the communities we serve through compassion and excellence."*

(serving the Richmond Area)

3100 Summit St., 2nd Floor

Oakland, CA 94609 (Need to establish contact first (NTEC) 510-869-8400

### **Hospice**

Grace Homes Residential Care

(NTEC)

423 Mclaughlin St, Richmond, CA

Phone/ Fax: (510) 233-5377

*\*Resume Required\**

Family Manor Community Care

(510) 235-8284

2840 Salesian Ave,

Richmond, CA

Nurses Loving Care Home

*Caring for the elderly in any way possible so as to make their stay more comfortable.*

(510) 243-6617

3116 Jo Ann Dr,  
Richmond, CA  
[Shady Lane Rest Home](#)

*“Our mission is to ensure individuals unique needs are met and to provide assistance in activities of daily living in a warm compassionate caring environment.”*

(510) 524-5309

2133 Napa St,

Richmond, CA

Richmond Senior Citizens Center

*Here, one would aid in the preparation of meals for senior citizens of Richmond, as well as in other activities organized for the elderly community.*

(510) 307-8085

2525 Macdonald Ave.

Richmond, CA

Senior Outreach Service / Meals On Wheels

(510) 234-2820

Richmond, CA

*Friday February 1st Crab dinner in Concord, need volunteer servers, runners*

*\*Must be 18 or older to volunteer, but there are specific events in which high school students can volunteer, such as the Crab Dinner on February 1st, 2013.*

For more information on this and other upcoming events, call: (925) 937-8311 ext. 118