EVER SINCE THE 1970’S, low-income households have failed to keep pace with rising housing costs across the nation. The widening gap between rent and income in these low-income households is dramatically visible in society today. For numerous households, rent and utility costs consume more than half of their income. These families are often forced to make the hard decision between paying rent or for other needs such as food, clothing, transportation, child care, and health care. It is these families that are most likely to miss rent payments leaving them vulnerable to eviction and in turn homelessness.

STATE, NATIONAL, & GLOBAL AGENCIES:

- **Cornerstone Community Outreach** - [www.ccolife.org/volunteer](http://www.ccolife.org/volunteer)
  Cornerstone Community Outreach has a long standing commitment to providing shelter and finding homes for families and individuals who are at the greatest risk of being excluded from necessary services.

- **Greater Cincinnati Homeless Coalition** - [www.cincihomeless.org](http://www.cincihomeless.org)
  The Coalition is an unified social action agency, fully committed to its ultimate goal: the eradication of homelessness with respect for the dignity and diversity of its membership, the homeless and the community.

- **National Alliance to End Homelessness** - [www.endhomelessness.org/pages/what_you_can_do](http://www.endhomelessness.org/pages/what_you_can_do)
  The Alliance is a leading voice on federal homelessness policy. The Alliance works collaboratively with public, private, and nonprofit partners to develop, analyze, and advocate for policy solutions to homelessness.

- **National Coalition for the Homeless** - [www.nationalhomeless.org/taking-action/volunteer](http://www.nationalhomeless.org/taking-action/volunteer)
  The Coalition is a national network of people who are currently experiencing or who have experienced homelessness, activists and advocates, community-based and faith-based service providers, and others committed to preventing and ending homelessness.

- **The Interagency Council on Homelessness** - [www.usich.gov/about-usich/working-for-usich](http://www.usich.gov/about-usich/working-for-usich)
  The U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness coordinates and catalyzes the Federal response to homelessness, working in close partnership with Cabinet Secretaries and other senior leaders across our 19 Federal member agencies.

  Warm Wishes is a not-for-profit organization and its purpose is to provide blankets, comforters, quilts, and sleeping bags to those in need. Deliveries are made to overnight shelters, the homeless, or other financially disadvantaged people.

CHAMPAIGN-URBANA ORGANIZATIONS:

- **Courage Connection** - [courageconnection.org/get-involved/volunteer/opportunities](http://courageconnection.org/get-involved/volunteer/opportunities)
  Courage Connection provides housing and supportive services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness or who are victims of domestic violence. We believe in the right of every person to safety and the potential of every person for success.
• **C-U at Home** - [www.cuathome.us/join](http://www.cuathome.us/join)
  C-U at Home engages and mobilizes our community to house and support the most vulnerable homeless on their journey of healing and restoration.

• **Habitat for Humanity** - [www.cuhabitat.org/volunteer](http://www.cuhabitat.org/volunteer)
  Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County and ReStore is a nonprofit, Christian housing ministry that works both to eliminate poverty housing around the world and to make adequate housing a matter of conscience and action. Habitat welcomes partners from any faith whom are willing to help improve the lives of families needing safe, affordable, decent housing.

• **Homestead Corporation of Champaign-Urbana** - [www.homesteadcorp.org/contact.htm](http://www.homesteadcorp.org/contact.htm)
  Homestead Corporation is a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) dedicated to providing access to decent, reasonably priced housing for residents of the Champaign-Urbana area with inadequate resources.

• **Rosecrance – Champaign/Urbana** - [www.rosecrancechampaignurbana.org/volunteers](http://www.rosecrancechampaignurbana.org/volunteers)
  Rosecrance is a private not-for-profit organization offering behavioral health services including prevention, intervention, detoxification, inpatient and outpatient treatment, experiential therapies, dual-diagnosis care and family education for children, adolescents, adults and families throughout the country.

### CAMPUS OPPORTUNITIES AND REGISTERED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS:

• **Alternative Seasonal Breaks** - [www.illinoisasb.org/get-involved.html](http://www.illinoisasb.org/get-involved.html)
  During their winter, spring, and summer breaks, ASB participants travel throughout the country to learn about and actively combat social justice and environmental issues. Trips concern issues such as homelessness, poverty, animals, healthcare, environment, and many more.

• **Habitat for Humanity - Campus Chapter** - [uiuchabitat.org/events/default.aspx#volunteer](http://uiuchabitat.org/events/default.aspx#volunteer)
  The campus chapter works with the local Habitat to end poverty housing right here in Champaign. Students sponsor and help complete houses, fundraise, plan events and volunteer projects to connect with local Habitat families, and raise awareness about poverty housing. During breaks, the chapter travels to different states to build with Habitat.

• **New Life Volunteering Society (NLVS)** - [facebook.com/NewLifeVolunteeringSocietyUiuc/timeline?ref=page_internal](http://facebook.com/NewLifeVolunteeringSocietyUiuc/timeline?ref=page_internal)
  NLVS is to serve the homeless, the hungry, the mentally and physically disabled, and the underprivileged in and around the Champaign County community! We offer short-term events for volunteers with hectic schedules, and long-term weekly events. NLVS also sends volunteers on abroad service trips for unique volunteer experiences including hospital and surgical shadowing, orphanage and social work, environmental conservation, and teaching of English.

• **Volunteer Illini Projects – Hunger & Homelessness** - [vip.hunger.homeless@gmail.com](mailto:vip.hunger.homeless@gmail.com)
  The Hunger & Homelessness Project (H&H) offers a wide variety of volunteer opportunities geared towards providing relief and hope to homeless individuals. This project includes one-time and long-term volunteer opportunities. H&H volunteers not only have the opportunity to give something back to their community, they become advocates for homeless individuals.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:

• **Director of Local Services provided by National Coalition for the Homeless** - [www.nationalhomeless.org/directories/directory_local.pdf](http://www.nationalhomeless.org/directories/directory_local.pdf)