



Join Aid for Women's Vitae Corps

Living Out The Pro-Life Calling, Hand-in-Hand with Mothers and Their Babies!

"All human life – from the moment of conception and through all subsequent stages – is sacred, because human life is created in the image and likeness of God. Nothing surpasses the greatness or dignity of a human person." Saint John Paul II

Founded in 1978 on the faith and teachings of the Catholic Church, Aid for Women provides support to thousands of women each year who find themselves facing unexpected or difficult pregnancies. Each woman is provided with compassionate and confidential counseling as well as the support and resources she needs to choose life for her unborn baby. Aid for Women operates six pregnancy resource centers as well as Heather's House and Monica's House – our residential programs for women whose decision to choose life is further complicated by lack of adequate housing.

PREGNANCY HELP CENTERS - 6 LOCATIONS

Downtown Chicago Loop - Willoughby Tower, 8 S. Michigan Ave., Suite 812, Chicago, IL
Wicker Park - Monsignor Thiele Center, 1510 N. Claremont Ave., Chicago, IL
Back of the Yards - The Port Free Clinic, 5013 S. Hermitage Ave., Chicago, IL
Portage Park - St. Pascal Church, 3954 N. Meade Ave., Chicago, IL
Cicero - St. Frances of Rome Church, 1400 S. Austin Blvd., Cicero, IL
Des Plaines - Maryville Academy, 1150 N. River Rd., Des Plaines, IL

RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS - 2 LOCATIONS

Heather's House - Maryville Academy, 1150 N. River Rd., Des Plaines, IL
Monica's House - St. Pascal Church, 3954 N. Meade Ave., Chicago, IL

Aid for Women Vitae Corps | Live-In Volunteer Staff

Vitae Corps members are recent college graduates who volunteer by living and working together in community at our residential programs to help provide our residents with safe and nurturing homes. Vitae Corps members are dedicated to Aid for Women's pro-life mission and play a vital role in affirming and supporting each mother in her decision to choose life – providing her with the emotional, practical and spiritual support she and her baby need while participating in our residential programs. Aid for Women Vitae Corps members:

- serve as one-on-one mentors, meeting the individual needs of each resident;
- support Aid for Women staff with resident programming and development;
- serve as mothers' helpers, providing babysitting as needed and supporting mothers in proper childcare;
- assist Aid for Women staff in enforcing house rules, policies and procedures;

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- provide daily practical support, including communicating weekly schedules and assisting residents with transportation as needed;
- assist with household duties, including grocery shopping, cooking and cleaning;
- attend to administrative duties, including answering phones and coordinating material donations;
- participate and lead in morning prayer for the community;
- share Christ's love through the study of Sacred Scripture, faith hours and conversations;
- prepare for and participate in Mass and Adoration at Aid for Women's chapels;
- serve as Aid for Women ambassadors to visitors, volunteers and the community at large.

For dedicating one year of service, Vitae Corps members receive:

- room and meals at Heather's House or room at Monica's House (Volunteers share rooms and bathrooms);
- a bi-weekly stipend;
- 2 days off per week and 12 vacation days;
- healthcare coverage if needed;
- orientation and on-the-job training;
- growth in leadership, conflict management, organizational, communication, and professional skills;
- experience in the fields of child development, maternal and women's health, social work, counseling and non-profit management and the pro-life movement;
- the opportunity to attend Aid for Women events and other pro-life and community events;
- monthly spiritual reflections and annual spiritual retreat;
- a life shared with amazing women and their precious babies!

The Vitae Corps member is at the heart of Aid for Women's mission, walking hand-in-hand with each woman in her journey to motherhood and supporting each mother and child with joy and constancy. Her role is irreplaceable as a leader and model of faith, hope and charity. The love that she shares and the relationship she offers are the greatest and most healing gifts that Aid for Women, in Christ, bestows upon each woman and child.

"Being a Vitae Corps volunteer with Aid for Women has been the most formative experience of my life. My days here are filled with meeting the needs of others, leading them in prayer and simply being available to them. It is a crash course in learning to love and be loved and it allows me to grow in ways every person needs to grow."
Deirdre Dalimata, former Vitae Corps member

"I always told the women that lived with me at Heather's House that I could never thank them enough. They loved me and loved my daughter so much. Coming home after work to that special love was what I missed the most after I graduated from Heather's House and moved into my own apartment."
Marie Louise, former Heather's House resident

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