



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, Aid for Women helps thousands of women each year in the Chicago metropolitan area who find themselves facing unexpected pregnancies. Each woman is provided with the emotional, practical and spiritual support that she needs to choose life for her unborn baby and to provide a better future for herself and her children. Our life-affirming services are offered to clients free-of-charge and include: compassionate counseling, pregnancy tests and ultrasound exams, Earn While You Learn Program (EWYL), parents-to-be support group, residential programs and medical and community referral. Aid for Women operates four pregnancy help centers and two residential programs.

PREGNANCY HELP CENTERS - 4 LOCATIONS

Downtown Chicago Loop - Willoughby Tower, 8 S. Michigan Ave., Suite 1416, 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 female 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 member means being able to accompany life at all stages. Whether it be the mothers, the children, or my fellow Vitae Corps members, I have the opportunity to affirm and love another by simply meeting them where they are at and walking forward with them. My days are filled with sharing the joys of motherhood and bearing the fears of the future, but more importantly, they are about lifting up these courageous women to realize that God has a beautiful journey and destination planned for them and their babies."

Kelly Nguyen, 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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