

# Serve our Community

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A List of Opportunities





## CHILDREN & YOUTH

### **Boys and Girls Club of Chico** | 530.899.0335 x 2211

The Boys and Girls Club strives to inspire and enable all young people to reach their full potential, on track to graduate high school with a plan for the future, demonstrating good character and citizenship, and living a healthy lifestyle.

**Participate By:** opportunities in Chico, Hamilton City, Paradise, Magalia, and Oroville in the areas of tutoring, mentoring, coaching, special events, programming assistance, administrative support and more!

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### **Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)** | 530.521.3171

Court Appointed Special Advocates trains and mobilizes community volunteers to advocate and make a difference for abused and neglected children in foster care.

**Participate By:** after application and training, commit for 1 year, 10-20 hours/month, a volunteer gathers information, supplies written reports to court and advocates for the child in court and in meetings.

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### **Passages/Foster Grandparents** | 530.898.6761

Foster Grandparents are role models, mentors, and friends to children with exceptional needs. Volunteers must be 55 years of age or older, minimum time commitment required.

**Participate By:** give children special attention to build self-confidence and feel loved, provide tutoring and help develop strong social skills.

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### **Reading Pals** | [www.readingpalschico.org](http://www.readingpalschico.org)

Reading Pals uses simple curriculum and one on one encouragement to build confident readers. Reading Pals is offered at various Elementary Schools in Chico.

**Participate By:** commit to one hour a week to work with Elementary students as they read through provided curriculum, write a short evaluation of student's progress.

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### **Evangelical Free Church of Chico** | 530.343.6022

Actively growing, vibrant Children's and Youth Ministry

**Participate By:** serving in Kids class, teaching a Bible lesson, crafts, mentoring Elementary or teens in weekly Awana or youth groups. Seasonal or long-term volunteers are welcome! Contact: Jim Baylor, Kids' Pastor or Greg Helenburg, Students' Pastor for more ideas!

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## SENIORS

### **Passages/Americorps Seniors** | 530.898.6761

Seniors help other seniors through the Senior Companionship Program (small stipend) or the upcoming RSVP program. Volunteers must be 55 years of age or older, required time commitment dependent on area of service.

**Participate By:** visiting in the home, providing rides to doctor visits, going on walks, helping at the grocery store.

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**Disability Action Center/Independent Living Center | 530.893.8527**

Monday-Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

The DAC encourages independent living for seniors or the disabled by eliminating physical, societal, and emotional barriers.

**Participate By:** If you know the basics of office work and wish to do something positive for your local community, sign up to volunteer! You can also volunteer to participate in various engaging and fun activities for a good cause. Volunteer opportunities on Website: <https://actionctr.org/volunteer-opportunities>

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**Evangelical Free Church of Chico | 530.343.6022**

We are a multi-generational church and value our church family members in all stages of life.

**Participate By:** Encourage Seniors or other home bound individuals through visits, cards or phone calls. Participate in church sponsored social activities for Seniors. Contact Bob Hansen, Pastor of People Care for more ideas!

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**Health, Wellness, and Social Services**

**North State Food Bank | 530.712.2600, Option 3**

Every month the North State Food Bank serves over 45,000 residents in a six-county area.

**Participate By:** sorting and shelving in the warehouse, organizing food boxes and distributing fresh seasonal produce. Or organize a Food Drive! Volunteer Application on Website: [www.buttecaa.com](http://www.buttecaa.com)

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**Chico Food Project | 530.230.7232**

Recognized by its blue bags, Chico Food Project is a door-to-door food collection program formed to help provide non-perishable items to existing Chico food pantries six times a year.

**Participate By:** Sign up on website [www.chicofoodproject.org](http://www.chicofoodproject.org) to share food or to help transport food.

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**Women's Resource Clinic | 530.897.6101**

**Denise Dright, Dir. Of Client Services**

Women's Resource Clinic is a medically licensed Christian ministry committed to supporting women who have had or are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. All services, including physical, emotional, and spiritual support, are all offered free of charge.

**Participate by:** training precedes volunteer work to be a mentor mom, client advocate or clinic receptionist. RNs needed to administer and verify tests. Help plan and work events like Walk for Life and Annual Banquet. Prayer teams to pray in and around the clinic. Like

to sew or knit? Handmade baby bibs, burp cloths, receiving blankets, and infant booties happily accepted!

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**Esplanade House** | 530.712.2600, Option 4

The mission of the Esplanade House is to provide a safe, healthy and nurturing environment for homeless families while implementing a goal-oriented program designed to help homeless parents and children move from crisis to self-sufficiency.

**Participate By:** working with families and children through teaching life skills classes, reading to children, tutoring and mentoring. Gardening, painting and basic maintenance of the facilities are also needed. Volunteer Application on Website: [www.buttecaa.com](http://www.buttecaa.com)

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**Jesus Center** | 530.345.2640

The Jesus Center strives to inspire people to reach their full spiritual, physical, emotional and vocational wellness, offering hope and a path to transforming lives, addressing homelessness, hunger and poverty in our community.

**Participate By:** a wide variety of volunteer opportunities, either on going needs for the Jesus Center community or service for Special Events, are listed on the on-line volunteer applications. Specialized/Professional skills, Dining Room, Office Work, Resource Work, Jesus Center Farm, and more are all in need of volunteers.  
[www.jesuscenter.org/volunteer](http://www.jesuscenter.org/volunteer)

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**Chico Salvation Army** | 530.776.1009

The Salvation Army is dedicated to meeting human need without discrimination.

**Participate By:** helping with on-going or seasonal food distribution, academic support for K-8<sup>th</sup> grade, or volunteer with Morning Owls for Seniors helping with activities or Bible studies. Many season opportunities to serve as individuals or groups, Red Kettle Bell Ringing, Angel Tree gift sorting and distribution, Stuff the Bus and more.

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**Chico Rescue Mission** | 530.343.1935

Chico Rescue Mission (Formerly The Well) is a faith-based recovery program for men who are seeking a change through the teachings of Jesus Christ.

**Participate By:** Helping to serve breakfast and fellowship with the men we serve on Saturday mornings.

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**Torres Community Shelter** | 530. 891.9048

The Torres Shelter is a nonprofit emergency shelter for people who are experiencing homelessness. We serve individuals 18 and older who reside in Butte County. In order to ensure a safe and healthy environment for everyone, all of our guests must understand and agree to follow shelter guidelines.

**Participate By:** Accepting volunteers with COVID vaccines. You can volunteer in various areas, counter help, laundry, and random tasks. You can volunteer all hours, all days and nights.

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## COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION & SUPPORT

### **Love Paradise, Reach Global** | 530.877.4241

As Paradise continues to rebuild, we're going to help.

**Participate By:** alongside Reach Global, do on-site work, serve other survivors through projects and building relationships. No building experience required.

For more information contact EFCC Crisis Care Coordinator at 530.343.6022x216 or Reach Global directly for other service opportunities.

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### **City of Chico, Parks Division** | 530.896.7800

Make a difference in Chico's Parks and Greenways

**Participate By:** various programs to serve individually, family or group including Adopt-a-Spot, Litter Control, Park Ambassadors, Trail Maintenance and Repair, Weeding and Habitat Restoration, and Special Projects.

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### **Evangelical Free Church of Chico** | 530.343.6022

Our beautiful Campus sometimes needs a little TLC.

**Participate By:** Collect trash and communion cups on Sundays, pull weeds, wipe down children's play surfaces, wash linens or dishes after events. Contact Rick Pitcher, Operations Pastor, or Tim Vaught, Facilities Manager for more ideas!