

Volunteer Opportunities with The Village Chicago

1. Direct services to members

Examples:

1. Volunteer driver
2. Tech support
3. Ally program *
4. Connector program **
5. Sharing a special skill, talent or expertise e.g., home organizing, financial planning, light home repairs, etc.

2. Administrative and programming

Examples:

1. Serve on a committee (see below)
2. Office support
3. Program ambassador (Bring your idea for a program to life with office team assistance)

For information on volunteering, please call the Village office 773.248.8700.



Navigating the New Longevity

The "new longevity" means that later life can span 30 years or more. Whether we're working, retired or farther along on our journey, we all seek well-being, to be valued and to contribute. The Village Chicago is an inclusive membership community of people 50+ that provides services, expertise, social connection, engagement, volunteer opportunities and health/well-being resources - all to support members' growth and quality of life, keeping us connected to each other, our communities and the city as we navigate longevity together.

*An Ally is a volunteer who supports members by helping them think through what they want to get out of their healthcare interactions. This can include guiding them to the information they need to make informed and confident healthcare decisions, facilitating awareness of relevant Village resources and support services, and note-taking at healthcare interactions.

**A connector is a volunteer who establishes an on-going, one-on-one relationship with a member who want to feel more connected to others, to the community and to resources. But it's more than that. Connectors are matched with members with whom they share common interests so they can enjoy spending time together and develop a mutually satisfying connection.

The Village Chicago Committees

Executive Committee

Conducts the business of the board between board meetings.

Fund Development Committee

Develops and implements annual and multi-year fund-raising efforts including securing pro bono services and in-kind gifts.

Annual Anniversary and Benefit Committee

Plans and produces a celebration and fund-raising event every June.

Legal Committee

Reviews all legal documents, issues, and policies and recommends courses of action to the Executive Committee and board.

LGBTQA Committee

Creates programs and educational activities to address the unique issues of aging within the LGBT community.

Life 3.0 Committee

Creates programs and activities for individuals who are thinking about “what’s next” in their lives due to retirement and other life transitions or interests.

Adult Children

A sub-committee of Life 3.0 that is developing ways to support adult children of members as their parents age.

Marketing/Communications Committee

In support of the Strategic Plan, is currently creating a three-year marketing plan to broaden and deepen understanding of what the Village is and does. Produces a weekly Member Memo and bi-monthly newsletter.

Membership Engagement Committee

Creates programs and activities designed to enhance member engagement with the Village and creates outreach activities to attract new members.

Neighborhood Circles

Organizes informal get-togethers and outings so members who live close to one another develop a deeper connection to each other and to their neighborhoods.

Program Committee

Develops and implements events, outings, and activities that highlight member talents and interests with an emphasis on the new and different.

Research Committee

Develops strategies and partnerships to measure the impact the Village has in relation to its mission and vision. Evaluates and recommends to the Village board research in which the Village should participate.

Services Committee

Develops, implements and evaluates member services – both those provided in-house by the office team and volunteers, and those provided through an extensive network of vetted service providers. Presents frequent workshops on commonly requested life issues.

Health Care Advocacy Task Force

Currently developing volunteer-based programming and resources to help members navigate the complexities of hospital, rehab, home care and other health care related encounters.