

Why volunteer with us?

The benefits of volunteering at the IHM Motherhouse are hard to describe. Yes, you'll have a positive impact on the lives of others, make new friends and be part of a team.

You'll have a sense of fulfillment and have fun. But the same can be said for volunteer opportunities with other organizations.

The IHM Sisters offer more. They respect and appreciate our volunteers – and show it. The peace and joy within the Motherhouse are palpable and freely shared. The sisters, who dedicated their lives to others, continue to reach out every day in spiritual and life-affirming ways. In short, our volunteers may join us wanting to make a difference for the sisters; they stay because the sisters have made a difference for them.



“I appreciate the work of volunteers. The hardest thing for me is to have to ask others for help.”

- IHM resident

“Volunteering gives me a chance in a small way, to pay back the many great favors that God has granted me throughout my life.”

- IHM volunteer



Some of our needs

- ♥ Help carry trays in the Dining Room.
- ♥ Visit with our Health Care residents.
- ♥ Play board games or engage in other one-on-one activities with residents.
- ♥ Transport residents to activities or in-house appointments.
- ♥ Accompany residents to outside appointments.
- ♥ Entertain with music.
- ♥ Work at St. Mary Organic Farm.
- ♥ Help with special events and activities.

Volunteer Mission Statement

To honor and celebrate the lives of the IHM residents through volunteer visits, companionship and a variety of quality services, while providing a meaningful and supportive experience for each volunteer.



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Urged by the love of God we choose to work with others to build a culture of peace and right relationship among ourselves, with the church and the whole Earth community.

Who can volunteer?

We have opportunities for individuals, groups, youth (ages 13-17), students and families.

About IHMs

The IHM community began in the frontier settlement of Monroe, Mich., in 1845. Two visionary and action-oriented personalities, Father Louis Gillet and Sister Theresa Maxis, responding to the need to educate young girls, took the initiative and enabled the IHM community to take root and begin to grow.

For decades, IHMs ministered in education in the United States and overseas, but their ministries evolved gradually over time to meet the needs of a changing world. Today, they include

- pastoral care
- social justice
- sustainability
- social services
- education
- spiritual development
- mental and physical health

Now, more than 150 sisters, with a median age of 86, live at the IHM Motherhouse.

For more information on volunteering at the IHM Motherhouse, contact Cindy Dragan at 734-240-8312 or cdragan@ihmsisters.org.



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Come, join us!

Volunteer Services

