Opportunities for Families while living in Corvallis

Activities for Children

**Boys & Girls Club:** Many activities for children  [http://www.bgccorvallis.org/](http://www.bgccorvallis.org/)

**Corvallis Aquatic Team:** find out how to join the local swim team  [http://www.corrvalisaquaticteam.org/](http://www.corrvalisaquaticteam.org/)

**Corvallis Indoor Park:** Meet other Moms & kids, toys and places to run and play for children. ($35/year, 2 different locations)  [http://www.indoor-parks.org/](http://www.indoor-parks.org/)

**Corvallis Public Library story times:** Library staff read to children, including music, stories for 30 minutes.  [http://www.thebestlibrary.net/library-events-kidslinks-119/storytimes-kidslinks-198](http://www.thebestlibrary.net/library-events-kidslinks-119/storytimes-kidslinks-198)

**Kid Spirit:** links knowledge from Oregon State University to benefit community youth in an environment that creates service and learning opportunities.  [http://kidspirit.oregonstate.edu/home](http://kidspirit.oregonstate.edu/home)


Crossroads International

**Conversation School**  
For international women interested in improving their English language skills. The school offers beginning to advanced instruction in conversational English. Childcare is available.  [http://oregonstate.edu/international/crossroads/contents/view/26](http://oregonstate.edu/international/crossroads/contents/view/26)

**Crossroads Conversation Groups**  
Available to students, faculty, their family members or community members. English conversation groups meet twice per week.  [http://oregonstate.edu/international/crossroads/contents/view/26](http://oregonstate.edu/international/crossroads/contents/view/26)

**Crossroads Friendship Homes**  
Friendship Homes may be assigned to international visitors, allowing them to share family activities, holiday celebrations, birthdays, dinners, and special outings throughout the year. Friendship Homes provide a special home-away-from-home.  [http://oregonstate.edu/international/crossroads/contents/view/26](http://oregonstate.edu/international/crossroads/contents/view/26)

Volunteer Opportunities:

- any international visitor and his or her family members may volunteer.  
  Volunteering is any activity which is not paid. A volunteer may not accept payment or compensation in the form of money, supplies, food, or any other benefit.

Volunteer Organizations

**4-H:** Teaches children skills in animal science, natural resources, engineering, home economics, expressive arts, horticulture, personal development, and wildlife: volunteers needed to mentor children in the above skill areas  [http://extension.oregonstate.edu/benton/4h](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/benton/4h)

**CASA** (Court Appointed Special Advocates): Visits "high risk" children in families going through court battles: CASA volunteers serve as advocates for children and appear in court to testify about what is best
for the child. Volunteers also attend planning meetings with school districts, juvenile department staff, etc.

http://www.casaforchildren.org/site/c.mtJS7MPlsE/b.5301309/k.9D58/Volunteering.htm

**Cat's Meow thrift shop:** Benefits Humane Society (orphanage for animals): has a volunteer-run store (541) 757-9000

**Community Outreach Inc.:** Provides services for homeless men, women and families, and general support for families & individuals in need: Volunteers translator, provide medical clinic office assistance - no special skills necessary)  http://www.communityoutreachinc.org/

**Corvallis' Good Samaritan Hospital:** Local hospital that offers a variety of volunteer opportunities.  http://www.samhealth.org/volunteer_opportunities/

**Corvallis Community Children's Centers:** Providing entertainment to children under the age of 5: Volunteers read and do activities with children http://corvallischildcare.org/

**Corvallis Senior Center:** Providing entertainment and friendship to senior citizens in Corvallis: Volunteers read and do activities with senior citizens

**Grace Center For Adult Day Services:** Providing entertainment and friendship to senior citizens in Corvallis: Volunteers read and do activities with senior citizens http://www.gracecenter-corvallis.org

**Healthy Start:** Volunteers make home visits to families with newborn infants: OFTEN need volunteers who can speak other languages http://www.oregon.gov/occf/hso/about_us.shtml

**Heartland Humane Society:** Provides homes for animals: Volunteers play with pets and help maintain the animals' facilities  http://www.heartlandhumane.org/?q=node/12

**Jackson Street Youth Shelter:** Home for runaway youth:  http://www.jacksonstreet.org/get-involved/

**HandsOn Linn-Benton:** Volunteer resource organization linking volunteers to community organizations that need volunteers:  http://www.handsonlinnbenton.org/

**Lions Club:** Provide services to the community and conduct fundraisers to raise money for diabetes and blindness research.  http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/midvalley/index.php

**Meals on Wheels:** Prepares and delivers food to people who cannot cook for themselves:  (541) 929-3853

**Oregon Pacific Red Cross:** Disaster services and international community resource:  http://oregonpacific.redcross.org/?zone=&id=16&sid

**The ARC of Benton County:** Serving disabled individuals: has a volunteer-run store  http://www.arcbenton.org/