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GENERAL

Serve Rhode Island

- Volunteer clearinghouse for the state, organizations can post “needs” and individuals who want to help can use the search feature to find a match
- www.serverhodeisland.org
  - Volunteer → Search for Opportunities → Filter by Keyword

Catchafire

- Skills-based volunteer matching website. Users can review posted needs or create a profile and list what you are offering to do
- www.catchafire.org
- Lots of national projects posted (versus local) but many could be done remotely

RI Campus Compact

- Campus and faculty resources for service-learning programs and community-campus partnerships
- www.ricompact.org
- Contact: Carie Hertzberg, 401.865.2027, chertzberg@ricompact.org

Rhode Island Foundation, Initiative for Nonprofit Excellence

- Builds the capacity of nonprofit organizations so they can better achieve their missions
- www.rifoundation.org
- Contact: Joanna Read, Program Coordinator, jread@rifoundation.org, (ONLY CONTACT BY EMAIL)

United Way of Rhode Island

- Changing the lives of 250,000 Rhode Islanders and strengthening our community by improving the basic supports that will move them out of crisis by meeting basic needs, providing lifelong learning opportunities that ensure the next generation is strong and successful and offering community engagement through volunteerism and philanthropy
- http://www.uwri.org/
- Contact: Cristina Amedeo, Director for 211 and The Point, camedeo@uwri.org, 401-444-0600
- **2-1-1 provides free and confidential information and referral (food, housing, employment, health care, counseling and more)**

Sierra Barter, JWU Social Media Coordinator, and CEO and co-founder of PVD Lady Project, sbarter@jwu.edu, 401-598-3016

- Many connections with the community personally and professionally. The PVD Lady Project connects, inspires and showcases awesome women doing amazing things in Providence through membership, events and community engagement. Each event benefits a local charity or organization that is either run

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by women or benefits women in our community. Past organizations have included the Girl Scouts of RI, Sojourner House, Girls on the Run RI and YWCA of Northern RI.

YOUTH

Providence Children & Youth Cabinet

- Provides coordination of services for children and youth in the city of Providence
- [www.cycprovidence.org](http://www.cycprovidence.org)
- Contact: Carie Hertzberg, 401.865.2027, chertzberg@ricompact.org

ENVIRONMENT

Apeiron Institute

- Provides education, advocacy, and research opportunities to help Rhode Islanders create more sustainable lifestyles, communities, and institutional practices
- [http://www.apeiron.org/](http://www.apeiron.org/)
- Sustainable RI Directory at Apeiron Institute provides contact info for a variety of organizations in the field of sustainability and environmental issues [http://www.apeiron.org/directory](http://www.apeiron.org/directory)

HOMELESSNESS

Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless

- Umbrella organization covering local issues related to homelessness
- [www.rihomeless.org](http://www.rihomeless.org)
- Contact: Karen Jeffreys, Associate Director, Karen@rihomeless.org, 401-721-5685 x24 or 401-954-1510 (cell)

HUNGER & FOOD INSECURITY

Rhode Island Community Food Bank

- Umbrella organization covering local issues related to food insecurity
- [www.rifoodbank.org](http://www.rifoodbank.org)
- Contact: Kelly Seigh, Volunteer & Special Events Manager, kseigh@rifoodbank.org, 401-230-1679

ARTS & HUMANITIES

Rhode Island Council for the Humanities

- Promotes public understanding and appreciation of the humanities. Supports local organizations with related missions

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- Contact: Logan Hinderliten, Program Coordinator, [logan@rihumanities.org](mailto:logan@rihumanities.org), 401-273-2250

**Art, Culture & Tourism, the City of Providence**

- Ensures the continued development of a vibrant and creative city by integrating arts and culture into community life
- [www.providenceri.com/ArtCultureTourism/about-us](http://www.providenceri.com/ArtCultureTourism/about-us)
- Contact: Stephanie Fortunato, Deputy Director, [sfortunato@providenceri.com](mailto:sfortunato@providenceri.com), 401-680-5456

**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

**Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence**

- Dedicated to ending domestic violence. Supports six member agencies within the state.
- [http://www.ricadv.org](http://www.ricadv.org)
- Contact: Zulma Garcia, Director of Policy, Interns & Programs, [zulma@ricadv.org](mailto:zulma@ricadv.org) 401-467-9940 x105

**SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

**Social Enterprise Greenhouse (SEG)**

- creates positive social and economic impacts by supporting social entrepreneurs and enterprises with the tools and networks they need to thrive
- [http://segreenhouse.org/](http://segreenhouse.org/)
- Contact: Emily Wanderer, Program Manager SEG Program, [ewanderer@segreenhouse.org](mailto:ewanderer@segreenhouse.org), 401-272-2558 x4767

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