

The International Court System of Canada, United States and Mexico



Members of the UCLSE, Dallas, TX answer the call for cooks, servers and wait staff to the residents at Hillcrest House, AIDS Services of Dallas for their annual Easter celebration.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer opportunities are all around:

- Veteran Support Centers
- Local Food Pantry
- Senior Citizen facilities
- Homeless Shelter
- Hospice facilities
- Community Theater
- Community Resource Center
- Local Area Schools

What you can do:

- Distribute food at the Food Panty
- Read to the Seniors, serve meals, just listen (lend an ear)
- Serve meals to the homeless
- Serve as a teachers aid
- Answer phones at a center
- Support local youth groups and clubs

Volunteering will promote:

- A sense of community connection
- A sense of belonging
- Feeling valued and respected
- A sense of accomplishment
- A personal building of confidence

Join us as we lead our 3 nations in solidarity, leadership, community service and volunteerism!

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For more information on how you can find a local chapter, contribute or volunteer, please contact:

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By Imperial Proclamation

2011

shall be a year of

*68,000
Noble
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Hours*

Open Hands, Open Hearts



VOLUNTEER

45 Years of Noble Deeds

After forty five years of noble deeds, the International Court System has reasons to feel proud. Today we remain strong, viable and important members of the GLBT communities. For beyond the glitter of our crown and grand titles, we have made a difference in many people's lives and earned a place in GLBT history. Many of these deeds have been on a voluntary basis. Members of the International Court System contribute time outside of the organization for the betterment of our communities.

As members, we foster a culture of service, citizenship and responsibility to our communities. As a community member who performs hours of service without promise, expectation or receipt of compensation, we strengthen the foundation laid 45 years ago by our founder, World War II veteran, Empress I Jose Julio Sarria, The Widow Norton, the first openly gay candidate to run for public office in 1961. In February 2007, City Commissioner Nicole Murray Ramirez was elevated as titular head of the ICS and named Queen Mother of the Americas.

On Saturday, December 4, 2010, in Las Vegas, Nevada, Empress Nicole the Great, Queen Mother 1 of the Americas, Proclaimed 2011 as a year of **"68,000 Noble Volunteer Hours."**



2011 Initiative

Why 68,000?

Currently, there are 68 chapter courts that make up the International Court System. This initiative follows in the footsteps of the Rose Court of Portland who challenged their membership to commit to 1,000 volunteer hours of service to their community.

68,000 Volunteer Hours

All 68 courts are encouraged to commit to 1,000 volunteer hours in 2011 outside of regular court events. Volunteering at an event not produced, sponsored by or one which does not contribute pecuniary gain to the local court can be considered a volunteer hour.

Who may volunteer?

Anyone can become a volunteer. Persons of all ages and abilities have something valuable to contribute....time and desire. Anyone under the age of 18 must have parental or legal guardian consent.

Why volunteer?

Volunteering feels good. You can make new friends, take pride in accomplishment and share your skills. Volunteering also strengthens your community and You Can Make A Difference.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world: indeed, it's the only thing that ever has"

-- Margaret Mead

Tips for Volunteers

Consider the skills you have to offer.

If you enjoy a "feel good" project, have a knack for "getting the job done", or just enjoy interacting with people, we have volunteer work that will incorporate these aspects of your personality.

A New Experience.

Always wanted to get involved, but didn't know how? Join us. Volunteering can help you improve certain skills, gain exposure to a new situation or simply offer a change from your daily routine. You will meet other like-minded people in the process.

The Commitment.

Make sure the volunteer hours you want to give fit into your hectic life, so that you don't exhaust yourself or shortchange the organization you are trying to help. Don't neglect your job.

Combine your goals.

Look for volunteer opportunities that will also help you achieve other goals for your life. For example, if you want to get in shape, pick an active volunteer opportunity, such as cleaning a park or working with the youth in your community.

Consider volunteering as a group.

Think about looking for volunteer opportunities suitable for small or large groups to do together. When volunteering together, the experience can bring you closer together, teach the value of giving your time and build wonderful memories.