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# SocEnt Networking Fair

## [Fox Valley United Way SPARK Aurora](#)

An education initiative of Fox Valley United Way, SPARK (Strong, Prepared and Ready for Kindergarten) connects underserved Aurora, Illinois, families with early education and childcare opportunities that prepare their young children for success in school and life. SPARK creates collaborations that shape future outcomes for children. We raise awareness of the value of early childhood development, influence social policy and coordinate resources for parents. We also help early childhood teachers and childcare providers enhance their professional skills.

## [CHIP IN Batavia](#)

We help families move from temporary housing to their own apartments, provide clothing, school supplies and many other individualized things to help a student succeed. We help students and their families on a case by case basis to make sure students are ready and excited to learn and thrive. We work directly with BPS101 to help with mentor projects and other activities that help students on free/reduced lunch or who are in temporary housing.

## [African American Men of Unity](#)

Our mission is to be the positive role model, mentor and father figure to at risk youth, guiding them through each developmental stage: childhood, puberty and adolescence to cultivate values, future leaders and professionals. Activities include mentoring, community service, recreation, leadership development, manhood training, employment readiness and life-skills. AAMOU will serve at risk youth of all ethnicities.

## [Batavia Interfaith Food Pantry and Clothes Closet](#)

The Pantry and Closet together comprise a not-for-profit organization sponsored by various Batavia churches and the community at large. Its purpose is to provide food, non-food household and personal items, and clothing for those individuals and families residing in Batavia and Batavia Township who are in need. The Pantry's not-for-profit operations fall under the "The Federal Bill Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act" of 1996 which clarifies that clients accept all donations with a clear understanding that they will hold harmless the Pantry, its directors, staff, volunteers, and suppliers.

## [Refuge for Women](#)

Refuge for Women is a non-profit, faith based organization providing specialized long-term care for women who have escaped human trafficking or sexual exploitation. With multiple locations across the U.S., Refuge for Women offers up to twelve months of safe housing, at no charge to the resident, with around the clock care as clients progress through evidence-based, trauma-informed programming. The compassionate staff is trained to help residents work through the program to reclaim their identities and reach their goals to overcome addictions, heal from trauma and develop life skills leading to healthy, balanced living and financial independence. Refuge for Women strives to help each woman complete the program with a vision for her future, equipped to succeed and sustain a life marked with dignity and hope.

## [The Fig Factor Foundation](#)

We are a non-for profit organization dedicated to giving vision, direction, and structure to young Latinas. Our mission is to become a powerful catalyst for Latinas ages 15-25 to pursue their dreams by providing educational leadership platforms, mentorship, and powerful experiences through the context of sisterhood. Founded in September 2014, we quickly began impacting participants through the CORE program, and by giving back to the local community. Our goal is to continue to spread the wings of the foundation nationwide and globally in the years to come.

## [Fox Valley Habitat for Humanity](#)

We are a Habitat for Humanity non-profit affiliate dedicated to the Fox Valley community. We work in partnership with God and people of all faiths and races to develop communities for people in need by building and renovating houses to create home ownership opportunities. Our fundamental premise is to help others by providing a hand up, not a handout.

As an affiliate, we are a grassroots organization, independently operated to serve our local area community. While operating under the greater Habitat Covenant, we independently coordinate all aspects of Habitat home building in our area, including fundraising, building site selection, partner family selection and support, house construction, and mortgage servicing.

## [Suicide Prevention Services](#)

Our focus is Suicide. Our mission is to open minds, save lives and restore hope through prevention, intervention and postvention, using education, advocacy and collaboration. We are one of the few agencies in the country who offer all that we do: a 24-hour phone hotline, counseling, depression screening, workshops, prevention training, intervention in schools, support groups and annual awareness events.

## [Northern Illinois Food Bank](#)

Northern Illinois Food Bank – a proud member of [Feeding America](#) – is the source of nutritious food, innovative feeding programs, and hope for more than half a million people each year. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a goal of solving hunger in our 13-county service area, we rely on our generous donors, volunteers, and community partners – the local food pantries and feeding programs, food manufacturers and retailers, companies, foundations and individuals who join with us in our vision for no one to be hungry in Northern Illinois.

## [AID](#)

Since 1961, The Association for Individual Development (AID) has served individuals with developmental, intellectual, physical and/or mental health challenges, those who have suffered a trauma and those at risk. Vital, life-enriching services that promote the highest level of independence and community immersion include: autism programs; respite care; permanent supportive housing; in-home support; developmental and vocational training; job placement and on-the-job coaching services; crisis intervention; victims services; mental health treatment; behavioral intervention; health and wellness; community education; and advocacy.

## [CASA Kane County](#)

CASA Kane County is a nonprofit volunteer organization that has been advocating for the best interests of abused and neglected children within the Juvenile Court system since 1988. CASA Kane County recruits, trains, and supervises community volunteers who serve as Court Appointed Special Advocates and Guardians ad Litem (CASA/GAL) for children who are in court due to abuse, neglect or private guardianship.

## [Mutual Ground](#)

Located in Aurora, Illinois, Mutual Ground serves the Greater Aurora area, Southern Kane and all of Kendall County.

We answer almost 2,000 calls for help each and every month with 24-hour hotlines staffed by trained Mutual Ground Crisis Intervention Advocates.

As one of the oldest and largest domestic violence and sexual assault service agencies in the state of Illinois, Mutual Ground is the place where the healing begins.

We provide comprehensive victim services free of charge with support from grants, churches, civic groups, corporate and individual donors.

## [We Charity](#)

We empower change with resources that create sustainable impact. We do this through domestic programs like WE Schools and internationally through WE Villages. The unique partnership with ME to WE, a social enterprise, ensures that WE Charity achieves a remarkable rate of financial efficiency, with an average of 90 percent of donations going directly to youth-serving programs.