

## Service League Philanthropies

Service League members promote these Chicago projects through direct contributions and volunteer activities:

The **Chicago Commons Association**, successor to the Mary McDowell Settlement Project, fosters lifelong learning through education and maintains a wide range of programs for all ages.

The **Hyde Park Neighborhood Club** is a community center serving the Hyde Park-Kenwood area, where children of all ages from diverse backgrounds enjoy fun and educational activities including out-of-school time in a warm and safe environment.

**St. Martin de Porres House of Hope** is a shelter for homeless women and their children. Services include food and shelter; health care; an intensive substance abuse program; educational, vocational, and life-skills training; employment and housing placement; and outreach services for residents after they leave the shelter.

The **Hyde Park and Kenwood Hunger Program's Open Kitchen** serves free lunches to around 100 to 200 people every Monday through Friday at the Kenwood United Church of Christ. Service League members assist with food preparation and service on the fourth Friday of the month.

The **Delta Literacy Project** provides adults with one-on-one tutoring in reading and math.



Festive luncheon at the Homecoming Benefit at the Quadrangle Club.

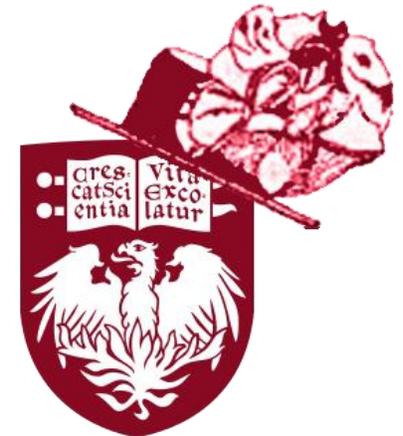


Volunteering at the Greater Chicago Food Depository.



Conversation and refreshments follow members' meetings.

# THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO SERVICE LEAGUE



[www.ucserviceleague.org](http://www.ucserviceleague.org)

**The University of Chicago Service League** is a group of community-minded women who support local philanthropies, meet monthly for general interest programs (open to men) followed by tea and conversation, and meet in a variety of scheduled Interest Sections.

The Service League was founded in 1895 by University of Chicago faculty wives to foster interest in and to give financial support to the University Settlement House, to study sociological questions, and to promote social activities.

Service League members have supported the programs of the Settlement House founder, Mary McDowell, and her successors in myriad ways. Through the years the League has supported local philanthropies with both contributions and volunteer service.

Members serve on the boards of the Chicago Commons Association and Hyde Park Neighborhood Club, prepare food at the Hyde Park and Kenwood Hunger Program, teach at St. Martin de Porres House of Hope, and tutor adults in the Delta Literacy Project.

The November **Homecoming Benefit Bazaar and Luncheon**, our most important and popular fund-raising event of the year, supports the League's philanthropies. This annual Saturday celebration includes a bazaar, luncheon, and short program. Orchid lovers relish the fact that the attractive centerpieces are for sale.

**Sections** address the diverse interests of the members. The following sections are active and meet in members' homes or elsewhere in the community:

The **Book Discussion Section** meets on the first Tuesday evening of the month to discuss current and classic books, fiction and nonfiction.

The **Dining Out Section** meets bi-monthly for lunchtime restaurant outings.

The **French Section** meets on the second and fourth Tuesday afternoons of the month for intermediate-level conversation, short readings, and an occasional film.

The **Games Section** meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month to play various games chosen by members.

The **Movies Section** meets on the second Thursday of the month at the Hyde Park Art Center to view and discuss films.

The **Music Section** meets at free local musical events and sponsors an annual Holiday Party at Montgomery Place.

The **Spanish Section** meets every Thursday for conversation, reading novels and periodicals in Spanish, and visiting museums and restaurants.

The **Walking Section** meets one Thursday morning a month.

The following **professional services** are available to Service League members at reduced rates:

**Computers.** George Rumsey offers members a half-price rate for his computer classes in the Hyde Park Bank Building. This includes popular software programs such as Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint, Photoshop, eBay, and social media courses. See more at [www.computer-resource.com](http://www.computer-resource.com).

**Physical Activities.** Mary Rogel offers members weekly Qi-gong exercises for a nominal fee in the Hyde Park Bank Building. Call 773-955-9643 for details.

### Membership

For information about membership in The University of Chicago Service League, please contact one of the membership chairs:

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The University of Chicago Service League's website is [www.ucserviceleague.org](http://www.ucserviceleague.org).

*Cover:* The whimsical design depicts Mary McDowell's hat adorning the University of Chicago seal.