



“Good works are links that form a chain of love.”
—Mother Teresa, 1910–1997

WHAT IS TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES?

Ten Thousand Villages is an alternative trade organization that markets handicrafts made by unemployed and underemployed artisans around the world. Our mission is to provide vital, fair income to the artisans with whom we work, empowering them to contribute to their communities, improve housing and provide food, education and healthcare for their families.

Ten Thousand Villages has been working with artisans by marketing their handicrafts and telling their stories since 1946. We believe that fair trade is important. We offer advances of up to 50 percent as working capital to artisans and pay in full as soon as an order is shipped to us. We apply principles of solidarity and justice when we purchase the unique and diverse collection of handicrafts we sell in our stores. Last year, fair trade with Ten Thousand Villages benefitted tens of thousands of artisans in more than 30 countries.

Ten Thousand Villages is a nonprofit program of Mennonite Central Committee, a relief, service and peace agency of the North American Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches. We value the vital work of volunteers who are an integral part of our operations. Thousands of volunteers in Canada and the United States work with Ten Thousand Villages in our offices and warehouses or at stores in their home communities.



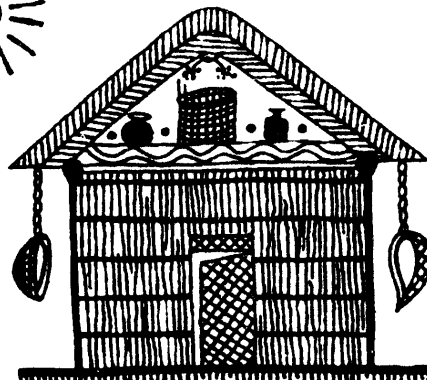
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Ten Thousand Villages managers and assistant managers depend on volunteers who help with the daily operation of the store. Volunteers are trained in a variety of tasks from assisting customers with cash register sales and unpacking or repairing handicrafts, to recruiting new volunteers. See back of application for a complete list of opportunities.

Volunteers build cultural understanding and form an important link between customers and artisans, by learning about the handicrafts and telling the stories of the artisans who make these beautiful products.

The management team plans and coordinates the volunteer schedule. Store volunteers usually work one four-hour shift once or twice a month, although they may work more or less often as their schedule permits.



VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Date

Name

Address

Home Phone

Work Phone

E-mail Address

What past or present work experience do you have?

List other volunteer activities, church work, civic organizations, etc., with which you have recent experience.

What other talents or skills do you have which might be useful at Ten Thousand Villages?

Do you have an interest in a particular country or craft?

What types of jobs would you prefer doing at Ten Thousand Villages?

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION CONTINUED

Our store hours are listed on the back for your reference.

List days and times (a.m. or p.m.) you would normally be able to work at Ten Thousand Villages.

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Please check your specific interests below.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sales Associate | <input type="checkbox"/> Speaker's Bureau |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unpacking Merchandise | <input type="checkbox"/> Repairing Crafts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Recruiting | <input type="checkbox"/> Bulk Mailings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Off-Site Sales | <input type="checkbox"/> Telephoning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Displaying Merchandise | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Recycling |

Other Skills

Please list two references (not relatives) who we may contact.

Name

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Phone

Occupation/Position

Name

Address

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Phone

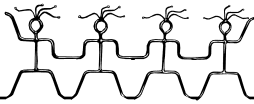
Occupation/Position

Signature

Date

**Thank you for your interest in
 Ten Thousand Villages!**

Please detach and mail this application to our store.



"Volunteering can be an exciting, growing, enjoyable experience. It is truly gratifying to serve a cause, practice one's ideals, work with people . . . solve problems . . . see benefits and know one had a hand in them."

—Harriet Naylor



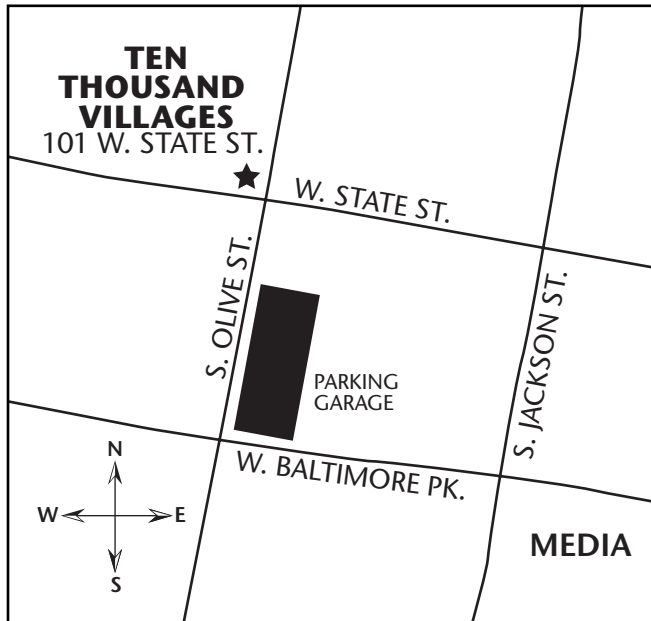
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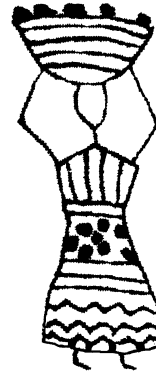
Mon–Thu 10–6, Fri 10–8
 Sat 10–6, Sun 12–5

610-892-5020

E-mail: media@tenthousandvillages.com



INFORMATION AND APPLICATION



The success of Ten Thousand Villages depends on the dedication and enthusiasm of volunteers. Each new person brings special strengths and insights to the operation of the store. This will be a rewarding experience for all who participate!

To join our team complete the attached volunteer application and return it to the store.



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