



**CITIZENS FOR  
PRISON REFORM**

# Welcome Aboard!

## CPR VOLUNTEER WELCOME PACKET

Thank you for stepping forward to walk alongside families impacted by incarceration.

Whether you're supporting a legislative campaign, helping at an event, or sharing your own story, your time and heart make a real difference.

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# THANK YOU!

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At Citizens for Prison Reform, we believe in the power of community, advocacy, and healing. We're honored to have you join us in this work. Together, we are a voice for justice—and a support system for families navigating impossible systems.

Let's make change together.

With gratitude,

**VANESSA RONTHI**

*Volunteer Director, Citizens for Prison Reform*

## ABOUT CITIZENS FOR PRISON REFORM

Citizens for Prison Reform is a Michigan-based nonprofit that uplifts families affected by incarceration and advocates for systemic change through education, support, and legislative reform.



## WHAT WE DO

- » Offer direct support to families impacted by incarceration
- » Advocate for policy changes (e.g., solitary confinement reform, prison oversight, visitation rights)
- » Educate the public through events, media, and storytelling
- » Create space for healing and connection



# CPR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

ROLE	DESCRIPTION	TIME COMMITMENT
<b>Event Support</b>	Help with setup, registration, or family activities at events like Family Fun Day, CPR's Annual Celebration, Strikes for Justice, or Legislative Education Day	Varies by event
<b>FPP Family Advocacy</b>	Support the Family Participation Program by calling/texting families, helping with FPP questionnaire completion, documenting and notating case details, and providing follow-up support for those navigating incarceration	2-5 hrs/month
<b>Detroit Community Organizing &amp; Base Building</b>	Help grow CPR's presence in Detroit by calling and texting families, distributing flyers, and supporting monthly family meetings through setup and registration	2-6 hrs/month
<b>Legislative Advocacy (Lansing-based)</b>	Help with hearings, distributing materials, attending legislative sessions, and supporting community mobilization efforts in the Capitol	2-4 hrs/month
<b>Administrative Support (Lois's House - Lansing)</b>	Support behind-the-scenes efforts through mailings, data entry, file organization, research and supply management	Flexible
<b>Inside Communications &amp; Case Tracking</b>	Assist with processing mail and communication from incarcerated individuals, support with self-service resources, and help track and manage individual case files and correspondence	2-5 hrs/month



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ROLE	DESCRIPTION	TIME COMMITMENT
<b>Outreach &amp; Follow-up</b>	Reach out to new or returning families and volunteers, provide reminders and encouragement, and help keep the network informed and engaged	Flexible
<b>Creative Support</b>	Design flyers or social media graphics, help organize giveaways, or support with photography and content creation at events	As needed
<b>Storytelling &amp; Communications</b>	Interview families (with consent), help write and edit stories, or contribute to digital content that shares our mission and impact	1-3 hrs/month
<b>Research &amp; Data Support</b>	Assist with research for campaigns and projects, track legislation, input data, or help compile reports for advocacy and outreach	Flexible
<b>Tabling &amp; Community Outreach</b>	Represent CPR at resource fairs or local events, pass out materials, engage with families, and build new community connections	2-4 hrs/month



Lansing-based volunteers are especially needed for legislative advocacy and administrative support at our Executive Director - Lois Pullano's House.



Detroit-based volunteers are especially needed for base building and community organizing for our monthly family meetings.



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# WHAT WE ASK OF YOU

## **COMPASSION**

for all families, without judgment

## **CONFIDENTIALITY**

around sensitive family experiences

## **COMMITMENT**

to racial and social justice

## **CLEAR COMMUNICATION**

We're here for you—just like you're here for our families. If your availability shifts, if the project you were assigned doesn't feel like the right fit, or if you ever feel overwhelmed, please reach out.

We know that capacity can change, and we want to make sure your experience stays meaningful and manageable. Let's stay in communication so we can adapt and support one another every step of the way.

## STAY CONNECTED

VOLUNTEER FORM



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### **VOLUNTEER FORM**

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### **WEBSITE**

[micpr.org](https://micpr.org)  
[openmidoor.org](https://openmidoor.org)

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# YOUR IMPACT

*Every call returned, every event supported, every story uplifted—helps shift policy, restore dignity, and build a movement rooted in love and justice. Thank you for being here.*

