



# AURORA SHALOM MINISTRIES

The mission of Aurora Shalom Ministries is to initiate programs and projects that empower economically disadvantaged individuals and families in the heart of Aurora. This is a relatively low-income area with a high proportion of racial and ethnic minorities, where gangs and drugs are endemic.

We seek to extend Christian concern to those in need, and to develop avenues of service for caring Christians.

We focus currently on educational and nurturing opportunities.

Children receive a weekly dinner, instruction and activities.

In summer we run field trips and many other constructive activities. We offer beginning and advanced ESL classes, and we are planning a range of educational and skill-building classes for adults.

We feed hungry local kids and families. We provide warm clothing. We bring Shalom to a community in desperate need of it.



**We need your help!**  
**Please give as generously as you can.**  
**If you would like more information**  
**or are interested in volunteering,**  
**please contact Jean Rhoades at (630) 896-9522**  
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***Check out our web site at***  
***[www.aurorashalom.org](http://www.aurorashalom.org)***



## Activities



### **The Dove Club**

A club for kids from 4 years through 8th grade which meets on Wednesdays during the school year. Kids enjoy a full, nutritious dinner provided by volunteers, play games or sports, and enjoy bible study, music and crafts, with school and homework assistance.



### **The Shalom Zone**

An extension of the Dove Club for high school freshmen and sophomores.



### **Vacation Bible School**

For kids from 4 years through 5th grade, mornings for one week in June. We attract kids from the community as well as church kids.



### **Quest Adventures**

A summer camp program held on Thursdays from June through August. Includes games, bible study, crafts, breakfast, lunch and snack. Most weeks we go on a field trip to a forest preserve or other place of interest.



### **The Munch Bunch**

A daily program in summer for local kids to help prepare their lunch, learn some nutrition, and enjoy a variety of activities.



### **Adult Education**

English as a second language classes at several levels for the Hispanic community. Presentations on nutrition, finance, and other topics of interest.

### **Dove Connexion**

Connections with food pantry, Christmas gifts, clothing fair. Distribution of donated household and many other items to those who need them.



### **Community Involvement**

Work together with Hispanic Heritage Advisory Board, Waubensee College Adult Education Area Planning Council, Celebrate our Children, and other local organizations.

