

## Ways women in Flint/Genesee County serve others

Adopts parks. Teaches women to sew, bake, fix a bike, knit. Homeless outreach. Business owner. Substance abuse counselor. Union president. Pastor. Mother. Caregiver. Educator. Grandmother. Volunteer. Elected official. Psychologist. Doctor. Leads women's organizations. 12-step group member. Runs shelters. Friend. Job training. Works at a nursing home. Mentors young women. Volunteer. Case manager. Runs a women's group. Pet groomer. Tutor. Teacher. Teaches teens to use a computer. Works in a literacy center. Owns a salon. Combats elder abuse. Librarian. Vice president of a company. Daughter. Helps her neighbors find furniture. Makes highways safer. Professor. Runs a support group. Writes. Helps in any way she can. Works with children with autism. Evangelist. Social worker. Community health advocate. Philanthropist. Attorney. Supports survivors of domestic violence. Life skills trainer. Librarian. Helps court-involved women. Volunteer senior companion. Patient navigator. Coaches a girls' swim team. Runs a clinic. Works at the Chamber of Commerce. Sister. Photographer. Teaches children to read. President of neighborhood group. Architect. College student. Friend.

## What would give women in Genesee County more hope and dignity?

A belief that they are wonderful, beautiful people with worth. Endurance. **God**. To contribute. To have positive goals and mentors. Equal opportunity. Truth and accountability from government. Job training and education. **Employment** so they can take care of their personal needs. Seeing women in leadership roles. To stand on their own. Encouragement. People to build the city up. Knowing someone cares. Having a voice. Not keeping problems quiet. Detox. Truth. Quality people in social service agencies who care. **Education**. Classes on how to fix cars and houses and advocate for themselves in the workplace. Outstanding **female role models**. Public recognition of accomplishment. Women's Centers all over Flint. Good paying jobs so they can own a home and a car. A better national climate – for Obama to be President again. To know God's love. A good income. Something they could work on together. Support. Being valued and respected in the streets and stores. Resources. **Being appreciated**. Self-esteem. Being heard. Love that is not compromised. Visibility. **Respect**. **Opportunities**. Less racism, sexism, poverty. Treat them as experts. A job and a place to live. Being treated well by people with power over them. Blight clearing. **Safety**. Equality and equal pay. To be taken seriously. Knowing that people are there for them. Being comfortable in their natural beauty. To see their children have a better life. To see other women succeed. Recognition that they are smart, capable, and get things done.

*\*Bolded answers came up multiple times*

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