




How is Hour Dollars Organized?

Hour Dollars is operated completely by our members as volunteers. Members have opportunities to earn hours by participating in the administration of Hour Dollars. Up to twelve members serve on our board of directors to set policy and guide the growth of Hour Dollars. We also have active subcommittees for marketing, special events, and technology. There are many opportunities for members to share their skills through Hour Dollars.



Beth used some of her hours to have her kitchen wallpapered, and in the process gained the confidence to tackle the next room by herself.

To Learn More About Hour Dollars

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Hour Dollars neighbor-to-neighbor service exchange

Earn hours providing services...



... Use earned hours to
receive services!





How Hour Dollars Works

The primary purpose of Hour Dollars is to help neighbors exchange time and skills.

It works like this: As an Hour Dollars member, you earn hours by providing a service (such as gardening, minor home repair, piano lessons, or driving) to another member who requested the service. You then use your earned hours to receive a service from any member in the service directory.

You decide what services you would like to offer. Everyone's time is valued equally; one hour of actual service is always equal to one hour of credit in the program, regardless of the type of service provided.

A computer database keeps track of services that members are willing to provide, the number of hours they have earned, and the balance of hours in their accounts.



Vicki saved a whole week and a lot of dollars when she used an Hour Dollars member to fix her computer. She also saved herself the hassle of disconnecting and hauling the equipment to a repair center.

Joining Hour Dollars

Anyone who lives in the Twin Cities metro area including the surrounding suburbs can join Hour Dollars. Members are asked to contribute a small annual fee for administrative costs. To find out about the next scheduled orientation or to schedule an individual orientation, write to us via email or regular mail (addresses are on back of brochure). Once you've completed the orientation, you'll receive a directory of members and services. You'll also receive three (3) free hours in your account to start you on your way.

Examples of Services

A wide variety of services are listed in the Hour Dollars directory, including:

- Arts and Crafts
 - Auto Maintenance
 - Children's Activities
 - Cleaning
 - Computer and Internet Set-up
 - Cooking and Baking
 - Desktop Publishing
 - Driving and Errands
 - Entertainment
 - Event Help
 - Financial Services
 - Lawn and Garden
 - Massage Therapy
 - Music Lessons
 - Pet Care
 - Snow Removal
 - Tutoring
 - Writing and Editing
- And many many more!

Joanne used her hour dollars (which she had earned doing child care and driving) to "hire" someone to coordinate a yard sale from start to finish. The coordinator took charge, using other members to help out as needed, for a successful three-day sale.



Hour Dollars Builds Community

One of the goals of Hour Dollars is to build community. We do this by providing a means for neighbors to meet each other, share their skills, and solve problems cooperatively. We help uncover the advantages of living in a diverse neighborhood.

Hour Dollars promotes reciprocity and recognizes that all people have something to give. In addition to individual exchanges of services, Hour Dollars members can also earn hours by participating in volunteer opportunities in their communities.



A group of 32 Hour Dollars members participated in a fund raiser event, earning one hour for each participant and raising \$900 for a local non-profit organization.

