

VOLUNTEERING

PROJECT HOPE FOR THE HOMELESS

Volunteers are key providing shelter and care at Project Hope.

If you would like to be a part of this life-changing team, check out the ways you can get involved.

All volunteers should start by completing an on-line application:

<https://projecthopeforthehomeless.org/volunteer-form/>, or obtain a printable form from the web, or office.

CONTACT the volunteer services director at volunteer@projecthopeforthehomeless.org or 440-354-6417 x106 for more information.



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for the Homeless

Restoring Hope. Renewing Lives.

SHELTER VOLUNTEERS

The family or adult shelter program work directly with staff and guests. Service is informal and supportive. Volunteers are never responsible for rule enforcement or direct supervision of shelter of guests. Shelter volunteers MUST undergo an application process and complete training before starting service.

TIMES AND DAYS NEEDED

Evenings in the adult shelter: 7-11 p.m.

Arrive at 6:45 p.m. to get the site ready to welcome guests; serve/set-up/clean-up dinner. Following dinner, make sandwiches, pass out chore supplies, chat or play a game. Evening volunteers work in teams of 3 alongside 3 staff members.

Mornings in the adult shelter: 5:30-7 a.m.

Volunteers distribute lunches, set-up/clean up after a light breakfast and help staff monitor guests as they head out the door.

Afternoons in the family shelter: 1-4 p.m. & 4-7 p.m. Mon-Fri

Weekends in the family shelter: 2-5 p.m. or 5-7 p.m. Sat & Sun

Family volunteers spend time with the families and staff. Some duties include hanging out with families, setting up/serving/cleaning up meals and snacks.

FOOD DONATIONS

Different ways to provide food for our guests:

DINNERS

Dinners are served every day of the year including holidays. You *must* call or email the volunteer services director to make preparation and delivery arrangements. Unscheduled meals are not received. Meals should be cooked and ready-to-eat upon delivery.

Feed (15) family guests Monday-Friday @ 5 p.m.

Feed (50) adult guests Sunday-Saturday @ 6:50 p.m.

BAGGED LUNCHES

Bagged lunches are provided in quantity and time convenient to you. Lunches are given to guests who do not have access to lunch. This is often a fun and rewarding project for groups and individuals. Since the daily amount of lunch needs vary, and donations are not scheduled, a properly packed sack lunch is critical for storage. Contact the volunteer services director for lunch-packing details and delivery arrangements.

We also have other creative options to make similar bags for breakfast, winter weather care, hygiene, & more – email the volunteer services director for details.

SATURDAY NIGHT SIDE DISHES

Enough to feed (50) on Saturday night @ 6:50 p.m. This light option pairs with our Saturday pizza night. This food option could be soup, salad, chicken, breadsticks and even dessert.

ON-SITE VOLUNTEERING

Other options to serve on-site with our guests.

BIBLE STUDY LEADERS

For the adult guests serve 8:30-9:30 p.m.; those serving families can have more options M-F during the daytime. An application, [interview](#), [letter of recommendation](#), & [attending volunteer training](#) are required before starting. Leaders are also qualified shelter volunteers. Discussion guidelines are supplied.

MUSIC

Music provided by choirs, soloists, youth groups, & the like are welcome to visit from 8:30-9:30 p.m. in the adult shelter; those serving families can have more options M-F during the daytime.

SERVICE PROFESSIONALS

Certified persons are welcome to share their knowledge or service. These qualified volunteers are approved and/or scheduled through volunteer services director or staff. We welcome various free programs to help our guests during their stay: haircuts, therapy animal visits, health & addiction support, financial guidance, employment advice, & more. What knowledge can you share to help our guests?

TESTIMONIALS

From those who are in recovery, have overcome trials, and/or experienced life-changing faith are encouraged to tell their stories of faith, bravery & hope. These volunteers are scheduled through our volunteer services director or staff.

OTHER WAYS TO HELP

If you have skills or talents you would like to share and are not listed here, or have limited time/capabilities, please speak with volunteer services director to discuss how we can serve together.

ADMINISTRATIVE, LABOR & PROFESSIONAL

A variety of roles are available on an occasional basis. Help answer phones, make copies, prepare mailings or donate professional services for technology or maintenance.

SPECIAL EVENTS

At various times throughout the year, we need help with holiday services or fundraisers. These tasks range from preparing mailings, decorating, soliciting, or attendance at special events.

BOXES OF HOPE

This is a collection drive of our Wish List needs. A Boxes of Hope campaign offsets shelter expenses. People of all ages, especially young people, can get involved with this simple project. Schools and groups all over the tri-county area are filling boxes.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE DIRECTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Missy can be reached preferably by e-mail volunteer@projecthopeforthehomeless.org, or (440) 354-6417 ext. 106. Thank you for considering joining the Project Hope for the Homeless family!

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