



Volunteer Opportunities

Donation Needed:

Evening Meals – Our goal is to have a meal prepared for the guests every evening of the year. Plan, purchase, prepare and serve our 86 guests a hot meal.

Time commitment: 5:30 – 7:30 each evening

Weekend Breakfasts – Our goal is to have a meal prepared for the guests every weekend (and holiday) morning of the year. Plan, purchase, prepare and serve our 86 guests a hot breakfast.

Time commitment: 7:00 – 9:00 Saturday and Sunday mornings

Celebration Dinners – Once a month we celebrate the accomplishments the guests are making on their individual goals (and honor those with birthdays). Plan, purchase, prepare and serve our 86 guests a hot meal.

Time commitment: 5:30 – 7:30pm, usually the 4th Wednesday of each month

Summer Holiday Picnics – Our guests enjoy the pleasure of grilling out in celebration of summer holidays. Purchase and provide hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, buns, cheese, potato salad, baked beans, barbeque sauce, spear pickles, ketchup, mustard, pickles, chips, soda, charcoal and lighter fluid so our guests can do the grilling. You can simply donate the goods, or stay to help serve and celebrate the holiday with us!

Specific holidays are: Memorial Day 5/25/15 (Mon), Father's Day 6/21/15 (Sun), Independence Day 7/4/15 (Sat), Labor Day 9/7/15 (Mon).

Holiday Parties –The Guest House's Holiday Committee needs your help supporting our holiday celebrations. Help us host a party or underwrite the cost of snacks, decorations, and special activities to celebrate these holidays! St. Patrick's Day, Easter, Memorial Day, Father's Day, 4th of July, GH Resident's Day, Labor Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and New Year's Eve.

Sandwiches – Approximately 200-400 sandwiches are handed out daily to guests and community. Prepare and deliver individually-wrapped sandwiches for distribution.

Getting Started Kits – As guests graduate from the program and move to their own home they are in need of basic household items. Conduct a donation drive for specific products, compile the kits and deliver them to the Guest House.

Card Making – During our monthly celebrations and various times throughout the year, we give the guests hand-made cards. Make cards to be given to the guests – birthday, congratulations and inspirational ones are most needed.

No Donation Needed:

Office/Dispensary – Every evening volunteers are needed to provide assistance to guests. Distribute linens, personal care items and clothing during evening check-in. Also, provide assistance in the office with telephones and various sign-up sheets.

Time commitment: 5:30 – 7:30 each evening

Donation Center Assistant – The Guest House of Milwaukee accepts donations 24/7 for usage in our shelter and housing programs. Any items we cannot use are further donated to community partner organizations. Work with Emily, our new Manager of Volunteers, to sort and organize the generous donations from community members!

Time commitment: Flexible

Front Office Assistant – During the weekends our residential staff needs a skilled volunteer to assist with office duties. This could include answering the door, taking phone calls, greeting donors and volunteers, and assisting guests. This requires the volunteer to possess and maintain the utmost confidentiality and professionalism.

Time commitment: 10:00am – 2:00pm Saturdays and Sundays

Donation Drive – Nearly everything we dispense to the guests is donated; including bedding, personal care items, clothing and household items. Collect and deliver needed items. Our needs change regularly, so please contact us in advance.

Teach a Class – The success of our LEADS program depends on many dedicated volunteers who offer a wide array of classes for our guests. Create a class on your favorite topic, or teach your favorite skill or hobby in a workshop. You don't need to be a professional; you only need to be passionate about your topic! This is a great opportunity for students, professionals, and seniors alike! Ideas include: Men's Health & Hygiene, Tutoring, Basic Housekeeping Skills, Self Motivation, Financial Literacy, Job Coaching, Art Class, Aerobics—the sky is the limit!

Time commitment: Flexible

Host a Social Event – Encourage positive interaction and the development of relationships by hosting a social event. Be creative in planning an activity where our guests will interact with other guests and volunteers. Ideas include: chess/checkers, board games, card games, BINGO, movie night with discussion.

Time commitment: Flexible

Cream City Gardens – The Cream City Gardens is a Guest House urban garden program that raises produce on the vacant lots across the street from our facility. The Gardens operate a six-week green industry job skills training program for formerly homeless individuals. Cream City Gardens seeks volunteers for course instructors, help in garden maintenance, and planning, among other opportunities.

Time commitment: Flexible