



Volunteer Service Opportunities

Meal Preparation & Serving

Time Commitment: 2-5 Hours. Time commitment and frequency is determined by the meal and shelter location. Volunteers work alongside our staff and residents to help prepare and serve meals in our Community Hot Meals Program and in our Shelters. Individuals as well as groups are welcome. Hours: Share Orchards Inn & Share Homestead (family shelters) 4 to 7 p.m. daily; Share House (men's shelter) M-F, breakfast: 5:30 to 7:30 a.m., lunch: 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., dinner: 2 to 6 p.m.; weekends & holidays: breakfast: 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., lunch: 1 to 4 p.m. Volunteers will be working in commercial kitchens and should follow an appropriate dress code of closed-toe shoes and long pants.

Backpack Program

Time Commitment: Every Thursday morning from 8:30 to 10:30 during the school year excluding holiday breaks and spring break. Part of the Children's Hunger Program, the Backpack Program provides food-filled bags for children that are part of the free and reduced lunch programs. Volunteers work with staff to assemble and deliver approximately 1,850 backpacks to 90+ Clark County Schools. We also provide food at ten Fresh Food Pantries in school Family Community Resource Centers through Evergreen Public Schools, plus through our Mobile Fresh Food Pantry; through these initiatives, food assistance is provided to about 2,000 kids per week.

Children's Activities

Time Commitment: 1-2 hours. Volunteers prepare an activity that is suitable for a variety of ages. Volunteers will work alongside clients to complete projects, play games, watch movies, do homework, etc. Children's activities take place Wednesday evenings 7 to 8 p.m. and on Saturday from 4 to 5 p.m. or 7 to 8 p.m. Homework Helper: once per week from 7 to 8 p.m. to help students of all ages with a variety of homework questions.

Summer Meals Program

Time Commitment: This program runs Monday through Friday from late June to mid-August. Volunteers can spend from two to six hours as many mornings per week or month as will fit their schedules. Drivers are also needed to transport lunches and must be capable of carrying full coolers. Part of the Children's Hunger Program, Summer Meals provides between 25,000-30,000 lunches to children during the summer months.

Special Events and Activities

- Warehouse cleaning and sorting: this is a continual project and is great for groups and individuals
- Clerical assistance; six month minimum commitment
- Share Gala and Soup's On!: Our annual fundraising activities; set up, clean up, and other opportunities.
- Compiling Easter baskets and school supply baskets
- Skilled Maintenance: painting, plumbing, electrical, landscaping and gardening
- Adopt-a-Family & Giving Tree: Assist with receiving and sorting gifts to families
- Holiday Cheer Party: Santa's Helper, greeters, snack service, fill wish list, clean up after the event and other activities during the day as needed.
- Holiday Meals: prepare and serve Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner at our shelters and our Hot Meals Program
- Off-site activities associated with Care for Share events (Cruisin' the Gut, NW Challenge, Vintage Motocross, etc.)

Occasional Donation Pickups and Supplemental Delivery Driver

Time Commitment: This is on an on call basis and is generally 2-3 hours. Volunteers pick up miscellaneous donations or deliver additional supplies from the Share Fromhold Service Center to the family shelters. Holiday times are the highest need for this activity. Drivers must have a vehicle suitable to delivering supplies or picking up donations, maintain current vehicle insurance and be able to do some lifting.

If you have any questions regarding any of our volunteer Service Opportunities, please call Dellan Redjou, Director of Volunteers, at 360-952-8228 or email her at volunteers@sharevancouver.org.

We look forward to seeing you at Share!