



The Allentown Rescue Mission

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Volunteer Opportunities – December 2017

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY! **Event Planners and Office/Admin Help**

Current List of Regular Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities:

M25 Level Volunteers:

- **Volunteer Lead – long term commitment, 6 – 12 months**
 - Committed, dedicated and able to be part of our development team. We are seeking Volunteer Leads who can help us continue to develop and expand our Volunteer Program. Volunteer Leads will play a large role in helping organize special events and other fun outreach opportunities.
- **Event Planners – 4 month commitment per event date**
 - Be involved in all aspects of our Fundraising events. Be a chairperson, help with phone calls, assist with auction items received, put together committees for event planning and execution. Post event Thank You notes and follow up help is always a bonus!
- **Outreach Committee – Event Specific (evening and weekend opportunities)**
 - Sporting events, dine and donate, community fairs – share your love of the Mission at your favorite location/event! From the Iron Pigs, Phantoms and Steelhawks, to a local restaurant and Community Centers including the Lehigh Valley Mall and the Allentown Fair. Join any event free of charge while manning a table with Mission information and engaging in conversation with passersby.
- **English/Spanish Translation – Minimum 10 week commitment**
 - Help the Mission create a Spanish version of our Christian Living Program. Translate English documents into Spanish. Work alongside program staff to learn the program and teach the program in Spanish to our Spanish speaking guests.
- **Grant Writing**
 - Help research and write appropriate grants available to match our needs
- **Hand Write Thank You cards!**
 - Hand write a personal “Thank You” note to a donor, volunteer, or anyone else on our list!
- **Computer Skills Needed – both project specific and/or 3 – 6 month commitment**
 - Data entry / maintenance using EXCEL, Graphics and design, using Microsoft Publisher.
- **Call Center – Volunteer from home!**
 - Want to volunteer but just can’t get out of your house? Become part of our new call center. Help us reach out to our donors on a regular basis by calling from the comfort of your home, to thank them and invite them to special events!

M11 Level Volunteers:

- **Make and Serve a Meal- call in or email to schedule**
 - If your group is looking for a way to serve the Mission, consider providing a meal. We need groups to prepare a meal for about 60 - 70 men, then to bring it in and serve it. Please schedule several weeks in advance.
- **Gardening a Gateway to the Soul**
 - For lovers of gardening who want to give back with their Green Thumb talents. We recruit volunteers to help maintain our Gateway Gardens and our “Urban Garden” vegetable gardens. Interested in adopting a garden for the season? Come to the Mission to help!
 - Planting, weeding, watering, harvesting & any other grounds maintenance
- **Pastoral Services**
 - Pastors & Leaders in Men’s Ministry provide a Christ Centered message to our guests in the evening for an hour.
- **Front Office Coverage**
 - Monday – Friday 8:30am – 5:00pm. Set your part time schedule or dedicate several full days per week. Administrative duties include assisting at the front desk with incoming donations, sorting & organizing mail, printing, photocopying, stuffing envelopes, using postage machine.

Special Event Volunteering – Save the Date!!!

Contact Deirdre to Sign Up now, it’s never too early!

- **WAEB Spaghetti Dinner – Saturday *October 20, 2018** *(*date subject to change)*
Yearly on the third Saturday in October
 - There are lots of positions available for helping at the Spaghetti Dinner. Helping with volunteer sign-in, bussing tables, serving food, making meatballs with Bobby Gunther Walsh and the Clean Team men, event preparation, helping with Chinese auction items.
- **Thanks for Giving Food and Supply Drive – Friday Nov 16th & Saturday Nov 17th 2018**
Yearly, the weekend before Thanksgiving on Friday from 4 – 7pm & Saturday, 10am – 3pm
 - Adopt a location and help collect food and supplies! Interact with patrons and collect food while having fun during the community driven event! Be part of our team as a Dispatcher to communicate with drivers and Group Leaders. We also recruit drivers who circle between stores and back to the Mission picking up and dropping off the donated items. Warehouse workers to help empty vehicles, sort and weigh donations, and stock the pantry. Help with T4G Aftermath in the garage sorting, packing, weighing, relocating items and putting them away in the 2 weeks following the drive.
 - **HOLD YOUR OWN DRIVE!** Contact us to get a list of most needed items and hold your own drive.
- **Christmas Wrapping Party – Saturday December 9th, 2017**
 - Yearly in December. Come and wrap donated gifts for the men in the Gateway and our Program Guests. Help with Set – up, wrapping, organizing gifts, and/or clean up.

- **Christian Living Program Graduation Celebrations**

- Celebrate with the men who are graduating the Christian Living Program as they tell their testimonies and receive their certificates of completion. Also, support the men who have completed Phase I of the program as they join in the pinning ceremony. Volunteers greet and usher attendees, as well as maintain an attendance sign-in sheet, and hand out graduation programs.

9:30am – 12pm on Fridays in 2017 • December 15, 2017 • February 23, 2018

- **Annual Gala Celebrating Lives Changed** - April 21st, 2018

Annual Springtime Fundraising Event - Event planners needed!

Gala Chairperson

Be an invaluable part of our Development team by overseeing details and event coordination for the Gala. Lead all of the volunteer committees below providing direction and assistance as the main Rescue Mission Contact. Work closely with Deirdre and Wendy, be part of our team!

Centerpiece Committee

1. Research, design, and present Centerpiece items consistent with Gala theme.
2. Solicit donations for items and work within a budget.
3. Make items, store them and help bring to event and set up at event.
4. Identify, envision, and solicit decorations for the Gala consistent with Gala theme.

Set Up Committee

1. Help Set Up and Decorate the room on the day of the event.

Greeting Committee

1. Greeters to welcome guests, direct them to the registration area and to the social hour.

Registration Committee

1. Provide Name Tags, Bidder Numbers, hand out programs.
2. Hand out tickets for beverages and direct guests to the Lehigh Valley Style Photo Area.

Calling Committee

1. Work from home calling businesses to ensure they have received auction request Letters.
2. Take your group door to door at your favorite shopping venue and ask for auction item donations.

Silent Auction Committee

1. Collect solicited items, group together appropriately, write fun descriptions, help make baskets.
2. Make Bid sheets and signs, set up & organize all Silent Auction baskets with bid sheets at the event
3. Assist with disbursement of Silent Auction items

Usher and Clean Up Committee

1. Assist Guests in retrieving their auction items, help carry baskets to cars. Collect name badges, help get their coats and usher out the door.
2. Help staff collect all items, pack cars and boxed truck, help clean out the room at the end of the night.

**Committee descriptions subject to change as process is finalized*

Volunteer Levels:

M25 Level: “Servant Leaders”

We really need you. You are a special group of VIP volunteers who are committed to the Rescue Mission and you help make change happen. You have a passion to do the good work that the Lord directs us to do. Dedicated to our Mission and the people served here, you are a leader called to dedicate your time talent and skills.

³⁴ “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

³⁷ “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?’³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

⁴⁰ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

~ Matthew 25:34-40

M11 Level: “Lifting Burdens”

Your commitment blesses every aspect of the Mission. You lead, serve, share and commune here as you can. Your passion for helping people is unparalleled and you are willing to share your time, talent and resources to help the Mission and the Guests that we serve.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

~ Matthew 11:28-30

BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE!

Please contact Deirdre with questions, comments and to reserve your spot.

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