Volunteer Opportunities

Whether it is a single day project, a skills-based opportunity, or a long-term commitment to Alexandra House; volunteering makes a difference in the lives of survivors. We work closely with individuals, businesses, and community groups to find volunteer opportunities that match their skills, interests, and availability.

**INDIVIDUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

**Housing and Supportive Services Advocate**
- Provide assistance with 24-hour help line and working with clients residing in the emergency shelter to meet their needs
- Must be 18+ years old, complete mandatory 50-hour training, have a valid driver’s license, and pass a background check

**On-Call Hospital Advocate**
- Work with healthcare and law enforcement to provide support and information to victims who have experienced domestic or sexual violence on site at Mercy and Unity Hospital
- Must be 18+ years old, complete mandatory 50-hour training, have a valid driver’s license, pass a background check, and in general, live within 30 miles of Mercy and Unity Hospital

**Support Group Facilitator (availability limited)**
- Facilitate and guide a safe and supportive support group environment
- Must be 18+ years old, complete mandatory 50-hour training, have a valid driver’s license, and pass a background check

**Childcare Volunteer**
- Plan activities and care for children of all ages residing at the shelter
- Must be 18+ years old, complete mandatory 16-hour training, and pass a background check

**Kitchen / Facilities Volunteer**
- Preparing, portioning and serving meals and snacks to shelter residents
- Must be 18+ years old, all genders, brief training, and pass a background check

*To become a volunteer, complete our Volunteer Application online at [www.alexandrahouse.org](http://www.alexandrahouse.org). For more information, contact our Volunteer Services Coordinator at communications@alexandrahouse.org or 763-795-5452.*
GROUP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Alexandra House welcomes groups from corporations, faith communities, sororities, and other social groups to help us with a variety of projects either one-time or on-going.

ONSITE

Cleaning and Organizing: sorting and bundling donations, seasonal donation switchover (April/October), organizing donation warehouse

Prepare and Serve a Meal: plan, purchase the ingredients, prepare, and serve a meal at the shelter. Evenings or weekends, serving 35-40 people

Children Activities: game night, arts and crafts, story time, cookie decorating, gingerbread house making, or pumpkin decorating (groups need to plan and purchase the necessary supplies)

Holiday Shopping: set up, clean up, help our clients shop or wrap gifts at our Holiday Gift Shop (December)

Outdoor Projects*: bench, playhouse, pergola restoration, and/or landscape projects

* Should your group be interested in completing an outdoor service projects, please:
  • allow for 1-2 months of planning time before the project can be implemented;
  • understand we have limited resources to support outdoor projects, we are more likely to welcome volunteer groups who are willing to make a contribution to our mission in addition to providing the supplies and/or covering cost of the activity.

OFFSITE

Donation Drive: organize a drive to collect non-perishable food, toys, bedding, personal care items, or monetary gifts to benefit Alexandra House and its clients

Event Support: join an event planning committee, or volunteer to work at one of our fundraising events HopeFest (September) or Hope Gala (March)

Special Projects: make tie blankets, assemble craft kits (variety of ages), make birthday bags

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