

Fauquier Family Shelter Services

Volunteer Information Packet

Thank you for your interest in becoming a volunteer at Fauquier Family Shelter Services, Inc. Volunteers are one of the driving forces behind the success of Fauquier Family Shelter Services (FFSS) in providing assistance to the needy in Fauquier County.

The mission of FFSS is to provide short-term shelter, transitional housing, and comprehensive services, means and guidance to homeless and potentially homeless families and individuals in Fauquier County. The Shelter was established in 1988 by concerned individuals and social service agencies to alleviate the pain of poverty and homelessness in Fauquier County. FFSS operates the only emergency shelter in Fauquier County.

Please review the enclosed information and think carefully about how you would like to get involved. Becoming a volunteer with FFSS will not only benefit those in need, but will also bring you personal satisfaction.

Thank you again for your interest in Fauquier Family Shelter Services, Inc. We look forward to working with you as a partner in FFSS ' mission to strengthen our community. If you need more information on the volunteer needs of the shelter, please call our Administrative Office.



Your interest in serving your community through volunteering your time for Fauquier Family ShelterServices is greatly appreciated. Help is desired on both a regular and an as-needed basis. Please note volunteers working directly with children will be required to complete and pass a background check. On the following page you will find some of the ways that we may utilize your talents.

We hope this document will be of assistance to you in identifying how you would most like to volunteer your valuable time to Fauquier Family Shelter Services. However, if you are interested in donating you time in an area not described in this packet, please contact the Shelter staff to discuss your idea. We are driven by the inspiration and dedication of our volunteers, and, in truth, could not function without them!

Whatever your interest or skills may be, there *is* an opportunity for you to make a difference in the community through volunteer work at Fauquier Family Shelter Services.

Thank you for your interest!

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Administrative

- Typing – helping out with correspondence in the office
- Filing – assisting in organization of documents
- General office duties – answering phones, filing, copying

Fundraising

- Annual Gala
- “Hoofin’ It for the Homeless” Walk-a-thon
- Mass mailing during late November
- Other duties such as selling tickets, contacting potential donors through mailings, manning a booth at a festival, or baking cookies.

Children’s Activities

Plan and supervise fun, therapeutic activities for children who are in the shelter and transitional programs. This is an especially great opportunity for creative people (or for those of us who *wish* we had that special talent and just want to try!)

- Music appreciation
- Arts and crafts
- Special occasion parties

Child Tutor and Preschool Programs

- Assist student in homework assignments
- Develop and run educational programs for children in shelter or transitional house

Child Care Provider

Provide child care to clients who have children so that they may attend life skills classes

Tutoring Opportunities

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| • Money management | • Building self-esteem | • Goal setting |
| • Nutrition | • Dressing for success | • Parenting |
| • Simple meal preparation | • Health maintenance | |
| • Job interviewing skills | • Personal hygiene | |

Handy person

- Assist with general maintenance and repairs
- Painting on an as-needed basis
- Organizing the storage shed
- Landscaping in the spring and summer around shelter grounds

Transportation

Drive shelter residents to job interviews and medical appointments. Volunteers can donate their time in two ways:

- Specify a day and time that they can regularly provide transportation. This enables clients to schedule appointments accordingly.
- Be available on an “on call basis.” You will be contacted when a driver is needed.