

## **Greetings from the Homelessness Task Force:**

Here are some volunteer opportunities at local shelters.

### **Shalom Volunteer Opportunities**

There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available at Shalom Community Center (which also includes Friend's Place and Crawford Homes) for individuals and small groups.

**Shalom Community Center**, 620 S. Walnut St. is an all-inclusive resource center for people who are living in poverty and experiencing its ultimate expressions: hunger, homelessness, and a lack of access to basic life necessities.

Shalom provides overnight shelter to people experiencing homelessness at **A Friend's Place**, located at 919 S. Rogers St. Friend's Place is an emergency shelter for men and women, 18 and over.

**Crawford Homes I and II**, 2440 S. Henderson, provides housing and supportive services for individuals, couples, and families experiencing long-term homelessness due to a disability.

If you are interested in any of the following, please begin by contacting Sue Murphy, who is Volunteer Coordinator at Shalom, at 812-334-5728 or **[sue@shalomcommunitycenter.org](mailto:sue@shalomcommunitycenter.org)**.

Kitchen: Meal preparation, serving, and clean-up

Hospitality Desk attendants

Donation sorters

If you are interested in any of the following, please begin by contacting Susan Dabkowski, who is Operations Director at Shalom, at 812-334-5728 or **[susan@shalomcommunitycenter.org](mailto:susan@shalomcommunitycenter.org)**.

Building repair work

Painting

Cleaning

## Coronavirus Health Precautions at Shalom:

- Health screening at entrance tent (short questionnaire, temperature check). Only entrance is the one on the south side of the building.
- Handwashing station at entrance.
- Everyone is required to wear face masks. Please bring your own (and extras if you can). Please also bring gloves.
- We disinfect high touch areas three times a day.
- We encourage social distancing inside as much as possible. (Cannot guarantee.)

## Wheeler Volunteer Opportunities

There are also volunteer opportunities at **Wheeler Mission, Bloomington**. Wheeler operates a Center for Men at 215 S. Westplex Avenue and a Center for Women and Children at 400 Opportunity Lane. Both centers provide meals, overnight shelter, and services such as addiction recovery, counseling, job and life skills training and more.

If you are interested in any of the following activities, please begin by contacting Josie Rice, who is Volunteer Coordinator at Wheeler in Bloomington, at 317-752-3824 or [josierice@wheelermission.org](mailto:josierice@wheelermission.org)

Meal service  
Housekeeping  
Making masks  
Hospitality  
Landscaping

## Coronavirus Health Precautions at Wheeler

- All volunteers must be scheduled through IMPACT, Wheeler's volunteer management system ([WheelerVolunteer.org](http://WheelerVolunteer.org)) prior to their shift.
  - Volunteers **must complete a four question self-screening before coming to any of Wheeler facilities (see below)**. If you answer YES to any of the questions below, Wheeler asks that you wait an additional 14 days before returning to serve.
1. Have you been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
  2. Have you come into close contact (within 6 feet) with someone who has a laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis in the past 14 days?
  3. Do you have a fever (greater than 100.4 degrees F) OR symptoms of a lower respiratory illness such as a cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, or a sore throat?

4. Are you a first responder? (Any volunteer who is a first responder will be welcome to volunteer after June 15. This is subject to change).

- Each facility will only have one designated entrance for volunteers:

Center for Men: Main Entrance

Center for Women & Children: Main Entrance

- Once arriving on-site, volunteers will be subject to a health screening including a temperature check and must sign in using the Volunteer Check-In Kiosk, which will be sanitized after every check-in. (Some locations will still use pen and paper sign-in).
- Volunteers are required to wear a face mask, and we ask that you provide your own. We have a very limited supply!
- We will provide hand-washing stations, hand sanitizer, and disinfectant.
- Volunteers may be required to wear gloves, depending on the job and location. Please bring your own gloves.
- Volunteers should practice physical distancing with other volunteers, staff, and guests as much as possible.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

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