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Volunteers Needed!

Pilgrims' Inn relies on our volunteers to be able to help those that are in need. The majority of what we do here would not be possible without the assistance of great community volunteers. We have positions available in most of our departments and even have opportunities for groups to volunteer as well.

Here is a list, by department, of some of the volunteer opportunities that we currently have:

<u>Emergency Assistance</u>: Our Emergency Assistance department serves families and individuals that need food assistance. We have four volunteer positions open in that department.

- Pantry Volunteers-these morning volunteers help bag the food to give out to clients and help with any donations that come into the pantry. (T – F: 8:30a to 1p)
- Loader/Unloader-Pilgrims' Inn receives food from Second Harvest Food Bank of the Metrolina's once or twice a month. We need help getting the pallets of food off the truck and onto our shelves. (Last Wednesday of each month 1:30 to 3p)
- Emergency Assistance Clerical Positions-these volunteers help work the intake desk and input data into an online database. (M Th: 8:30 to 5p and F: 8:30a to 1p)

<u>Administrative Volunteers</u>: Our administrative volunteers help keep the day-to-day running of Pilgrims' Inn possible: by answering phones, greeting visitors, and assisting with other administrative duties. (M – Th: 8:30 to 5p and F: 8:30a to 1p)

<u>30 Million Word Volunteers</u>: Pilgrims' Inn has started an initiative that focuses on literacy in children. The volunteers for this program are invited to participate in literacy activities with the children at specified times in our Open Arms Child Support Center and while providing child care during parent and client meetings. (M - F: 9 to 9:30a or 11:00 to 11:30a)

<u>CITEE Volunteers</u>: CITEE (<u>Creating Independence Through Education and Employment</u>) is a program which promotes continuing education and employment opportunities. Volunteers at Pilgrims' Inn help our clients with resume' building, interview skills, appropriate job searching etiquette, reaching educational goals, and helping find resources for financial aid. Volunteers with skills in these areas are welcome to work with clients one-on-one or can setup a class time to teach these skills to our clients.

<u>Maintenance Volunteers</u>: With as many programs as we have, we often have an array of repairs that need to be done. This could be anything from changing a light bulb to repairing floors, walls, or ceilings. Any level of experience comes in handy!

<u>Yard Work</u>: Our campus has three main areas: the main building, the shelter, and the transitional apartments. All of these areas require lawns to be mowed, leaves to be raked, and shrubs and flowerbeds to be maintained.

<u>Group Volunteers</u>: Any organization that is interested in volunteer opportunities in the community is welcome at Pilgrims' Inn. We have a variety of ways to become involved. Groups can come do client activities (dinners, game nights, kids' days, etc.), give their time to help around the campus, or small groups of 2-3 can help in the pantry. We are open to discussing any ideas that you have.

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Seasonal Opportunites

- 1. Point In Time (PIT) Count It serves two functions: A physical count of the local homeless as well as an effort to gather information on the demographics and service needs of our homeless population. (January)
- 2. Be Irish for a Night Annual Fundraiser: Volunteers help setup and close event. (March)
- 3. Easter-Egg Hunt Volunteers assist in hiding/finding eggs, serving snacks, and close event. (April)
- 4. **Post Office Food Drive** Volunteers assist in collecting unloading, weighing and stocking donated items. (**May**)
- 5. **Irish Open Golf Tournament -** Annual Fundraiser: Volunteers help setup, serve food, and close event. (**June**)
- 6. **Fall Festival** Volunteers assist in a night festival playing games, serving food, and close event. (October)
- 7. **Boy Scout Food Drive** Volunteers assist in unloading, weighing and stocking donated items. (February and November)
- 8. Christmas Activities
 - a. Decoration Last Week in November
 - **b.** Toy Give-A-Way Week long activities which consist of preparing food, setting up toys, removing decorations Week before Christmas

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