GROUP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
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GROUP OPTIONS

CORPORATE LUNCH FRIDAYS
On the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month, N Street Village welcomes corporate groups who wish to donate and serve the noon meal to our Day Center clients. This is a great opportunity for a team of 8-10 people to work together and provide the community with much-needed support. The service commitment is from 9:15am-1:30pm and estimated cost of the meal is $250-500.

The community serves up to 100 women for lunch on Fridays. We can provide more details on meal options and a quick on-site demonstration of tasks and a tour of our kitchen.

DONATION SORTING & DISTRIBUTING
Cleaning and organizing projects at various parts of our facilities. This opportunity is offered during weekdays from 9:30am-Noon or 1:30pm-4:00pm and is perfect for a group 5-10 volunteers.

IN-KIND DRIVE
Host an in-kind drive at your workplace. The volunteer and in-kind office will provide organizations with a list of the community’s current in-kind needs.

GROUP GARDENING
Organizations can support the upkeep of our community garden on the N Street Village grounds. This is a twice per-month activity when the weather warms the spring through the fall. This service includes weeding, pruning, and general maintenance of the courtyard and surrounding flower boxes that line Vermont Avenue and N Street.

This activity is only available during weekdays from 9:30am-4:00pm. It is perfect for a group of up to 10 volunteers.

SNACK BAG STUFFING SESSION
Organizations can donate and assemble healthy snack bags for day center clients. The group first runs a donation drive to collect items, and when the donation drive is complete participants are invited to come to N Street Village and assemble the bags for the clients of our day center. Examples of healthy snacks include:

- Granola Bars
- Yogurts
- Fruit
- Canned fruit cups (low-sugar with natural juice)
- Individually wrapped dried fruit: raisins, cranberries, apricots, etc.
- Individually wrapped nuts: almonds, walnuts, peanuts, etc.
- Individually wrapped snacks like pretzels, popcorn, Cheezits crackers, etc.
- Perishable items are welcomed—the clients love yogurts, string cheese, oranges, individually wrapped hummus and veggies (such as carrot, celery, pepper strips)
- Seasonal fresh items are always welcome! Ask the Volunteer and In-Kind Donations Manager for suggestions.

Please include Ziploc bags in the donation—the bags are used to store the snacks for easy distribution.

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DINNER SERVICE AT
THE PATRICIA HANDY PLACE FOR WOMEN

Dinner Service Volunteers are needed to serve dinner to 36-60 women each day. Volunteers work in pairs on each floor to serve a meal delivered to the community by DC Central Kitchen. Dinner service is from 6:45-8:00pm. This activity is a good fit for a group of 8-10 individuals.

WORKFORCE WORKSHOP

Each Friday, N Street Village welcomes corporate groups to support clients with employment-related goals and activities. Workforce Workshop is a great opportunity for a team of 10-13 people to work together to provide one-on-one support with resume creation and review, mock interviews, online job applications, and general career mentorship. The service time is from 9:15am-11:00am.

We will provide the laptop computers, resume templates, mock interview questions, and support from staff when needed.

SPONSOR A COMMUNITY DINNER

This option can accommodate up to 15 volunteers. Our permanent supportive housing (PSH) program has 42 residents. The community dinner for the PSH program occurs on the third Thursday of the month in the evening. The dinner is usually potluck style, but we encourage the host group to do whatever they like. Some groups like to cook in the kitchen and others have the meal catered. We also volunteers to play their musical instruments or share their talents with the residents.

SMALL GROUP OPTIONS

1-8 Participants

LUNCH & BREAKFAST MEAL SERVICE

Volunteers work in pairs to serve breakfast or lunch in Bethany Women’s Day Center, which is located on the first floor of N Street Village. Food is prepared by our food service manager and the meal is served by two individuals to about 90 residents and clients. Volunteers assist with lunch prep on Saturdays and Sundays. Providing all or a portion of the meal is preferred on the weekends.

SUNDAY DINNER AT MIRIAM’S HOUSE

On Sundays, groups of 5-8 volunteers donate, prepare, and serve a meal for Miriam’s House residents. This is a great opportunity for colleagues, faith-based groups, and groups of friends who enjoy cooking. The meal should be prepared ahead of time to serve 25 residents. Your group is invited to dine with the residents, so make sure the meal is prepared ahead of time and can serve 25 residents plus your group of volunteers. Plan to arrive at 5pm and leave at 7pm. Menu ideas can be provided upon request.

SPONSOR A FRIDAY ART CLASS

Groups run a donation drive to collect various arts and crafts. When the drive is complete, volunteers are invited to come to N Street Village and participate in our weekly Friday art class with clients. Groups may prefer to donate all materials for a special project to complete with the clients. Service time is 8:45-10:00am and is good fit for up to 10 volunteers. A detailed supply list will be provided.