



N Street Village Off-Site Community Service Suggestions

Thank you for thinking of volunteering your community service hours to N Street Village. By volunteering at N Street Village, you play an essential role in the lives of homeless and low income women in our community.

There is no minimum age requirement to participate in off-site volunteer opportunities. Volunteer orientations are not required to lead an off-site event to benefit N Street Village. Children and teens interested in leading an off-site event are not required to attend a volunteer orientation, parents are always welcome to attend a volunteer orientation to learn more about N Street Village.

In-Kind Donation Drive: Create and implement an in-kind donation drive for N Street Village's greatest in-kind needs. This is one of the best ways for N Street Village to stock up on much needed items all year long. Download N Street Village's guide filled with tips on running a successful event at <http://www.nstreetvillage.org/donate/in-kind/> Please contact **Donna-Marie Thompson** (dthompson@nstreetvillage.org) prior to launching your drive to guarantee your drive collects items most needed by our community and to learn about our donation drop off policy. N Street Village counts donation drives at 10 hours of community service.

N Street Village Fundraiser: You can help change hundreds of women's lives for the better by supporting N Street Village's programs through fundraising. Create and implement a fundraising event to raise money for N Street Village's programs. In the past students have contributed raised money through bake sales, lemonade stands, birthday parties (in lieu of gifts-friends gave money to N Street Village) or jean days (where students pay to wear jeans to school and donate the raised money to N Street Village.) Get creative! N Street Village counts fundraising events at 10 hours of community service. The more money you raise-the more community service hours you earn! Each \$250 is worth an additional 10 community service hours. Contact **Makenzie Delmotte** (mdelmotte@nstreetvillage.org) and visit <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/design> for more information.

Raise Awareness: Write an article for your local or school newsletter, create an educational flyer and distribute to your community groups, or give a speech at school, church, or community center on a topic related to homelessness, mental health, institutional racism, addiction, or affordable housing. Help raise awareness about these very important topics. Contact Donna-Marie Thompson (dthompson@nstreetvillage.org) for more information and how to share your article.

Lobby/Advocate: A personal visit with or a letter to your state Senator or Assemblyperson is an effective way to emphasize your interest in an issue or bill. Advocate on behalf of topics that directly affect women we serve at N Street Village such as homelessness, mental health,



institutional racism, addiction, or affordable housing. You can find many tips on writing to or meeting with your state representative through Google searches online. You can also begin petitions on various topics through www.change.org.

****N Street Village does offer two on-site volunteer opportunities for children and teens each year; Annual SHERO Community Walk and Family & Friends Garden Day in late spring, April, or May. Details and information will be posted on N Street Village's events page.***

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