

City Rescue Mission of Lansing Volunteer Opportunities



Not all opportunities are available at all times; positions may be filled and some opportunities are seasonal or based on need. Please note that volunteers at our women and children's shelter will be required to undergo a background check.

Mission Maplewood Center Women and Children's Shelter

Morning Check-out Volunteer

What: Assist day shelter coordinator with the morning check-out process. Greet shelter guests, retrieve room keys, assist staff with giving and collecting guest's secure items, answer phones and conduct phone intake interview of incoming guests.

Time: 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. (come earlier or stay later depending on your schedule)

Day Shelter Volunteer

What: Help day shelter staff with the daily running of the day shelter. Answer phones, conduct phone intake interviews of incoming guests, escort guests to do their laundry at scheduled intervals, wash house laundry, fold and put away house laundry, fold and distribute guest's daily linens, conduct room checks to make sure beds are made and rooms are straightened up, clean beds and drawers when a guest leaves, organize personal needs and/or linen items in the lower level storage areas, restock supplies in floor closets, clean various common areas, watch children with staff during chapel and other general duties or projects.

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (2 to 4 hour blocks of time, or longer if desired)

Children's Chapel Helper (Daytime and Evening)

What: Assist staff with children during the Bible lesson and play time. Help children follow the lesson and complete the accompanying activities. Assist with watching younger children too (4 and under). Help clean up the play area before leaving.

Time: Daytime: 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Evening: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Meal Server (Lunch and Dinner)

What: Help the kitchen staff serve lunch or dinner. Help clean up after serving the meal.

Time: Lunch: 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Dinner: 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (May stay longer to clean-up cafeteria.)

Evening Check-in Volunteer

What: Assist staff with the evening check-in process. Greet shelter guests, hand-out room keys, assist staff with giving and collecting guest's secure items, answer phones and conduct phone intake interview of incoming guests.

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Evening Shelter Volunteer

What: Help evening shelter staff with the daily running of the night shelter. Answer phones, conduct phone intake interviews of incoming guests, assist staff with processing new guest's belongings, clean beds and drawers when a guest leaves, wash house laundry, fold and put away house laundry, fold and distribute guest's daily linens, organize personal needs and/or linen items in the lower level storage areas, restock supplies in floor closets, clean various common areas, watch children with staff during chapel and other general duties or projects.

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (variable length of time)

Mission Michigan Avenue Center

Public Dining Room, Food Pantry, Men's Shelter, Personal Needs Closet

Meal Server (Lunch and Dinner)

What: Help the kitchen staff serve lunch or dinner.

Time: Lunch: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Dinner: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Food Pantry Stocker

What: Help operations staff mark, sort, stock food donations.

Time: Weekdays only: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (based on need; seasonal small group opportunities may be available)

Weekday Desk Clerk

What: Assist staff operations staff with office work and donation intake. Volunteers may be asked to answer phones and other office work, help donors bringing in donations, assist operations staff in sorting donations, making up bags of personal hygiene items for guests, and keeping the personal needs closet organized.

Time: Weekdays: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (hours are adjustable)

Mission Clothing Distribution Center

Donation Sorter – Men Needed

What: Sort donations and stock at the clothing center.

Time: Tuesday and/or Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Donation Sorters – Individuals or Small Group Opportunity

What: Sort donations at our Maplewood Center

Time: Weekdays: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.