

Cold Weather Shelter Volunteer

Position Overview

Cold Weather Shelter Volunteers provide essential support and assistance at temporary shelters that operate during extreme weather conditions to protect vulnerable individuals from potentially life-threatening cold. Volunteers help create a safe, welcoming environment for shelter guests while supporting the operational needs of the facility.

Key Responsibilities

- Assist with shelter setup and breakdown, including arranging cots, bedding, and dining areas
- Welcome and register guests, explaining shelter rules and procedures
- Distribute meals, hot beverages, and cold weather supplies
- Monitor shelter areas to ensure cleanliness
- Help with organizing supplies and donations
- Maintain confidentiality regarding guest information and circumstances

Qualifications

- Compassionate attitude and ability to work with diverse populations
- Reliable and punctual with ability to commit to scheduled shifts
- Good communication and basic conflict resolution skills
- Physical ability to stand/walk for extended periods and lift up to 25 pounds

Time Commitment

- Varies by event and need

Benefits

- Make a direct impact on the lives of vulnerable community members
- Develop skills in crisis response and social services
- Connect with like-minded community volunteers
- Potential for service hour documentation for students or community service requirements