



## HOPE FOR THE JOURNEY HOME Shelter at Guardian Angels

### Afternoon Shift Host

2:45 pm – 5:15 pm -- 2 volunteers minimum

*Hope for the Journey Home* is a ministry of hospitality. It is our mission to provide a site, volunteers, and a safe, clean, comfortable place for newly homeless families in the local area to spend the night.

### Time Commitment

- Plan to arrive by 2:45 p.m. and stay until 5:15 p.m. Park in the main church lot. The Hope for the Journey Home staff will greet you and provide a thorough orientation. **Please note:** Out of respect for our volunteers' time, there may be occasions where guest counts are so low that volunteers are not required for this shift. If this occurs, volunteers will be notified at least two days before the scheduled shift and be given the option of coming in for general housekeeping tasks or having the shift off.

### Responsibilities

- Welcome families as they arrive at the shelter and help them settle in.
- Serve an afternoon snack.
- Engage children and youth in activities such as homework, reading, games, puzzles, videos etc. with parent's permission. In good weather, use the backyard or the playground south of the Parish Center after school.
- Be available to talk with adult guests if they wish to converse.
- Be a model for shelter rules and remind families of the shelter rules when needed.
- Complete the daily page in the log.
- Dinner Shift Hosts will be arriving at 5:00 p.m.
- IN CASE OF EMERGENCY refer to the handbook at the shelter that has emergency numbers and instructions

### Qualifications

- A friendly, caring attitude
- Reliability – our shelter program is primarily run by volunteers
- Energy and a love of children
- Respect and understanding for parents
- A training session will be provided for Hope for the Journey Home volunteers.

PLEASE notify your congregation's volunteer coordinator ASAP if you have an emergency that prevents you from fulfilling your shift!!

**"For when I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,  
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,  
I was a stranger and you invited me in."  
Matthew 25:35**