



HOPE FOR THE JOURNEY HOME Shelter at Guardian Angels

Overnight Shift Host

8:00 PM – 9:15 AM, 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 8:00 PM and stay until 9:15 AM. Park in the main church lot. Hope for the Journey Home staff will greet you and orient you to the shelter.

Responsibilities

- Greet the families and 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.
- Encourage bedtime routine—help children to slowly stop their activities, facilitate the basement pick-up, and begin getting ready for bed.
- Guideline for bedtime is 9:00 PM on weekdays and 10:00 PM on weekends.
- Secure the facility for the evening. Make sure the doors are locked, extraneous lights are off, and kitchen area is tidy.
- Sleep in the designated volunteer area. You will need to bring your own bedding with you, such as sheets or a sleeping bag, and a pillow.
- Provide a wake-up call for families around 7:00 AM (depending on when school busses and transportation is scheduled) on weekdays and 7:30 AM on weekends.
- Prepare and serve continental breakfast weekdays; full breakfast from IHOP arrives around 7:30 on weekends. Tidy up kitchen facilities and eating area after use.
- Weekdays, families will depart the shelter between 6:45 and 9:00 for St. Andrew's Church or for school.
- IN CASE OF EMERGENCY refer to the handbook at the shelter that has emergency numbers and instructions.
- Check in the keys from the guests as guests leave for the day..
- Mon – Fri, secure the facility for the day – make sure the doors are locked (you can go out the back door), site is tidy, and lights are off.

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