

VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION

TITLE: PROMISE HOUSE RELIEF PARENTS

LOCATION: Freedom For Youth Ministries, 2301 Hickman Road, Des Moines, Iowa

Purpose: To provide needed rest and time away for house parent(s) while monitoring the activities of the participants at the transitional house. Volunteers will demonstrate the love of Christ, promoting responsibility, a strong work ethic and building each student's self-esteem. The primary emphasis is building loving relationships with the participants, while developing character, life skills and self-esteem. Each participant in transitional housing is free of alcohol and drugs and is focused on pursuing their goals. Participants are attending classes, work or school during the day. The house typically has 2 to 4 residents at any one time.

Duties and Responsibilities: Relief house parent(s) will take care of the house and oversee the activities of participants. Opportunities will be available to build relationships with the participants and offer words of encouragement and instruction on basic life skills. Relief parent(s) will cook meals, often with the help of the residents, and make sure chores and schedules are continued.

Qualifications and Requirements: Christ-centered life, with skills and experiences in family life. A love for sharing your gifts and talents with others, especially young people. Gifted in training and teaching, patient, caring and loving towards youth-at-risk. Knowledgeable about safety, willing to teach others and maintain a safe, clean and orderly home.

Responsibility of Ministry: Our ministry's focus is on providing opportunities for volunteers to serve as they are called. It is each staff member's responsibility to serve the volunteers and provide a safe, healthy environment. Staff members will be readily available at all times during the relief house parent(s) stay. Any disciplinary actions will be conducted by Staff, and we will engage volunteers in regular discussions on individual students, areas for improvement and volunteer scheduling.

Training: Each volunteer will be trained on the procedures of the house and be given a written list of all activities and rules. Volunteers and staff will meet prior to the start date to go over the rules and procedures and meet the residents.

Times Available:

Volunteers may stay at the house for a weekend or a full week. Times are flexible to meet the availability of the volunteer.

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