



Magdalena House Volunteer Opportunities

We welcome volunteers at Magdalena House! All on-site volunteers (with the exception of special work teams) must complete a Volunteer Application and permit us to run a background check. We may not have immediate opportunities, but we would love to add your contact information to our list for when these occasions arise. For more information or to sign up to volunteer for any of the below, contact Michele Koch at mkoch@maghouse.org, office: 210-561-0505. Volunteer applications are available at <http://maghouse.org/get-involved/volunteer>.

Greatest Needs for 2016

Tuesday Night Child Care 6:15 pm-7:45 pm

Help care for the younger children (under age 5) by serving as a child care volunteer. Volunteers will work as a team and will have the opportunity to lead story-time and crafts and to take the children outdoors when the weather is nice.

Gala Support

Our biggest fundraiser takes place every October. Volunteer to assist the day or evening of the gala, or, if you want to commit to more, join one of our gala committees!

Fundraising & Special Events

We are always thrilled if you are interested in holding your own special event for which Magdalena House is the beneficiary. Please consult us beforehand so that we may make sure the event does not conflict with our mission.

Social Media Support

Join a cadre of people we can mobilize to share targeted Facebook posts! We also seek those with expertise in reaching out with other social media initiatives.

Ongoing Needs

Tuesday Evening Life Enrichment Support

Each Tuesday evening, the moms of Magdalena House participate in Life Enrichment classes, designed to help them learn the life skills necessary for living healthy, safe, and independent lives once they leave Magdalena House.

Adult Enrichment Leaders 6:30 pm-7:30 pm

We depend on volunteers with specialized skills and training to lead classes for the moms. Leaders oversee one class each month, and are scheduled for a full academic semester.

Children's Enrichment Leaders 6:30 pm-7:30 pm

Children of Magdalena House who are 5 or older participate in an evidence-based support group for children living in shelters. This group is designed to help children develop protective factors that enable and empower them to make healthy lifestyle choices.

Children's Enrichment leaders must attend a free one-day training on the Kids Connection Too curriculum to become leaders.

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Enrichment Meal Teams 4:00 pm delivery

Deliver a meal for families to share prior to enrichment programming. We ask that the meal be child friendly, healthy, and delivered at 4:00 pm so that residents may serve themselves and their families at 5:00 pm. Please contact us to schedule.

Other Volunteer Opportunities

Academic Tutor

Periodically, our residents can benefit from extra support, either with an academic subject or with developing English language skills.

Occasional Babysitter

We occasionally need babysitters to watch children during the evening, on a weekday, or weekend day - times and frequencies vary. Babysitters would not be alone; Magdalena House staff would be on-site.

Driver

Periodically, our residents need transportation to locations they cannot reach by bus. Times and frequencies vary. We seek individuals interested in being on our driver email/call list. Additional screening required.

Administrative Support

- Volunteer regularly to perform basic computer skills. You must be willing to be trained, and available on a regular basis during normal work week hours.
- Help us collate our major mailings on an occasional basis.

Special Projects & Group Projects

Mom's Night Out

Our moms rarely get a break from the responsibilities of being both students and single parents. Arrange and sponsor a special night away, and treat these moms to a fun-filled evening together. We will provide child care but ask that you make all other arrangements for the evening by purchasing gift cards for both dinner and a special group event. Please contact us to schedule.

Service Project

We welcome service projects that you might like to undertake for the Magdalena House. Work teams may come in to perform house repairs, painting, gardening, and yard work. Eagle Scout or Girl Scout Gold Award projects also welcome.

Host a Drive

Magdalena House strives to support our families with household needs. We welcome groups willing to host a drive or collection of items on behalf of our families. (Sample greatest needs: diapers; gift cards for Walmart, HEB, Target; paper products; cleaning supplies. Please check with us for current needs.)