



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 Jessica Snyder, jsnyder@maghouse.org, office: 210-561-0505. Volunteer applications are available at <http://maghouse.org/get-involved/volunteer>.

Tuesday/Wednesday Evening Life Enrichment Support

Weekly, 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. (**Wednesday night for fall 2017, otherwise Tuesday night**)

****Child Care 6:15 pm-7:45 pm (greatest need!)**

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. Volunteer one time a month, or as needed.

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. Volunteer one time a month, or as needed.

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 and discuss special dietary needs. Volunteer one time a month, or as needed.

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 month of classes, or handle a special topic for one evening. Please contact us to discuss and schedule – we schedule a semester at a time.

Special Projects & Group Projects

Moms' Night/Afternoon Out – Our moms rarely get a break from the responsibilities of being both students and single parents. Help them have a sanity break! Or help them participate in an off-site service project. Please contact us to schedule.

- **Kid's Side:** Gather a group of childcare volunteers to supervise children while mothers have a night/afternoon out. Staff will be on-site to provide guidance.
- **Moms' Side:** Arrange and sponsor a special night away, and treat these moms to a fun-filled evening together. Perhaps purchase gift cards for both dinner and a special group event.

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.)

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. **OR** Help us collate our major mailings on an occasional basis.

Gala Support

Our biggest fundraiser takes place every September. 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 who can mobilize to share targeted Facebook posts! We also seek those with expertise in reaching out with other social media initiatives.