

Foster Care Volunteer

QUOTE FROM ST. MARY EUPHRASIA: “Generally, children who spend a significant part of their lives in institutions are less able to cope with life’s difficulties than children who have grown up in stable homes, or at least, out in the community. We must do everything we can to remedy this: we must provide our children with experiences that will prepare them with life in the “real world.”

Volunteer(s) Role

This volunteer position works with our Foster Care training program. This volunteer position can be an individual or a group. As a Foster Care volunteer you will work with the children of the foster care parents who are attending a training or in-service. The trainings are held on the Maryhurst main campus (1015 Dorsey Lane). You may choose to work with children on arts & crafts projects or you may choose to lead a sport or play an interactive game.

Time Commitment

The Foster Care In-Service is scheduled for the 2nd Monday of each month and New Parent trainings are to be determined and can occur more frequently.

Volunteer Qualifications and Responsibilities

- Support the mission, vision and philosophy of Maryhurst as evidenced by compliance with all organizational policies and procedures.
- Supports and facilitates positive interaction with Maryhurst residents
- Maintain a safe and secure environment for all Maryhurst youth that promotes growth and development.
- Establish boundaries and respond to clients’ needs with fairness, objectivity, firmness, care, and concern.
- Communicate with the assigned Maryhurst staff member of the treatment in a timely and accurate manner about pertinent issues and updates concerning your volunteer experience.
- Demonstrate an awareness of the cultural and socioeconomic characteristics of persons served.
- Demonstrate good judgment and problem solving ability when working with clients.
- Act as a positive role model and leader for the clients.
- Respectful of our confidentiality rules.
- Successfully complete volunteer application and background checks.
- Successfully complete volunteer orientation