

## **Chemical Dependency Mentor**

**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 chemically dependent youth currently in a mentor or group leader position. This volunteer position would follow traditional twelve step programming. Some of our male and female Maryhurst children between the ages of 13-18 are chemically dependent and currently involved or will be involved in a traditional twelve step program.

### **Time Commitment**

This volunteer commitment would be weekly or more often depending on the specific needs. It is important that you are consistent and you show up for your scheduled visits.

The Maryhurst staff members will work with you to create a schedule/time that fits both our program schedule and your schedule.

Typically weekends and weekday after school hours are available.

### **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 clients that promote 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 CD training/overview with Maryhurst CD treatment team.
- Successfully complete volunteer application and background checks.
- Successfully complete volunteer orientation