

RECREATION 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 residents on the Maryhurst main campus. This volunteer position can be an individual or a group. As a Recreation volunteer you may choose to work with groups of our residents on arts & crafts projects. You may choose to lead a sport or play an interactive game with resident groups. You may have a specialty you would like to share with our residents such as; cooking or dancing or creative writing.

Time Commitment

You may choose a monthly, bi-monthly, or weekly schedule. It is important that you are consistent and you and your group show up for your scheduled visits. The Maryhurst staff members and our Recreational Therapist 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
- Remain aware of the need to 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