



Volunteer Needs

Childcare Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to provide childcare for Counseling Program and Transitional Housing program to watch children and play with them while their mothers attend group sessions.

- **Counseling program** holds weekly support groups for women affected by domestic violence and meet in several locations throughout the county. Current needs:
 - 1-2 volunteers for childcare on Monday evenings, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM at our Norristown office
 - 1-2 volunteers for childcare on Monday evenings, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM in North Wales at our satellite office
- **Transitional Housing Bridge program** holds monthly support groups for women in the program. These meetings are either held in our Norristown office, or a community church in North Wales. Current needs:
 - 1-2 volunteers for childcare on the first Wednesday of every month from 6 PM- 8 PM for North Wales Bridge clients
 - 1-2 volunteers for childcare on the second Wednesday of every month from 6 PM-8 PM for Norristown Bridge clients.
- **Shelter program** holds nightly support groups for women in the shelter. These meetings are held each night in the shelter. Current needs:
 - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday 6pm to 9pm

Volunteers must complete Volunteer Application, State Police Background Check, Child Abuse Clearances, and a short orientation that includes information on Laurel House, as well as the impact of domestic violence on children.

Thrift Shops

Volunteers are the backbone of our shops. Both shops are owned and operated by Laurel House. All of the proceeds from each shop go directly to support our programs. There are two thrift shops, both with volunteer needs:

- **Laurel's Loft** is located in Lansdale and is in need of volunteers to help sort, tag, steam, and put out donations. Current volunteer needs:
 - 4th Saturday of each month from 10 AM-1 PM
 - 4th Saturday of each month from 1PM-4PM
 - volunteers for every Tuesday evening from 4 PM-7 PM

If you are interested in learning more or volunteering at Laurel's Loft, please call the shop manager, Jenny Vogel at 215-368-6037.

- **Marian's Attic** is located in King of Prussia and is in need of volunteers to assist customers, as well as ring customers out on the register and be able to learn the credit card machine. Current volunteer needs:
 - Every other Thursday afternoon from 1PM -5PM
 - Saturday mornings from 10AM-1PM

To learn more about volunteer needs, please contact Assistant Manager, Jessica Sweinhart at 610-337-3068.

Volunteers must complete Volunteer Application, and State Police Clearances.

Shelter

Shelter volunteers are needed to work for a combination of direct and in-direct work. Volunteer activities would include organizing and putting away donations, answering hotline calls, cleaning out and preparing resident rooms, interacting and sometimes just “hanging out” with the residents, along with other needs as they arise.

- Saturdays and Sundays between 9am and 5pm

Volunteers must complete Volunteer Application, State Police Background Check, Child Abuse Clearances, as well as the 45-hour JARS training prior to volunteering.

Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART)

The DART program provides on-call, in-person, crisis intervention, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to support first responders (law enforcement, medical providers) when they are responding to victims of domestic violence. Volunteers must have availability which would allow them to be on-call during at least one weekend per month and some daytime/or nighttime availability:

- Weekend coverage: 5pm Friday to 7am Monday (one weekend per month)
- Daytime coverage: 9:am to 5pm weekdays
- Week night coverage: 5pm to 7am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday

Volunteers must complete Volunteer Application, State Police Background Check, Child Abuse Clearances, as well as the 45-hour JARS training prior to volunteering.

Community Education/Speakers

Laurel House often receives requests to put up an information table at a local community event (i.e. Community Days, Health Fairs, and Church Events). Volunteers would need to be able to set up and dismantle table display, as well as stand or sit at table and provide information to individuals who came by inquiring about Laurel House programs and needs. Most requests come in spring, fall, and during the holiday season.

Volunteers must complete Volunteer Application, State Police Background Check, Child Abuse Clearances, and short orientation that includes information on Laurel House, as well as “Domestic Violence 101”.

Miscellaneous Opportunities

For those individuals who want to volunteer but whose schedule does not lend itself to commit to specific, and/or consistent volunteer hours, there are still a variety of opportunities:

- Special Event volunteers: each year there several events are held to support Laurel House (i.e. 5K, Gala, etc...)
- Organize a collection drive: visit Laurel House’s website (www.laurel-house.org) and click on our “Wish List,” which will list our most needed items. Ask your family, friends and co-workers to each donate an item.
- Make casseroles (freezable) with family and friends for our shelter residents and deliver them to our shelter
- Or come up with your own idea and call us to talk about it. None of the above listed ideas required clearances or trainings. Just call us and let us know what you are doing: 610-277-1860 ext. 117.