

Wish List for Opportunity Place



Funds:

Funds pay the light bill, the insurance, the program supplies, the essential needs of residents, office supplies, literacy training materials, and the incredible staff that works 10-12 hours a day, six days a week, to make Opportunity Place on the happiest spots in Okaloosa County.

People:

1) Volunteers to provide recreational activities for children on the weekends; offer support to adults seeking to improve skills, resumes, employability, see that shelter rules are enforced even in the absence of paid staff; and that meals are delivered and served on time. Shifts from 8-noon; noon to 4, 4-8 are available both weekend days.

2) Intake volunteers: Many people come for assistance. While staff deal with crisis situations, volunteers are needed to work with persons with more patience and composure – getting them started on the intake process, reviewing documentation needs, prioritizing the needs being presented. Answering the phone is an enormous benefit also – it rings non-stop.

3) Later afternoon/ early evening: Ensuring dinner hour goes smoothly, that everything is clean and neat before residents leave the area, watching the kids play and talking with the adults. Should a potential client come, check to see if there is room, and help get them settled in the unlikely event space is available, or help find them an alternative place if there is not.

4) Groups, such as churches, civic groups, non-profits, Bible Study classes, and individuals to bring dinner either on a one-day –a month day basis; a one-day-a quarter basis, or just one day. Dinner may be brought at any time before 5. Residents can store and warm dinners to be served at 6.

Stuff:

Conference table and chairs

Office furniture

Desk computers

Collating copiers

Locking filing cabinets

Bunk Beds

New pillows

Sugar

Clorox
Lysol
Coffee and creamer
Trash Can Liners
Two laundry baskets
Three-inch wood screws
Light Bulbs
Paper plates
Plastic forks, knives, spoons
Thumbtacks
Dust pan
Dishwasher Detergent
Liquid Hand Soap
Hand sanitizer
Toilet paper