



Volunteer with City Gospel Mission 2018 Adult Programs and Special Events

The most important requirement to volunteer is to have a heart for men, women and children in poverty. **The first step for all volunteers is to complete a volunteer application, located on our website:** www.citygospelmission.org/volunteer (You will find a separate application process for volunteering with our youth programs). Volunteers are considered for roles according to need, availability, gifting, faith, gender and age. Our focus is on building relationships, and for that reason most of our volunteer needs require an ongoing commitment. Questions, contact Robin Wagner @ rwagner@citygospelmission.org or 513-345-1025.

HOMELESS SHELTER – Our men’s shelter provides a place to stay for men who are experiencing homelessness. The shelter provides beds, meals, and day programming for men who are working toward wholeness and housing. Our staff and volunteers provide relationships, encouragement and help them set goals.

ENGAGE! (New Volunteer Night) – Do you want to know more about our homeless shelter? This is a “one time” volunteer opportunity, and is a prerequisite for many other volunteer roles in our shelter. Volunteers receive a brief orientation and a tour of our shelter, and then you will sit and share a meal alongside our shelter residents and guests, while engaging in conversation and getting to know each other. Engage normally takes place the first Monday and fourth Tuesday of each month, 6 – 8 pm. (Good for individuals, families, or small groups of up to 10. Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.)

Breakfast Attendants – Serve breakfast to our shelter residents. An ongoing commitment is preferable (weekly or bi-weekly), but interested volunteers are welcomed to check it out. Minimum age 16, under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Weekdays only, 7 – 8 am. (Individuals only, no groups please)

Dinner Teams – Dinner Teams are a great way for your church to get involved and partner with CGM. Dinner teams provide, prepare, and serve dinner while building relationships with our shelter residents and guests. This is an ongoing commitment, usually once a month. Teams provide dinner for around 150 individuals, and then sit alongside and eat with our residents, engaging in conversation and building friendships. Contact Hannah Anderson at handerson@citygospelmission.org for more information and available dates. **This is a group activity for churches or other groups of at least 10 to 20 volunteers who are interested in doing more than serving a meal.**

Lunch – Provide and Serve - This is a perfect opportunity for small groups and businesses who would like to provide and serve the meal and then sit and eat with our residents, while learning more about City Gospel Mission. Please plan to provide lunch for 60 residents. This opportunity takes place on weekdays and is a group activity. (Limited to groups of 12 or less)

“Perspective”: A Service Learning Opportunity – for Youth Groups, School and College groups

The purpose of Perspective is to help students understand the importance of relationships in truly helping others, rather than focusing on “serving a meal”. This is at the core of what City Gospel Mission is about. Your group receives an overview about City Gospel Mission, our programs, and the people we serve. You’ll receive a tour of our homeless shelter and then eat lunch and engage with our men’s shelter residents and male recovery participants. Weekdays only. Jr.High through college aged. (Limited to groups of 12 or less)

The Outlet – Engage with our shelter residents, guests and other volunteers in a fun and relaxed “coffee-shop” atmosphere. Shoot pool, play cards and board games, create art, read, or just hang out. The Outlet takes place in the dining room and the game room of our men’s shelter. Youth must be 16 and accompanied by an adult if under 18. Saturdays, 9 am to 12 noon. (Good for individuals and small groups of up to 10)

Class Instructor/Teacher – Men’s Shelter – Conduct a class or workshop for our male shelter residents, assisting with valuable skills such as resume writing, finance/budgeting basics, or helping to teach other life skills. A weekly commitment is preferred for a set number of weeks (usually 4-8). Other options include leading bible studies on specific topics or art/creativity classes. Our day program manager will work with you.

JOB READINESS AND PLACEMENT

Job Coach/Mentor- Develop a relationship with a man or woman who is currently involved in the job readiness process. Provide guidance, encouragement, and assist with goal setting before, during, and after the job search process. Mature men and women with a strong Christian faith are needed.

Classroom Facilitator Job Readiness – Prepare and facilitate a class for participants in our jobs readiness program in an area of your expertise, i.e.: Employer Expectations, How to Succeed on the Job, 10 Rules of Customer Service, etc.

MEN'S AND WOMENS ADDICTION RECOVERY

Recovery Program Mentors – Mature men and women with a strong Christian faith and the ability to set strong boundaries are needed to be positive role models and supportive friends to men and women in recovery from addictions to drugs, alcohol, and other obstacles. A mentor helps the participant to set goals and remain accountable, while providing a listening ear and support. A weekly commitment is requested.

Group Facilitators – Prepare and lead a 6-week class (average time) for men or women in the recovery program. Desired topics include life-skills and discipleship.

Provide and Serve Dinner – as a group, to the men or women in our recovery programs.

Step Forward – Run (or walk) and train with the men and women in our addiction recovery programs while providing support and encouragement. Step Forward participants and volunteers participate in several races throughout the year. Kick-off and training for the Flying Pig Marathon begins March 3, 2018! For more information contact Dave Pinson at dpinson@citygospelmission.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS

We have several Special Events each year that are a great way for volunteers to get involved. Help out on the day of the event or use your event planning skills and be a part of the planning team. Below are some of our scheduled events for the coming year. Please complete a volunteer application, select "Special Events" and we'll contact you prior to each event to see if you're interested

- **JobsPlus Breakfast: Thursday, March 1 6:30-8:30 a.m.** – Fundraiser for our Job Readiness and Placement program
- **Investing in Youth Banquet: Thursday May 10, 6-9 pm** – Benefits all of our programs that work with at-risk youth
- **Roar on the River: Saturday, July 14, 8 am-1pm** – motorcycle ride that raised funds and awareness for our men's homeless shelter
- **"An Evening of Dance" Saturday, Aug. 4, 7-8:30 pm**- performance by Princesses Ballet to benefit this training and discipleship program for at-risk girls.
- **Annual CGM Golf Outing: Saturday, Sept 8, 7 am – 2 pm**, benefits all of City Gospel Missions Programs
- **Thanksgiving Exchange (November) and The Christmas Store (December):** A store where at low income families can shop for their own Thanksgiving grocery items and select Christmas Gifts for their children. Volunteer sign up starts October 1 and fills up fast!
- **Help with Mailings: Dates Vary** – from time to time we have a need for volunteers to help fold and stuff receipts and letters.

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