

YWCA CENTRAL INDIANA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Our volunteers make an enormous impact and are a vital part of our organization and its supportive programming. By generously contributing time and energy, volunteers fuel our mission and make our work possible. In addition to helping with a variety of needs and projects at the Shelter and in the community, volunteers also serve in leadership positions on our board of directors and multiple standing committees.

GROUPS

- Prepare dinner for families in our Emergency Shelter Program
- Yard work
- Landscaping
- Painting
- Fun games or activity for kids
- Plan a special activity for women (Ex: Spa Day)
- Deep cleaning

During the weekly business hours of 8am-5pm we can only have teams of volunteers consisting of up to 25 people; afterhours/weekends we cannot facilitate more than 15 people in a group.

INDIVIDUALS

- **Food Box Assistant**
Food Box Assistants help organize and distribute food to families in need. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our Homeless Prevention Initiatives and interact with the families we serve.
- **Study Buddies Mentor**
Study Buddies Mentors help children staying with us complete homework assignments and assist with leading educational and fitness activities for groups of school age children.
- **Supportive Housing Mover**
Supportive Housing Movers assist families with the transition from the Shelter into supportive housing by helping ensure that each unit is properly furnished.

- **Education & Employment Class Instructor**
Education & Employment Class Teachers help women gain confidence by establishing a foundation for job readiness and career growth through a variety of classes from resume building and interview preparation to self-esteem and stress management.
- **Donation Sorter and Organizer**
Donation Sorters assist with organizing donations dropped off at the Agency. In-kind donations from our community ensure we provide essential items to the families we serve.
- **Child Care Assistant**
Child Care Assistants work with infants, toddlers and young children in our care during parent daily activities with YWCA staff.
- **Special Event Volunteer**
Event Volunteers can sign up for shifts including: set-up, serving, greeting, ticket sales, decorating, clean-up, etc. for many of our community events throughout the year. Events include, but are not limited to, Texas Roadhouse, Put Yourself in Her H.E.E.L.S., and our Annual Resident Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners.

Orientation and training required for all individual volunteer positions. Please allow 1 to 2 weeks to complete orientation and receive proper training. Please email our Volunteer and Donations Coordinator at: info@ywcacenin.org to set up an orientation time.

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

To protect the women and children we serve, we have important confidentiality standards. This includes: no photography, not repeating any names of residents or events that might identify them, as well as not having anyone **under the age of 18 directly working with residents**. This ensures the highest security by preventing a minor from being seen by peers.

Although engaging youth in volunteerism with us is very important. We ask them to volunteer with **someone over the age of 18** and we will work on projects not in direct contact with families but still making a significant impact in their lives.

Youth volunteer opportunities:

- Sorting donations and organizing
- Making food boxes (depends on day availability)
- Making hygiene kits

- Cleaning projects
- Outdoor cleaning projects
- Kitchen cleaning and cooking (must be 12 or older)

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SERVICE PROJECTS

- **Organize a Drive**
We rely on community members like you to help us provide basic needs for those seeking safe shelter with us. Facilitating an urgent need drive is a fun and interactive way to make a meaningful impact. Drive options vary based on our current needs, but generally include: clothing, paper goods, hygiene products and nonperishable food.
 - **Sponsor a Night of Shelter**
Last year, we provided a record-breaking 767 women and children with safe shelter as they escaped domestic violence, homelessness and other crisis. A gift of **\$64** provides a woman or her child with a night of shelter and helps meet their basic needs.
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**WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU!
CONTACT US.**

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YWCA CENTRAL INDIANA VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

NAME _____ DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

ADDRESS CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL _____ SCHOOL (IF APPLICABLE) _____

EMPLOYER (IF APPLICABLE) _____

DAYS/HOURS AVAILABLE _____

ARE YOU 18 YEARS OLD OR OLDER? ___ YES / ___ NO (IF NO, YOU MUST VOLUNTEER WITH A GUARDIAN, PARENT, OR YOUTH GROUP)

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME _____ PHONE _____

INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR YOUTH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES? ___ YES / ___ NO

PLEASE INDICATE ACTIVITIES YOU ARE INTERESTED IN: **NOTE THAT ACTIVITIES WITH * DENOTES A NECESSARY COMMITMENT OF 2 MONTHS DUE TO TRAINING REQUIREMENTS & INVESTMENT.**

___ CHILDCARE (9-11A AND/OR 4-6P) ___ CERTIFIED HAIR STYLIST/MAKE-UP/NAILS
___ JOB READINESS ___ DONATION SORTING/ORGANIZING
___ COMPUTER EDUCATION ___ STUDY BUDDIES** (M-TH 3-5P)
___ SPECIAL EVENTS ___ PARENTING EDUCATION
___ FOOD PANTRY* (M-F 9:00A-3:00P) ___ LANDSCAPING
___ CLEANING PROJECTS ___ SUPPORTIVE HOUSING MOVER
___ HOUSING PROGRAM HELPER (EX. PAINTING, MOVING FURNITURE, STAGING APARTMENTS, & ORGANIZING STORAGE)
___ OTHER: _____

- WERE YOU PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED BY YWCA? IF YES, WHEN? _____
- HAVE YOU EVER RECEIVED SERVICES FROM YWCA? IF YES, WHEN? _____
- HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME OR HAVE ANY PENDING LEGAL ISSUES? IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN. _____



- REASONS YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER AT YWCA CENTRAL INDIANA? _____

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT VOLUNTEERING AT YWCA? _____ ONLINE _____ FAMILY/FRIEND
_____ EVENT _____ SCHOOL _____ OTHER: _____

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

COMPLETED FORM SHOULD BE SENT TO THE VOLUNTEER & DONATIONS COORDINATOR AT INFO@YWCACENIN.ORG, **OR** MAIL TO: 310 E. CHARLES ST. MUNCIE, IN 47305 SOUTH UNIVERSITY DRIVE, OR FAXED TO (765) 289-0416.