

WINTER SHELTER VOLUNTEER

OVERVIEW

The Room in the Inn (RITI) Winter Shelter Volunteer supports the church's mission to "receive, live, and share the abundant life of Jesus Christ" by providing direct volunteer support for the Room in the Inn program which provides overnight hospitality at the church for homeless individuals between the months of November and March.

RESPONSIBILITIES

There are a variety of volunteer roles available with Room in the Inn which occur each time guests are hosted. Sign-ups are available in advance.

Volunteer opportunities include:

- **Hospitality**—Volunteers are needed at 4:30pm to help set up beds in classrooms and serve dinner to our guests in Akers Hall. They will make the beds with clean sheets from the Room in the Inn closet and leave a clean towel and washcloth on each bed. They make sure water is available and set the tables in Akers Hall for dinner.
- **Innkeepers**—Two male volunteers are needed to sleep at the church as overnight hosts. It is recommended that you bring your own pillow, sleeping bag, and/or blankets.
- **Laundry**—Two volunteers are needed each week to wash sheets and towels before the next use. Pick up from the laundry room upstairs next to the Room in the Inn closet. Clean laundry can be dropped in the Room in the Inn closet.
- **Dinner**—Dinner items should be delivered upstairs to Akers Hall by 5:30pm. (Fridge, freezer, and food warmer available.) Food should be enough for 12 guests plus 2 innkeepers. Carts are available in the downstairs kitchen if needed.
- **Breakfast**—Provide breakfast for 12 guests and 2 innkeepers (ex. large boxes of cereal, Pop-Tarts, frozen biscuits, fruit, OJ, milk, muffins).
- **Sack Lunches**—Prepare 12 sack lunches for the guests to take with them. Suggested items: sandwich, fruit/chips, cookie, water. Please include napkins and utensils if needed. Deliver the lunches to Akers Hall by Tuesday at 5:30pm.
- **Tuesday Night Driver***—Drivers come by the church office around 5:00pm and pick up the keys to the church bus (usually in Laura Zabaski's mailbox in the workroom). Drive the bus to the Room in the Inn location downtown and arrive there around 5:30pm. Deliver the guests to church and leave the keys and the list of men in the Akers Hall kitchen for the morning driver.
- **Wednesday Morning Driver***—Arrive at the church by 5:45am to depart with the guests in the church bus at 6:00am for the Room in the Inn location downtown. Innkeepers will have the bus keys.

RELATIONSHIPS

The RITI Volunteers work directly with other RITI leaders and volunteers to ensure that mission goals are fulfilled.

TIME COMMITMENT

Depending upon volunteer role, time commitment is approximately 4 hours per activity, with innkeepers typically spending 12 hours on evenings November through March. Innkeepers may sign up for one week or multiple weeks.

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Passion for serving the homeless on St. George's campus. Demonstrates mercy, wisdom, discernment, and cultural and emotional intelligence.

RESOURCES AND TRAINING

Coordinates with the RITI subleaders for support, direction, and resources.

*All drivers must be approved by the church and must be male. If you are interested in driving but have not done so before, please contact Laura Zabaski, Parish Administrative Officer at laura.zabaski@stgeorgesnashville.org or 615-385-2150 x 242.

Curious? Interested in this ministry?

Contact Agatha Nolen, Director of Outreach, at agatha.nolen@stgeorgesnashville.org or 615-385-2150 x 246.