

Volunteer Opportunities

There are many ways volunteers (both individuals, couples, and groups) have helped us in the past, both for short-term projects and for more consistent help (depending on what is best for them). Some tasks can even be done from home! Here are some ideas:

- Maintenance/ "handy-man" help - Basic maintenance tasks such as painting, fixing leaky showerheads, replacing faucets, hanging shelves, replacing hinges, clean gutters, etc. Volunteers do what they can and if something feels outside of their scope, we call professionals. Of course, if professionals (plumbers, electricians, etc.) are willing to volunteer their skills for us, we'll gladly accept that too!
- Office help – Make copies, organize closets, sort filing cabinets, data entry, etc. It's also helpful if someone wants to volunteer with basic receptionist work for a block of time—answer the phone, greet counseling clients, take messages, etc.
- Event planning committee – Our annual golf outing in the spring and the banquet and silent auction in the fall are key fundraisers for our ministry. There are many ways to help plan/make happen these events—solicit prize/auction item donations or sponsorships, plan/prepare decorations/centerpieces, set-up/tear-down, help prepare mailings/stuffing envelopes, help with registration, help organize auction items and/or input onto online auction software, etc.
- Program Support – if you have interest in interacting with our clients, you could help lead a Bible study or a support/discussion group or teach a life-skill class (like budgeting, cooking, or basic sewing) —either for a designated period (like 6 weeks) or for even a 1-time thing.
- Administrative Support – Help with administrative tasks that we currently don't have dedicated staff for such as social media management, marketing and communications, donor engagement, bookkeeping, etc. We are always praying for God to send us people with these skills who may be willing to volunteer their time for the ministry while we work to expand to the point that we can hire more staff to do this. Until then, our current staff do their best to manage these tasks alongside programming and their other roles.
- Cleaning – Without any custodial staff, our program staff take turns with office cleaning (bathrooms, vacuuming, dusting, emptying trash cans, etc.) but sometimes we get too busy. Additionally, while residents are in charge of their own apartment cleaning, the apartments rarely get "deep" cleaning (dusting baseboards, washing windows, dusting stairwells, etc.). We've had people volunteer to clean our offices weekly or monthly and we've also had small groups (including youth) come and help with deep cleaning our apartments once or twice a year.
- Love-our-Clients Projects – Organize (with maybe a small group, Bible study, groups of friends, etc.) ways of displaying the love of Jesus to our residents in a tangible way such as writing encouraging notes, organizing small gifts (especially

around special holidays like Valentine's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving, etc.), or even making a special dinner, cookout (on-site), or baked-goods blessing "just because".

- Christmas Gifts – Many of our residents do not receive anything for Christmas outside of what they receive from us. Each year we look for gift donations and/or gift sponsors to help us show our ladies the love of Jesus specifically at Christmas.
- Yard Work - While residents are responsible for helping with lawn maintenance, sometimes larger project crop up including laying mulch, trimming bushes, heavy de-weeding, etc.
- Organize a Fundraiser – Have an idea for helping raise money for our ministry? How about a lemonade stand, bake sale, rummage sale, or donation drive? There is no amount too small that God can't use! Let us know how we can support you in making your idea a reality!
- Organize a Donation Drive – There are many items that our ministry and clients use regularly such as pillows, sheets and blankets, bath towels, household paper products, nonperishable food items, feminine products, cleaning supplies and more. We'd love to help you organize a drive for some of these items at your workplace, church, Bible study, or other place of community!
- Serve on the Board of Directors – We are always looking for people with leadership skills and a passion for our mission to serve on our Board of Directors. After volunteering in a smaller way first, many people look for ways to get more involved. This is a fantastic next step! The board meets 1 evening/month. Outside of that, time commitment varies based on individual interest, skills, and availability.

There are many ways to help! If you have something you are skilled in, passionate about, and/or just willing to learn and help with, there is a way for you to serve at Hope Alive!

It is always a blessing to see how God brings together the body of believers, with all of our various parts and our various strengths, to make this ministry happen.

We certainly cannot do what we do without our volunteers; so,

Thank you for your interest!