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VOLUNTEER GUIDELINES

The following guidelines are intended to help all volunteers have a safe and rewarding experience. For the safety and welfare of our volunteers and the people we help, we require strict compliance with the following guidelines:

- Outside contact with those in our Discipleship Recovery Program and guests must be approved and scheduled through a Program Manager or other appropriate personnel.
- We want volunteers to get to know the people we help; however, be careful about being naive. Many times, people who are disadvantaged have learned to survive by becoming adept at using others. Most of our volunteers should not give their last name, address, telephone number, e-mail or any other personal information to any guests or program participants. In most cases, volunteers should remain on a first name basis. Also:
 - Do not give or loan money to anyone.
 - Do not give rides or take anyone to your home without approval.
 - Do not be alone with someone of the opposite sex.
 - Do not leave personal belongings unattended.
 - Do not date or pursue a romantic relationship with people in our programs.
 - Do not make any decisions or be involved in counseling people in our programs; instead, refer them to appropriate personnel.
- Keep all information that is obtained directly or indirectly concerning those in our programs confidential.
- While volunteering for us, please refrain from smoking and consuming alcohol. Please be aware that you are coming along side our ministry and your behavior can help or hinder our work efforts. Please conduct yourself in a manner consistent with our values.
- You must sign in/out when you volunteer at any facility, event or project.
- If you are concerned about the safety or wellbeing of **any individual for any reason**, please contact the person leading your volunteer/ministry assignment or the Volunteer Coordinator as soon as possible.
- Be aware that there could be registered sex offenders staying at any of the Mission's shelters.
- Complete assignments as directed. Seek clarification if needed.
- Be punctual and conscientious. If you are unable to fulfill your commitment, notify the staff member who leads your work at least 24 hrs in advance. Often times we schedule work around volunteers' availability.
- If you need or want to change your volunteer status from active to inactive or vice versa, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator as soon as possible.

Should you have any questions or concerns while volunteering, please contact the person leading your volunteer/ministry assignment or the Volunteer Coordinator as soon as possible.

DRESS CODE FOR VOLUNTEERS

(Year Round)

This dress code is addressed to all volunteers. Please use common sense in your choice of clothing. We disciple a variety of men and women with various social vulnerabilities, thus it is important to observe a conservative dress code. Please comply with these guidelines while volunteering at any of our facilities or events. If you are dressed inappropriately, you may be asked to reschedule.

Long or short sleeve shirts are permitted. T-shirts are acceptable but should not contain vulgar language, sexual innuendos or advertisements for alcohol and cigarette products. Please do not wear sleeveless tops, halter tops, bare midriffs or anything tight or revealing. Pants, shorts or skirts should be knee length or longer. For safety, volunteers should not wear open toed shoes, especially in kitchen area or where food is being prepared or served. (4/06)