

Project Home - The Family Emergency Shelter

It's the 20th Anniversary at The House of Hope Presbyterian Church. We need your help this October!

We are looking for compassionate volunteers and their children that will help welcome homeless families into our church during the month of October. We believe that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has called us "to serve the least amongst us" in Project Home. There will be a sign-up table in the Kirk Parlor each Sunday morning between 11:00 and 12:00 until we have all the volunteer openings filled. You may also call the church office at 651-227-6311 to sign up during office hours on Monday through Friday. We are grateful that House of Hope will be a welcoming place to spend the night for those without a home in October.

An optional orientation session for both new and past volunteers will be held on **Sunday, September 24** at noon in the Youth Room (take the lower level stairs next to the Assembly Room). Two shifts of volunteers are needed each night the shelter is open. The evening shift begins at 5:30 p.m. and ends at 8:30 p.m. You will have the opportunity to: greet our shelter guests; orient them to the Youth Room facilities; help to distribute bed linen and towels; provide a light snack; accompany the families to the House of Hope playground; read to the children; or perhaps do a craft project with them. The evening shift will have the assistance of a site coordinator from Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul during the first hour. Our goal is to have a minimum of two volunteers on the first shift to help with these activities.

The night shift begins at 8:00 p.m. and ends at around 7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday and at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday mornings. The night shift will help our guests settle in for the night, serve a light breakfast snack, help with cleanup in the morning and see the guests off in the morning. On the night shift, our objective is to have two people, one male and one female. Sleeping accommodations are made for overnight volunteers adjacent to the Youth Room and the lights are turned off at 9:00 p.m. during the week and at 10:00 p.m. on the weekends for our shelter guests. The volunteers sleep in the room adjacent to the Youth Room and have the option of turning out the lights at their discretion.

If you would like further information on Project Home, please call either Jenny Stevens at (651) 263-5273 or email her at jnn.stevens@gmail.com or Dennis Anderson at (651)730-4003 or email him at dennis-st.paul@q.com.