



ST. JOSEPH HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY
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It Takes a Community... *of Volunteers!*

Volunteers for a DAY

Every year UPMC chooses a non-profit organization to receive volunteer services as part of their Day of Giving program. This year, St. Joseph's was the "chosen one." On a hot summer day, over 30 trainees and employees from the **UPMC Corporate Services Department** spent their Friday painting walls at St. Joseph House. They provided their own brushes, rollers, and rolling pans, and even took up a collection that yielded a \$1,500 donation for our program.



Volunteer for a SUMMER

Emily Schneider is a Chemical Engineering major at the University of Notre Dame. Last summer she volunteered at a homeless shelter in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She

brought that experience to St. Joe's this summer and came three days a week to provide computer training to the residents, work on the serving line in the kitchen, and a host of other projects. If she had any "down time" she played board games with the men and quickly gained the reputation as the Checkers Champion.

Volunteers for a YEAR

Members of the **Secular Franciscan Order (SFO)** at **St. Augustine Friary in Lawrenceville** recently arranged to prepare, cook, and serve a meal to all of our residents in St. Joe's Hauber Dining Hall. The men asked for more! The cooks wanted to give them more! So they're coming back. The SFOs have made St. Joe's one of their apostolates for the year, and will be returning four to five times in the next year.



CLIENTS Volunteer Too!



David Stubbs (left) joined Bishop David Zubik and others on stage at the Bishop's

annual fundraising event for Catholic Charities. Dave graciously volunteered as a representative of Catholic Charities' clients to sing one of the verses of a song that highlighted the program that night. He had only been a resident for a month, and had to be transported to the dinner on a Friday night straight from an employee training week where he had accepted a position as a Sales Associate. That's a dedicated volunteer!

Volunteering Made Easy

Looking for volunteering opportunities? Following are some ways you can serve at St. Joe's. If interested, please contact our Operations Manager, Lonnie Jackson, at ljacks@ccpgh.org or 412-471-0666.

Christmas Decorating. Assist our housekeeper and residents in decorating our lobby, lounges, and dining room in November.

Computer Lab. Serve as a monitor in our computer lab assisting residents with things like email accounts, Google docs, Facebook, job searches, and housing searches. Choose your own hours and days.

Pen Pals. Start an old-fashioned letter writing relationship with a resident.

Grounds Work and Maintenance. Assist the maintenance technician with a variety of basic tasks on the grounds and in the building.

Kitchen Help. Help the staff with prepping and cooking meals, and/or dishwashing duties.



Giving Made Easiest

If you wish to donate to St. Joe's on a monthly recurring basis, you can now do so electronically by following the instructions below. Save postage, save checks, and save time.

Go to www.ccpgh.org and click on DONATE NOW button.

Click on the button for the amount of the donation.

Click the arrow for the drop down menu in order to find St. Joseph House of Hospitality and click on it.

Click on ADD DONATION.

Click on RECURRING GIFT.

The Frequency information is pre-populated because it is charged shortly after the 15th of every month.

Click on the calendar and click on your desired starting date.

Fill out the rest of the Additional Information section, the Billing Section, the Payment Section, and the Matching Gift section.

Click the DONATE NOW button, and you're finished.

If you have further questions, contact Greg Kottler at gkottl@ccpgh.org.

Thank you.



Donating Items

Made Easier

Not sure what our needs are? Don't know what to donate? Here's our Wish List!

Gloves – men's, all sizes

Winter Coats – L to 4X

Zip-up Hoodies – S, M, L, XL, 4X

Winter Boots – 10 to 13.5

Work Boots – 10 to 13.5

Tennis Shoes – 8.5 to 13.5

Slippers – L to XX

Long Johns – S, M, L, XL, 4X

Sweat Pants – L to 4X

Moisture-resistant Socks

Towel Sets

Comforters – twin size only

Fleece Blankets – XL

Toiletries – large sizes of shampoo, conditioner, 3-in-1 wash, Purel hand sanitizer, lotion, razors, toothpaste

If you can help with these requests, please contact our Housekeeper, Mary Moran, at 412-471-0666 or by email at mmoran2@ccpgh.org.

Thank you.





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