

PADS Shelter Program Volunteer Opportunities

The shelter sites are open seven days a week, from October 1 through April 30. Volunteers are especially needed for the 11:00 pm – 3:00 am and 3:00 am – 7:00 am shifts. Youth volunteers must be at least a junior/senior in high school and will be supervised at all times.

Setup Shift site specific (begins 6:00 pm)

- Ready sleeping area (set up pads, linens, receive food donations)
- Set up facility, prepare serving area and registration desk, monitor parking lot(s)
- Set up dining area

First Shift (6:30 pm – 11:00 pm)

- Provide food as assigned and prepared by volunteers
- Register guests
- Assist with serving dinner
- Make guests feel welcome
- Monitor all areas and secure doors at 9:00 pm (trips to car and smoking breaks must be accompanied by male volunteer)

Second Shift (11:00 pm – 3:00 am – male/female team required)

- Maintain intake desk
- Admit approved late arrivals
- Prepare lunches (site specific)
- Monitor all site areas hourly

Third Shift (3:00 am – 7:00 am – male/female team required)

- Maintain intake desk
- Admit approved late arrivals
- Awaken guests
- Prepare and serve breakfast

Cleanup Shift (6:00 am – 7:00 am)

- Wipe down/put away mattresses, pillows, tables, chairs
- Mop or vacuum floors
- Clean restrooms
- Empty trashcans
- Put away toiletries and clothing