

Project Title: San Antonio Catholic Worker House #813

Job Title: Resident Volunteer

Job Description:

Volunteers will be involved with all responsibilities in giving hospitality to homeless families and soupline guests. These include interviewing, orienting and leading goal setting meetings with homeless families; and preparing, serving and cleaning up the weekday soup kitchen. Other work includes receiving and sorting donations, writing for our monthly newsletter, gardening, supervising children's activities, preparing the family meal and house repair involvement with these is all according to the skills, interests and talents of the volunteers.

Minimum Requirements:

The greatest requirement is a desire to work with people in a compassionate, patient and loving manner. The majority of the work is relating to people - of many different races, religions, family backgrounds and personalities. Much of the work involves good communication - on the phone, at the door, at dinner, in the volunteer community. We stress personalism - non-violent conflict resolution and consensus decision-making.

Description of Project:

The goal of our community is to provide a safe, peaceful temporary home for homeless families. We have been offering our home to 4 homeless families at a time for the last 16 years in a big century-old house near downtown San Antonio. We have developed a close-knit community of homeless guest who come to participate and help in our MTW soupline and have a tremendous community of supporters in San Antonio who provide everything from food to plumbing help. The work is challenging as we live simply, without luxuries, but also very rewarding as we work very personally with the people we serve - who serve us abundantly in return.

Housing for volunteer:

Volunteers each have a private bedroom/shared bathroom in a large house separate from the house where the homeless families live.

Additional Factors:

We will take couples.

We can offer a 6 month term for older adults.