



Volunteer Opportunities for Students, Adults and Groups

- **Prepare (off-site) and deliver dinner for shelter residents** – Prepare a fully-cooked meal or entrée to serve about 50 people. Meals can be prepared with your own ingredients or purchased. *We are signing off on service hours for students who prepare and deliver a meal if they provide their own timesheet.* You can also support a local restaurant through carryout or delivery to Grassroots at 6700 Freetown Rd., Columbia 20144. Meals can be scheduled on our SignUp Genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040d4caeea2fa3f94-dinner>. Please contact our Food Services Manager, Dorothy Howard, at 410-531-6006 or email dorothyh@grassrootscrisis.org for questions.
- **Make (off-site) and deliver lunches for shelter residents and bag lunches for shelter residents and community members** – Help provide lunch items to serve 30 shelter residents. Additionally, we are in need of 25-50 brown bag lunches each week. The lunches consist of a turkey or ham sandwich with cheese with a bread type of your choosing (no condiments or peanut butter due to allergy concerns), bottled water or juice, potato chips or other bagged snack and a cookie/granola bar or fruit such as an apple (no bananas). *We are signing off on service hours for students who prepare and deliver bag lunches.* Please contact our Food Services Manager, Dorothy Howard, at 410-531-6006 or email dorothyh@grassrootscrisis.org to schedule lunches and bag lunches.
- **Lobby Greeter** - Lend assistance as a greeter at Grassroots. Welcome visitors to the building, accept donations and answer business phone line. Two-hour shifts available Monday-Friday from 10am-3pm. Minimum age 21 years old. Application and interview with Volunteer Coordinator required.
- **Office Assistant** – Help administrative staff with various office tasks. Current minimum age is 18 years and out of high school. Application and interview with Volunteer Coordinator required.
- **Storage Room Organizer** – Help sort and organize donations on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. Minimum age 18 years and out of high school. Application and interview with Volunteer Coordinator required.
- **Pantry Organizer** – Help sort and organize non-perishable food and clothing items for non-resident clients assisted by Crisis Services staff on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. Minimum age 18 years and out of high school. Application and interview with Volunteer Coordinator required.
- **Donation solicitation** – Plan fundraiser at school or other location. Talk with our Operations Manager Anna Katz, for guidance and support at 410-531-6006 or anna@grassrootscrisis.org.
- **Collect items** needed by Grassroots' clients such as toiletries, towels, linens, school supplies and snack foods, etc. Clothing and stuffed animals are NOT accepted.

- **Offer seasonal socials** – provide special meals such as ice cream socials or barbecues for shelter residents (approx. 50 people) in our courtyard. Please contact our Food Services Manager, Dorothy Howard, at 410-531-6006 or email dorothyh@grassrootscrisis.org to schedule.
- **Group hospitality project** – provide housewarming kits for shelter residents moving into a new apartment home. Contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Monteith Mitchell, at 410-531-6006 or email mont@grassrootscrisis.org for more information and to schedule.
- **Adopt-a-Home** group project – assist a shelter resident moving into their new apartment home by providing basic household items, gathering furniture, and providing vehicles and labor for moving items. Contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Monteith Mitchell, at 410-531-6006 or email mont@grassrootscrisis.org for more information and to schedule.
- **Moving Help** – provide a light-duty truck and/or muscle strength to pick up and deliver furniture such as mattresses, sofas, chairs, tables and chairs, dressers, etc. from a donor to a client’s apartment home with a few days’ notice. Contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Monteith Mitchell, at 410-531-6006 or email mont@grassrootscrisis.org for more information and to sign up.
- **Landscaping** – buy and plant flowers, general landscaping such as hedge trimming is helpful.
- **Back-to-school donations** – help local students by providing backpacks filled with school supplies or donate gift cards from Staples, Walmart or Target in August. Visit our website for current needs at <https://www.grassrootscrisis.org/back-to-school-supplies-drive-2021-backpacks-and-gift-cards-information/>
- **Holiday Giving** – donate and help collect and distribute gift cards and other select items for children and adults in November and December. Gift items and volunteer positions to be determined based on the current County health situation. Information will be updated on our website in October and can be found at <https://www.grassrootscrisis.org/holiday-giving/>
- **Day Resource Center** – help with a variety of tasks working directly with guests or “behind the scenes” on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. The Center is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2pm-6p and Saturdays from 10a-2p. The minimum age to volunteer is 18 years old. Application and interview with Volunteer Coordinator required. For more information about the Center visit <http://www.daycenter.org/> and contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Monteith Mitchell, at 410-531-6006 or email mont@grassrootscrisis.org regarding available positions.

For more information on these opportunities and special projects please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Monteith Mitchell at 410-531-6006 or mont@grassrootscrisis.org.