

VOLUNTEER INFO

Who may be a volunteer? Anyone interested in caring for their neighbors. Minors must be accompanied by a parent.

How do I sign up? Go to www.innercitylubbock.org and select the date you would like to serve. Or if you are connected to one of our regular Volunteer Groups, find and select the date on which they will be serving. Enter your name, and the names of others in your group, and submit; your names will appear under “Current Volunteers” for that date.

What are my responsibilities? The volunteers are responsible for checking people in each night; this will entail either passing out numbers cards for spots, taking names and basic information, or helping people fill out waiver forms. This is extremely simple, but the Head Volunteer will explain exactly how this works when you arrive each night. Other than check-in, the only other responsibilities of the volunteers are to hang out, participate in our prayer time and keep watch through the night. Any conflicts, problems, major decisions, emergencies, etc. are the responsibility of the Head Volunteer. Volunteers are an extra set of hands and eyes, but their most important task is to show kindness and compassion to our homeless friends.

Will I get any sleep? Yes, 2 volunteers must be awake at all times, so with 4 volunteers, 2 sleep while the others keep watch and then they switch when they need to.

When? If you are connected with one of the regular Volunteer Groups talk to your group leaders to find out when your group is serving. You can also see what night your group is volunteering at www.innercitylubbock.org/groups.aspx. If you are not connected to any of the regular groups, then volunteer on whatever night works best for you. We are asking volunteers to sign up at least once a month. If you cannot commit every month, that’s fine too, just sign up for whatever day works. People who want to volunteer through the night are asked to arrive by 7:45pm. However, those wanting to join us for prayer, bring by food, etc. are welcome any time before 9:15pm.

Food or Other Items: Food for dinner or breakfast, sleeping bags, coats, socks, hygiene items and other items are welcome. Plan for 20+ people; on extremely cold nights there could be up to 60. Please bring food between 8-9:15pm for dinner (the earlier the better), and between 6-7am for breakfast. Check the website calendar for information about signing up to bring food or other items on a specific date.

Location: The Prayer Vigil will be held at 1810 Main ST, Lubbock, TX 79401 (NE corner of Main & Ave. S). You may also know it as the “Youth Reach” building or “Carpenter’s Kitchen”. The Head Volunteer will open the double doors on the South side of the building for you.

What do I bring? Pillow, sleeping bag, blanket – if you plan on sleeping part of the time you will need these. We have mats for you also.

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Schedule:

Opening: Volunteers are asked to arrive by 7:45pm. The Head Volunteer will welcome you at the door and explain the schedule and operation for the night. At 8:00pm the door will open for everyone; you and the other volunteers will take people's names down as they come in.

Prayer Time 8:15-8:45pm: "LORD PROTECT US FROM THE ELEMENTS"; these elements may be elements such as snow and wind, but also depression, illness, anger, addiction, etc. This is a time for us to seek the Lord together. Simple.

8:45-9:15pm: Just enjoy the company and get to know each other!

Prayer Mats: Everyone will receive a nicely padded prayer mat each night.

Lights Out: 9:15pm is lights out. Volunteers may remain in a lighted area to pray, read, study, etc. Wireless Internet is available. At least two volunteers must be awake at all times; the others may sleep in shifts.

Morning: Lights on at 6:30am. Individuals clean their area, drink coffee, talk, etc. Building closes by 7:00am. If one or more of the volunteers need to leave early they may; just check with the Head Volunteer first.