

Volunteer Opportunities

COVID-19 Note: We have taken many measures to ensure safety for those who volunteer at the cottage. A detailed document explains our sanitizing and social distancing processes and is available at the Cottage for all volunteers.

There are many ways to volunteer for the Care Cottage – as an ongoing place to serve people in need right here in our own community, or as a one-time project for you or your community group.

We are open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 am - noon, and Tuesday from 1pm - 4 pm. We are also open Sundays after the first hour of church for receiving donations.

Ongoing service during the week provides you with a hands-on opportunity to work directly with people in our local community who come to us for help. If you are newly retired, or have a flexible work schedule, consider whether you are called to serve here. Here are some of the tasks:

- Greeting clients and helping them shop
- Answering the phones, scheduling appointments
- Entering client visit information into the computer
- Packing food boxes
- Sorting incoming donations
- Moving donations from sorting to the cottage shelves, racks, and boxes.
- Organizing displays of cottage items

Most of our volunteers work on a specific day of the week. Some work every week and some work every other week or once a month. Our most urgent need is on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

If Sunday is the only time you can volunteer, our Sunday volunteers accept donations, sort food, and pack food boxes.

Project, or one-time service for your community group can be done on a Saturday if you have people who are working during the week. Some ideas for projects include:

- Cleaning – basic cleaning inside the cottage, dusting and vacuuming.
- Outside – light gardening in the rose garden, trimming, window-washing.
- Periodic work – We give our excess to other ministries and can use help delivering items on your own schedule.

Holiday volunteers are needed between Thanksgiving and Christmas to help in our Christmas room, helping clients “shop” for their children. Training is provided, and you are paired with someone experienced so you aren’t doing it alone. Watch for sign-ups during November!

What are you or your group called to do? We are happy to host you if you want to know more. Please call the cottage at 925-937-3978 for more information. Call during the hours noted above, or leave a message on the phone.

We deeply appreciate your support!