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Servants Home Helps Community Volunteer Program

Servants connects people in need with people who want to serve. Our *Community Volunteer Program* provides volunteer opportunities for individuals, families, businesses, churches, youth groups, clubs, teams, and community groups to serve their neighbors by providing home repair and maintenance services for low-income homeowners in York and Lancaster Counties, Pennsylvania.

Home Helps was established in 2007 and has completed projects for more than 500 families in our communities. More than 450 active volunteers contribute over 11,000 hours of volunteer labor each year. Our mission is to improve the lives of people in our community. Our purpose is to give them hope and help them see and feel the love of Jesus Christ. We do this by providing home maintenance and repair services to homeowners who, for whatever reason, are unable to do the work themselves and are unable to pay professionals to do the work for them. Older Adults, people with disabilities, and single parents are our primary focus of Home Helps.

Expectations

Home Helps works to serve each homeowner that God sends to us. We are called to help others through being the hands and feet of Christ.

No experience is required to volunteer for this program. We will have a skilled team leader on site each workday.

Home Helps plans the project and coordinates the day. Patience and flexibility are the key to having an impactful day of service. As you are willing to be directed by God, you will be amazed at what He empowers you to achieve. Bless and be blessed.

Take time to talk with the homeowner, other volunteers, and team leaders. People matter deeply to God so do not be in a hurry to complete a task and miss the relationship opportunities. The demands of the task should not take priority over connecting with one another.

Give your very best for the day. As God calls you, He will equip you.

Scheduling Volunteer Days

Home Helps schedules volunteer work days throughout the year. We usually schedule work every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Our schedule can be flexible and we will try to accommodate specific requests. Select a few date options to volunteer, then contact us at 717-378-0336 to sign up for an open volunteer spot.

Volunteer Application

It is critical that we have your completed and signed volunteer application **two (2) weeks before your volunteer day**. This enables us to schedule an appropriate project for your skill level so you will have a meaningful and impactful volunteer experience.



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Cost

Servants does not charge a fee to volunteers. We rely on donations to pay for the homeowner's construction materials, tools, staff time, etc. involved with each project. The average project cost per home is about \$1,000. Our donors and the part they play in serving our community are just as important as our homeowners, volunteers, and staff. If you feel called by God, you can donate online at our website – servants.org – or mail a check payable to Servants.

Food and Drinks

Our volunteer teams take rest and lunch breaks. Volunteers are responsible to provide their own drinks, snacks, and lunch for the day. Packing a little extra for the homeowner is a great relationship building tool.

Staffing and Project Planning

Home Helps will provide leadership for each project. We will arrange for all construction materials to be on the jobsite for the work to proceed. Any personal tools you can bring to use on the jobsite would be helpful and appreciated. While every volunteer is not a professional, we trust every volunteer will embrace a desire to learn new skills and do the very best they can with every task before them providing a quality result for our homeowners. The team at Home Helps strives to teach new skills to our volunteers.

Work Plans

Work tasks vary and may include painting, laying flooring, yard work, and many other repair and maintenance tasks. We will do our best to place you on a project where your gifts and experiences can be utilized, but we may not be able to tell you what your task assignments will be ahead of time. Sharing the love of Jesus Christ through relationship building, working together, and loving our neighbor in need is the mission of the day.

Regular Workday Schedule

8:00-9:00 Arrive at the worksite (we will provide you with driving directions)

12:00-1:00 Lunch break and interaction with the homeowner and each other

4:00-4:30 End the project for the day and clean up the worksite

Work Site Dress

We require closed-toed shoes or boots, knee-length shorts, capris or jeans, and long-sleeved shirts (preferred) or short-sleeved shirts with no holes. Shorts above the knee, tank tops and inappropriate writing on clothing are not allowed. You will be performing construction work and need to dress appropriately for safety. Please bring work gloves and safety glasses, if you have them

Ages

Home Helps believes God calls people of all ages to serve Him and people in need. We love serving beside youth groups and want to keep them safe at all times. Each student should be 14-years or older to serve. We need a ratio of 1 adult volunteer for every 5 student volunteers for mentoring and safety. Students younger than 14-years of age need to serve side by side with a parent or youth leader on a 1 to 1 ratio.

Thank You for serving with us! Together we are making a difference in our community!

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