Volunteer FAQs

What sort of volunteer activities do you offer?
Our volunteers help with a variety of tasks around the shelter! Frequent jobs include organizing in our food pantry and supply storage, helping clean the shelter, and preparing for and helping with big events.

When can I volunteer?
Most of our volunteers come in for a few hours each week. We can tailor a schedule for you, whether you need volunteer hours for a school or community project, or you just want to come and help with the work we do! Our staff is here Monday to Friday during normal business hours to assist and supervise volunteers.
We also do a few big volunteer events throughout the year. Watch our social media pages and website, or call our office for more information.

Who can volunteer?
Anyone 18 and over is welcome to volunteer. We usually take volunteers as individuals or in small groups due to space constraints and the size of normal projects. For groups of more than 5 people, call our office to discuss volunteer options.

How do I apply?
Our application process starts with the volunteer application on our website. Once our staff receives your application, we can run the background check (as we do for all staff, residents, and volunteers) and get in contact to start planning your work here at GHC.

What do I need to know when I start volunteering?
If you have a vehicle, please park in the spots at the bottom of the driveway closest to the pavilion. Wear clothes that you are comfortable moving and working in, and please refrain from wearing anything with vulgar or offensive language. The first time you come to volunteer, please bring your ID with you so we can make a copy for our records.

What is a confidentiality agreement?
When you fill out a volunteer application, there is a section we ask you to sign called a confidentiality agreement. This is in place to protect the privacy of our clients, and means that you cannot disclose the identity of any clients you may come in contact with while you’re volunteering. If you see a client in shelter who you know or recognize, for example, we ask that you do not share this information with friends or family. We also ask that if you see someone outside of the shelter that you came in contact with while volunteering, you follow their lead on whether to approach or start a conversation with them.

For more information on volunteering or if you have any questions, please contact our office at (606) 784-2668.