

Mission / Vision Statement

We will provide emergency overnight sleeping space that is safe, respectful, and restful for homeless women in our community through partnership with the Council of Service Providers to the Homeless in response to the urgent need for emergency shelter during the winter months, and in response to the call of Jesus Christ to serve one another.

Internships

None listed

Volunteer Projects

Volunteers are needed from January 1st to March 14.

Stay Overnight (8pm-7am)

Volunteer pairs will work a check-in table, greet guests, provide snacks and drinks, and assist guests with setting up a sleeping area. Lights are out from 10pm-6:30am. Volunteers may bring computers, reading material, puzzles, etc., Volunteers may sleep in shifts, but one must remain awake at all times. In the morning, volunteers prepare coffee, tea, offer snacks and conversation to guests, and assist guests to leave the shelter to go by van to the TIMES Center or the Bus Depot.

Drivers

Volunteers will drive the van from First United Methodist Church to Courage Connections to pick up guests and bring them to the shelter at the church. At 7am, the van driver will leave First United Methodist Church with guests to go to the TIMES Center or the Bus Depot.

Wash Laundry

Volunteers come to Austin's Place one day or night a week, pick up laundry and detergent, do the laundry off-site, at their home or a laundromat, and return the clean laundry to Austin's Place that week. Laundry includes sheets, pillow cases, wash cloths, towels, blankets, and occasionally comforters.

Donations

Volunteers may also assist our Donations Coordinator with soliciting and picking up donations.

For more information regarding volunteering with Austin's Place, please contact Cathy Minor at the First United Methodist Church telephone 217-356-9078.

Contact Us

To contact Austin's Place, visit or call their office.
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