



Love Chapel Volunteer Newsletter

Ecumenical Assembly of Bartholomew County Churches, INC— May, 2019



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Note From The Executive Director

What does it mean to be a volunteer? It means giving of oneself without expecting to receive anything in return. What a nice thing to think about—doing something with no motivation other than wanting to serve others! Thank you—without our team of volunteers, we wouldn't exist—you are the foundation of all that Love Chapel does for those in times of need. Of course, those of you who volunteer know, you do receive something in return. You meet many wonderful people and have a great sense of accomplishing something very important.

Kelly Daugherty

April, 2019

<i>Number of Households Served – Food Pantry</i>	984
<i>Estimated Number of Individuals Served – Food Pantry</i>	3,665
<i>Total Number of Individuals Served – Brighter Days</i>	88
<i>Average Number Served at Brighter Days</i>	34
<i>Number of Individuals Receiving financial Assistance</i>	62
<i>Dollars Committed to Financial Assistance</i>	\$17,494
<i>Dollars Committed to Direct Assistance</i>	\$13,338
<i>Volunteers in Medicine</i>	\$500
<i>Number of New Volunteers</i>	11
<i>Number of Volunteers Serving During Month</i>	188
<i>Hot Meals Served on Tuesdays and Wednesdays</i>	334

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311 Center Street
Columbus, IN 47201

To volunteer, call 812.372.9421 or e-mail
volunteer@columbuslovechapel.com

You Are on Love Chapel's Most Wanted List—Twice

- 1) We are most in need of someone to answer the phones at Brighter Days—this position would be during the afternoons while no clients are present. Volunteer Description is as follows: Navigation/Phone Services— Answering phones when shelter is empty. Advising callers on Brighter Days policies and resources, and resources available in the community.**
- 2) We are looking for someone to support Kathy as a volunteer assistant—working 8–10 hours a week helping to assure follow-up, filing, training, etc. is accomplished on time and efficiently.**

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▶ **Pantry Opportunities**

Intake and Hosting —Help screen and welcome clients as they enter the pantry. Collect information and enter in computer while giving the clients a warm smile, making them feel welcome and valued.

Shopping Helper—Take clients through the pantry, assisting them in shopping for the number of individuals in their household. Key is a friendly approach, allowing them to make choices while encouraging healthy opportunities.

Warehouse Crew—Accepting donations of food, weighing and recording donations and providing receipts. Unloading truck deliveries and re-stocking pantry shelves to assure plenty of food available for those shopping.

Drivers/Pick-Ups—Driving Love Chapel trucks or personal vehicles to pick up donations at various restaurants and stores, then delivering to pantry.

Volunteer—Anna



Why do you volunteer at Love Chapel? Because I feel like that is one way that I can serve God—by helping others. This is a wonderful place to work—everyone is here to help and they are very friendly and welcoming.

I think Love Chapel provides healthy food for those that need it and we have a shelter for those that don't have anywhere to go. I volunteer at both the pantry and the shelter. Brighter Days not only provides a place for them to sleep, but they get breakfast and lunch as well!

Opportunities at Brighter Days

Intake and Greeting – *Welcome clients who arrive at shelter, completing light registration duties, assuring snacks and beverages are stocked, and visiting with clients while waiting to be processed.*

Client Supervision – *Working with a staff member while clients are present, checking dorms, light cleaning, making lunches, etc.*

Navigation/Phone Services – *Answering phone during the days when shelter is normally empty. Advising callers on shelter policies, referring callers to other resources, and performing light computer duties.*

Laundry – *Completing laundry duties for shelter, washing, drying, and folding.*

Cleaning – *Completing cleaning duties for shelter, including common areas, dorms and bathrooms.*



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▶ 311 Center Street Opportunities

Intake and Phones—Help screen and welcome clients as they enter for needed help. Collect information while giving the clients a warm smile, making them feel welcome and valued.

Financial Interviewing—Completing in depth interviews with clients who are seeking assistance. Analyze and evaluate needs, follow assistance procedures, and help resolve needs in Christ-affirming way.

Financial Services—Helping treasurer with various financial functions, assisting with payables, deposits, receipts, donation receipts, and filing.

Social Media Assisting—Working with staff to develop and maintain webpage, Facebook pages, and other social media outlets. Ideal individual will be savvy with social media and marketing functions available, paying attention to new emerging marketing opportunities.

Volunteer—Dedrie



Why do you volunteer at Love Chapel?

My life has always been blessed and therefore, I have a lot to give. I like to help those who are less fortunate.

What does Love Chapel do well?

Everything—they take care of the people who come in and provide food, financial support and in a way that is emotionally supporting as well.

Other Opportunities

Lawn Care – Maintaining the exterior of all Love Chapel properties, mowing, weed-eating, light gardening, and trimming. Opportunities include the 311 Center, the Food Pantry, and the two transitional living units.

Property Maintenance – All aspects of maintaining facilities including light electrical, plumbing, preventative maintenance, filter changing, work order completion, and light bulb changing.

Computer Services – Helping staff and volunteers with training, troubleshooting, and expanding computer services.

Other Needs – If you have a skill, we likely could use your talents to serve our clients. We have a hot meal program, work with Volunteers in Medicine, and are looking to start life-skills classes such as Financial Training, Nutrition Training, Bible Studies, and more.



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▶ On-going Projects

Wheelchair Ramp Improvements

Carpet Replacement in Finance Office Area

LED Light Changeover

Exterior Lighting at Pantry

Lafayette Street Garage Roof Replacement

Needed Maintenance Items

Weed-eaters – 2-3 which work well

Blowers – 2-3 which work well

Hedge Trimmers

Power Washer – Electric

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Many thanks to the Outreach team at Terrace Lake, along with a variety of others who helped make the party at Brighter Days a huge success. The Outreach Team at Terrace Lake provided and organized the manpower, Orphan Grain Train brought their trailer and cooked the meats, Mariah Meats donated the meats for the cookout, the Moose Lodge provided the tables and chairs, Guitar City donated a guitar, and Indiana Power Sports donated time and money! Thank you for showing God's love to those in need!

Thank you to our special High School Seniors—this year we had 21 High School Seniors complete their projects at Love Chapel. Projects included items for the Food Pantry, Brighter Days Shelter and at our Hot Meals Programs.