

## Hope Gardens Family Center Volunteer Opportunities

*Hope Gardens Family Center is a provisional housing campus located on 71 acres of land, tucked away in the foothills of Sylmar that offers a safe-haven to single women and children that are currently without a home. The center provides recovery programs, spiritual care and other services to help these women find their independence within a 12 to 36-month period.*

### Saturday Work Days

Once a month Hope Gardens hosts a Saturday work day where they invite volunteers to help keep their community clean, well-maintained and safe. Shifts usually last 3 to 4 hours and consist of tasks such as:

- gardening
  - seasonal safety
  - cleaning community spaces
  - painting
  - holiday preparation
  - preparing residential rooms for incoming families
- Hope Gardens welcomes *volunteers of all ages*;
  - Recommends volunteering in groups of 10 or more;
  - Asks that you please make an appointment to arrange the details.

### Provide Childcare

There is a need of volunteers for both the PEEPS and Youth Helpers departments which provide care for children while their mothers are taking Program classes on campus. Hope Gardens prefers that volunteers make a *weekly or bi-weekly commitment*.

#### Children 5 & under

This is the perfect role for anyone who would love to hold, rock, sing, read, and play with these little ones in need.

- Shifts are Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

#### Children 5 & up

This is a great role for anyone who would love to care for children 5 years or older.

- Shifts are Monday – Thursday, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

#### Tutor Youth

Hope Gardens is in search of volunteers who are available to tutor, provide guidance, and assist children/teenagers with homework.

- Shifts are Monday – Thursday, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### Meal Service

Volunteers for Hope Gardens' meal service will help prepare and serve meals to the women, children and senior ladies on campus.

- Up to 10 volunteers are needed;
- Must be 14 years or older;
- Drive and/or coordinate a ride to the campus.
- Shifts are Monday – Sunday, 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### Operations & EVS Assistant

Volunteers are needed to help with Hope Gardens' Operations & Environmental Services (EVS) Departments. This position will shadow a staff member and directly influence Hope Gardens' ability to renovate new rooms and keep the campus clean and safe.

- Up to 8 volunteers are needed;
- may come individually or as part of a small group,
- Must be 18 years or older;
- Be willing and prepared to work outside in all types of weather, get dirty, use tools, paint and open to learning new things.
- Shifts are on Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- For more info or to sign up to volunteer please contact [volunteer@urm.org](mailto:volunteer@urm.org).

### Have an Idea?

If you have a volunteer idea you didn't see listed, please let Hope Gardens know what it is. They would love to hear how you would like to serve them and their guests!! Please email [volunteer@urm.org](mailto:volunteer@urm.org) and include the word IDEA in the subject line or call (213) 673-4860.

*Interested in volunteering or have questions? Please contact [volunteer@urm.org](mailto:volunteer@urm.org).*