

Housing Hope Volunteer Opportunities

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Our Vision

Every individual aspiring to self-sufficiency should have access to a safe, secure, affordable home.

Our Mission

Housing Hope shall promote and provide affordable housing and tailored services to reduce homelessness and poverty for residents of Snohomish County and Camano Island.



How We Make a Difference



A CONTINUUM OF HOUSING & RELATED SERVICES

Housing Hope offers a full range of housing solutions:

- Emergency shelter for up to 90 days
- Homeless housing with access to voluntary services
- Permanent, affordable rental housing
- Opportunities for home ownership

As well as social support programs:

- Case Management
- Employment Services
- Credit and Homeownership Counseling
- Child Development Program
- Teen Parent Program

Snohomish County- The Growing Need

Housing Crisis

- Many families in Snohomish County lack access to stable, affordable housing.
- Over 10,000 individuals experience homelessness in the county annually. (Source: Snohomish County Homelessness Program)

Job Training & Employment

- Limited access to job training programs hampers career growth for many residents.
- Local unemployment rates remain above the state average, affecting families' financial stability.

Childcare Accessibility

- Childcare costs continue to rise, making it unaffordable for many families.
- There is a shortage of affordable, quality childcare options for working parents in the area.



2024 At A Glance- Key Stats

Housing & People Served

- 703 individuals
- 284 families

Of those served

- 47% minors
- 10% young adults
- 40% adults
- 3% seniors
- 96% maintained stable housing

Emergency Shelter

- 67 people served/18 families
- 93% exited to stable housing

Job Training & Employment

- 69% participated in employment services
- 12 earned their GED/Diploma



Volunteers: Key to Our Success

Volunteers support donation drives, housing maintenance, mentorship, and community events. Your contributions help us provide more than just shelter—we offer opportunities for growth and change.

A Powerful Impact

Volunteers donated over **\$100,000** worth of time in **2024** alone!

This generous support enables us to continue our work and expand our reach.

We Need Volunteers

-Volunteers are the backbone of our success and are key to sustaining our mission.





Current Volunteer Opportunities

Site Beatification

Site beautification creates welcoming, dignified spaces for families transitioning out of homelessness. Volunteers enhance our 26 properties through landscaping, gardening, cleaning, and minor maintenance.

Why It Matters

A clean, beautiful environment fosters a sense of pride and belonging for residents.

Improved spaces inspire hope and contribute to the overall well-being of the community.

How You Can Help

Activities include planting flowers, spreading mulch, painting fences, and organizing outdoor areas.

Good for: Large groups



Community Gardens

Community gardens and garden beds at Housing Hope properties provide families with fresh produce, outdoor activity, and a space to connect.

Volunteers contribute by building garden beds, planting seeds, and maintaining vibrant garden spaces.

Why It Matters

Gardens promote healthy eating, sustainability, and a sense of ownership for residents.

Shared spaces foster community bonds and offer therapeutic benefits.

How You Can Help

- Assist in building and assembling garden beds/replenishing existing beds.
- Help with the construction of tool sheds to maintain our gardens.
- Provide funding or materials to support these efforts.

Good for: Large groups



Organize a Fun Day for Families

Volunteers help plan and organize fun community events for Housing Hope families, bringing joy and building lasting memories.

Event Activities

Food, drinks, games, crafts, and entertainment. Ex: pumpkin carving night, summer picnic, movie night!

Why It Matters

Family Fun Days help residents relax, connect, and build community, especially for those overcoming challenges.

How You Can Help:

-Plan, organize, and host events at our North County or Edmonds location. Bring your creativity and energy!

Good for: Smaller groups



Inventory & Basement Organization

Housing Hope relies on the generosity of our community to provide essential items for families in need. Thanks to these contributions, our inventory grows—but we need volunteers to help keeping it organized & functional.

Why It Matters

An organized space helps families quickly access the items they need, while an efficient system ensures every donation is maximized to its fullest potential.

How You Can Help

- Assist with sorting and categorizing donated items.
- Organize the inventory to make the space more accessible and functional.
- Bring your attention to detail and creativity to improve the layout of the storage area.

Good For: Smaller groups



Housing Hope Stone Soup Gala

Join us in making the **Stone Soup Gala** a success on May 15th! This annual event is a vital fundraiser for Housing Hope, bringing our community together to support families in need.

How You Can Help

Assist with **day-of setup**, including arranging tables, decorations, and laying out brochures. Welcome and **direct guests** to ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience. Support with **breakdown and clean-up** to help us close out the event efficiently.

Why It Matters

Your efforts directly contribute to the success of our biggest fundraiser, allowing us to continue providing hope and housing to those in need.

Together, we can make this event unforgettable for all who attend.

Good For: Smaller groups



Create Positive Affirmation Posters

Volunteers can create inspiring affirmation posters to motivate residents at Housing Hope properties. Design them at home and we'll display them to brighten everyone's day.

Why It Matters

Words of positivity and encouragement can have a profound impact on those facing challenges. Artistic touches make our properties feel warm, welcoming, and supportive. These will later be displayed in the hallways or our community rooms across all sites.

How You Can Help

- Use your creativity to design posters with positive messages and artistic flair.
- Deliver your creations to Housing Hope, and we'll ensure they inspire our residents.

Good For: Large/Small groups or individuals



Career Skills Workshops

Volunteers can lead workshops to help residents build essential career skills, preparing them for the workforce and boosting their confidence.

Resume Writing: Assist residents in crafting resumes that highlight their skills and experiences. **Self-Esteem Building:** Provide training to boost confidence and empower residents in their job search. **Mock Interviews:** Conduct practice interviews to help residents develop strong communication skills and interview techniques.

Why It Matters

Career workshops equip residents with the tools they need to achieve self-sufficiency. These sessions help build confidence, open doors to new opportunities, and inspire long-term success.

How You Can Help

- Share your expertise by leading a session or assisting with one.
- Offer personalized feedback and encouragement to participants.

Good For: Individuals



Volunteer Ambassadors

Support Ambassadors – Ongoing Volunteer Opportunity

We're looking for dedicated volunteer groups to serve long-term at our various Housing Hope properties. These Support Ambassadors will work closely with Family Support Coaches to assist with ongoing resident needs, helping lighten the load for staff and creating a welcoming, supportive environment. We currently have successful Ambassador groups at our Edmonds and Stanwood locations, and we're excited to grow this initiative across more sites.

Why It Matters

Consistent, committed volunteer support makes a meaningful impact on both residents and staff. These ambassadors help build stronger communities by being present, responsive, and engaged.

How You Can Help

- Form or join a small group of long-term volunteers
- Work directly with Housing Hope staff to meet resident needs
- Bring your compassion, consistency, and care

Good For: Small groups, church teams, service clubs



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