

### Summary of Volunteer Opportunities

- **Support Partners:** A team of three or four volunteers who provide direct support to a family at the weekly support meeting on Thursday nights. In these meetings, support teams cover budgeting, time, debt and home management, goal setting and attainment, and any other life-skills necessary. This team aids the family in developing and realizing their plan for “self-sufficiency.” Volunteers are trained and required to attend 3 Thursday evening sessions before beginning with a family or “on the job” with oversight from staff. New volunteers are always paired with experienced team members. Support Partners must complete the information session training and trauma-informed care training.
- **Caring Sponsors:** Individuals or husband and wife teams who provide on-going personal and emotional support to a family. Caring sponsors are in contact with the family once a week –by phone, visit or some special activity. Children of Caring Sponsors may also be involved as playmates for children of families when the adults visit. Caring Sponsors must complete the information session.
- **After Care:** The second phase of TCP’s Transitional Housing program offers case management and support services via volunteer mentors. This support includes follow-up on long-term goals related to job training and placement, advocacy, help with school, doctors, day care, and accessing services available for low-income individuals. After Care volunteers are assigned to a TCPTHP family one month before the family’s scheduled graduation. **Unless** they are already involved with the family as **Caring Sponsor**. Then, this individual will follow their family’s progress at least once-a-month for a year. Therefore, this volunteer is called a “Graduate Mentor”.
- **Selection Committee:** Three or four members of a selection committee interview and make the decision to “accept” or “not accept” program applicants. New member will join experienced members for a selection as a training tool.
- **Children’s Program:** Persons who, under the supervision of our Children’s Program Coordinator, provide care and activities for the children of families and volunteers during Thursday evening support team meetings. Note: Volunteers may bring their own children.
- **Meal Coordinator:** The person who schedules weekly meals served at Program on Thursday evenings.
- **Meal Providers:** Coordinators from area groups who provide meals 3-5 times a year for Program on Thursday evenings.

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- **Furniture and Family Moving Helpers:** Persons with (or without) a pickup truck available on short notice to pick up donations or furniture. In addition, these helpers assist families moving into TCP housing and into permanent housing when they graduate from TCP.
- **Auto Repair:** Persons willing, available, and able to diagnose and make repairs for car problems families in the program may encounter.
- **Housing Maintenance:** Persons with skills to do minor repairs on TCP housing units or on donated furniture.
- **Professional Services:** Persons willing and able to provide various services that TCP families may need such as legal, medical, dental, eye care, counseling, etc.
- **Office and administrative:** TCP always needs volunteers in the office to answer telephones, complete database management/entry and perform other various administrative tasks.