



Volunteer Opportunities

Support Group Programs: Volunteers provide childcare and organize activities for the children of Synergy Services clients who are either in shelter or in the outreach program. **Wednesday Evenings 5:30PM-8:30PM**

BridgeSPAN: Volunteers in the BridgeSPAN program may participate in a variety of forms. Many choose to participate in on-call rotations, providing advocacy support to patients who are identified at one of the BridgeSPAN participating hospitals Clay and Platte Counties. These hospitals include North Kansas City Hospital, St. Luke's Northland (Barry Road and Smithville Campus) Liberty Hospital, Kansas City Public Health Dept, and Children's Mercy Clinic, (Northland). **Day Shift M-F 6AM-6PM** Volunteers sign up monthly for dates/times that work best with their schedules. As a volunteer in the BridgeSPAN program, you will assist clients in the healthcare setting by providing support and resources on community and domestic violence resources. A safety plan is also developed with each client. Volunteers can also choose to assist with trainings, assist with clerical work or assist with marketing the program by completing rounds at area hospitals. Volunteers who are interested in the program must complete additional BridgeSPAN training.

Court Advocacy: Court advocates act as liaisons between the criminal justice system and the victims of domestic violence. They will also educate the victim on the cycle of violence and on the options and the resources available to her. Volunteers may choose to work in any of the following area courts: Clay and Platte County Courts, Parkville, Gladstone, Excelsior Springs, Riverside and Kansas City Municipal Courts. **M-F Days and Evenings**

Shelter/Hotline: Shelter volunteers assist clients in replacing toiletries that have run out, help with meals, and/or answer the hotline. Shelter/Hotline volunteers set their own schedule and are not on an on-call schedule. **Varies**

Safe Place: Volunteers are needed to serve as liaisons between Synergy Services and designated Safe Place sites in the Kansas City metropolitan area. Volunteers provide immediate assistance to youth that seek help through Project Safe Place; meeting with these youth, assessing the situation and most often transporting these youth to an area shelter where they receive help from trained staff. Volunteers must be at least 21 years of age, have positive criminal records check, valid driver's license, proof of insurance, good character references and be genuinely concerned about youth in crisis. For more information or to express interest, please contact Chas Marks, Safe Place Coordinator, at 816-777-0356 Ext. 208 or at cmarks@synergyservices.org. **Varies**

Teen Parent Supporter: Volunteer is matched one on one with a teen mom to offer her support and encouragement as she faces the challenges of being a young pregnant or parenting mother.

Teen Parent General Volunteer: volunteer with TPS may be asked to help with various aspects of the program. This could include helping organize supplies and donations, helping at various events, helping at meetings with childcare or set-up and clean-up, helping provide transportation for girls, etc.

Volunteer Opportunities requiring on-the-job training

***Clerical:** The clerical volunteer assists Synergy Services' administrative staff with daily duties, such as answering the phones, making copies, preparing mailings, typing, entering data and other general office tasks. This volunteer opportunity does not require direct interaction with clients.

***Facilities:** Facility volunteers assist with the maintenance of our facilities. Activities include helping with yard work, cleaning, moving heavy items, and other upkeep duties. This volunteer may choose to

sort donations our thrift store, **Synergy In Style**. This is a constant need and does not require direct interaction with clients.

***Special Events:** Special Events volunteers assist with special events and fundraising activities. (**Kindest Kansas Citian - May, Stand Up For Synergy - September, One Homeless Night - November, and Adopt A Bed Night - On going**) This is a sporadic need and does not require direct interaction with clients.

Volunteer Opportunities for Groups

***Donation Drives:** An organization may choose to sponsor a donation drive for Synergy Services. Items that are always needed include: non perishable food items, paper products, large-size diapers, twin bed sheets, bath towels, ethnic hair care products and cosmetics for women of color. You may also contact Shirley Troupe at **816-505-4815** or email at stroupe@synergyservices.org for an up-to-date list of urgent needs.

***Special Events:** An organization may choose to organize a small fundraiser for Synergy Services. Some groups in the past have sold crafts or baked goods and donated the proceeds to Synergy Services.

***Facility Maintenance:** A group may choose to spend the day at Synergy Services helping us to improve our facilities. Activities in the past have included: working in the yard, painting, and shoveling snow, building a playground for shelter children, planting shrubs and moving offices. Many companies promote volunteer work done on company time, so be sure to check with your employer. Call us for ideas on how you can help.

***Synergy In Style Thrift Store:** Synergy Services constantly receives generous donations from the community and volunteers are needed to help us sort donations of clothes, toiletries and toys in our thrift store. This is a great activity for small groups.

***Holiday Parties:** Volunteer groups are needed to plan and implement holiday parties in the Shelters throughout the year. Parties should include activities for all ages, such as arts & craft projects, games or outdoor activities.

***Holiday Program:** Synergy Services has many opportunities for those who would like to help around December. Possible activities range from helping with donations, setting up the holiday store, helping clients and their children gift shop, helping with holiday dinners and sorting donations.

* While all volunteer opportunities are appropriate for adults, the positions preceded by an asterisk (*) are also appropriate for teen volunteers.

If you have any other ideas that we haven't listed, we'd love to hear them. We are open to any suggestions that would enhance the lives of our clients.

If you would like someone from Synergy Services to speak to your organization about domestic violence and the services we offer, or if you would like more information on volunteer activities for groups, please contact our Volunteer Manager, Shirley Troupe, at **816-505-4815** or e-mail at stroupe@synergyservices.org