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*Helping the Hurting and the
Homeless
in the Name of Jesus Christ*

For We are God's workmanship Created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do so. (Ephesians 2:10) God's word praises the virtuous nature of helping those in need, which is the essence of volunteering. It is our privilege and honor to serve as Christ's servants in the mission field.

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month and we are so very grateful for the many hours our volunteers serve around the campus here at the Norfolk Rescue Mission. Just a while back, we hosted our first Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and were greatly blessed by the turn-out! We had almost one hundred men, women and children gathered who faithfully serve the Mission in so many ways. There were volunteers representing the Jail ministry, kitchen ministry, clothing room ministry, mail room ministry, Chapel ministry, and so much more. What a great gathering of our fellow laborers.

A few months back, there was a day in which we had eight volunteers serving in various ways throughout campus. Some were working in the clothing room, some were sorting incoming donations, and some were preparing a meal in the kitchen. Almost every day, the sweet, precious Mosaic members wash our dining room tables and chairs. It is pure joy to see everyone working together with servant's hearts and smiling faces.

While some may not be able to come and labor on campus, we know there are those offering to pray for our staff and Mission. For this we are truly thankful. As we, the staff, take care of the day-to-day operations, it is nice to rely on volunteers to come in and serve alongside us. There is more work than we are able to accomplish ourselves.

We have many faithful groups who serve meals on particular nights they have adopted each month. **Some groups have been bringing in meals for almost 28 years**, and some are even handing the baton off to the next generation to keep the service flowing. We have a group of men who come from Wayne every month who bring not only the meal but also the chapel music and message. We have camp kids and leaders who come and share powerful testimonies during chapel. We have ladies who bring a huge nacho spread and sing songs. We have groups who travel from an hour away and have continued this for many years. We are very grateful and always looking for more groups who want to bring in a meal.

We have faithful helpers in our clothing room who sort incoming donations and organize the clothing for our guests. We need more laborers in our clothing room ministry and would love to partner with you in this. We also have much yard work and campus cleanup projects available this Spring and Summer. It would be nice to have some youth groups come and spruce things up around campus. We have even had volunteers help to clean up the litter that blows in from the neighboring alleys.

Work willingly at whatever you do as though you were working for the Lord rather than people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and the Master you are serving is Christ. (Colossians 3:23-24)

We are blessed to be able to take individuals needing to fulfill community service hours and plug them in to needed areas. This is an excellent opportunity for us to share the gospel and have great conversations with them.

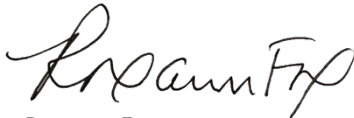
We are off to a busy summer with conferences scheduled for staff to be refueled with God's Word and equipped to share God's love to our guests.

There are a few special events coming up in which we would love to have some extra hands. One is our annual **Law Enforcement Appreciation BBQ**. This will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2024. We could use plenty of help beautifying our campus, cooking the meal, decorating the hall, greeting our guests and even delivering to-go lunches. Give us a call and let us know if you can help.

Another great opportunity to flex your servant-hood and your muscles is in our **Annual Book Sale**. This year's event will be held on August 22-25, 2024 with setup beginning as of Monday, August 19th. There is a tremendous amount of labor needed to put on this amazing event. We need help hauling dozens of tables and hundreds of boxes of books. We need help setting up the sales floor and merchandising tables. We need help with carry-out services for big purchases, and we need a great amount of help with clean-up at the end. Please call Pastor Will to sign-up to help with this event.

We look forward to seeing or hearing from you all soon. We are truly blessed by your serving hands. We will be praying for you in the coming months ahead.

In Jesus Name,



Roxann Fox

He brought me out into a broad place; He rescued me, because He delighted in me. 2 Sam. 22:20 ESV