

# Hope Gardens Family Center

## Volunteer Opportunities

Hope Gardens Family Center is a Christ- centered provisional housing campus located on 77 acres of land tucked away in the foothills of Sylmar. It offers a safe-haven to single women and children who are currently experiencing homelessness.. The center provides recovery programs, spiritual care and other services to help these women find their independence within a 12 to 36 month period.

### Tutoring

There is a need for volunteers to help children with their homework and help them learn basic reading and math skills. Prior experience is not needed, just a heart to help these children. Volunteer opportunities are available for grades 1-4 on Mondays through Thursdays from 3:00 to 4:30

### Saturday Work Days

Hope Gardens hosts Saturday work days where volunteers help keep the community well maintained and safe. Shifts are normally 9:00am to noon and consist of tasks such as gardening, painting, cleaning community spaces, preparing residential rooms for incoming families, meal preparation and serving, holiday preparation. Volunteers of all ages are welcome.

### Provide Childcare

There is a need for volunteers for PEEPS (children 5 and under) to provide care for children while their mothers are taking Program classes on campus. Hope Gardens prefers that volunteers make a weekly commitment to help. This is a perfect role for anyone who would love to hold, rock, sing to, read to and play with these little ones. Shifts are Monday through Thursday 9:00am to noon and 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Volunteers are asked to make a weekly commitment of at least one morning or afternoon to help.

### Meal Service

Volunteers for Hope Gardens meal service help prepare and serve meals for the women, children and senior ladies on campus. Volunteers must be 14 years old or older. Shifts are daily from 7:00am to 11:00am, 11:00am to 3:00pm, and 3:00pm to 7:00pm.

### Other Opportunities

There are many other ways volunteers can serve at Hope Gardens. Depending on your gifts and skills, you may want to lead a ladies or youth bible study, speak at a chapel, help with decorating or organizing, teach a class such as Nutrition, GED, Parenting, Life Skills or Business. If you have other ideas you don't see listed, they would love to hear how you can help them and the Guests.

### How to Volunteer

If you are interested in volunteering at Hope Gardens, or if you have a gift or skill that you would like to share with Hope Gardens please contact [volunteers@urm.org](mailto:volunteers@urm.org) or call (213) 347-6308.