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LIGHTHOUSE MISSION – DROP-IN CENTER ACTIVITY

Who are we serving?

Homeless men, women, and children who come from all walks of life and each have their own story. Some have experienced abuse, addiction, crisis, mental illness, divorce, or bankruptcy that led to their current situation. Did you know-in 2016, 715 people were found to be homeless on any given day in Bellingham.

Who is helping connect us to their needs?

The Lighthouse Mission offers a hand up, not a handout, to end the cycle of homelessness and restore people through Christ. They do everything in their power to address the underlying causes that lead to homelessness for guests. On average, they shelter 210 people each night in nine different kinds of shelters. They also provide three meals a day, weekly case management, classes, referrals to community resources, as well as discipleship from a holistic perspective. The Drop-In Center is open 24/7 to stabilize incoming guests, introduce them to positive relationships, offer assessment of their situation and options, as well as provide a motivational environment that encourages life-change. A nutritious breakfast, lunch, and dinner are served at the Drop-In Center every day. It's also the place guests connect with local resources like a SeaMar doctor or a Lions Club volunteer eye doctor. Supportive staff and volunteers are always available to talk and encourage guests to take the next steps into higher levels of recovery programming at the Mission.

How are we serving?

Plan an event or activity for the guests at the Drop-In Center. Activities can range from art projects, a sing-a-long, games, movies, etc. Be creative! Activities can happen any day from 8:00AM-8:00PM. Up to five volunteers can help at a time. Volunteers must be at least 8 years of age.

Who do you contact to commit to this opportunity and work out the details?

Have the group leader contact Katie Anderson at katiea@thelighthousemission.org with the days/times that work for your group (give her a couple to choose from) and the idea you have for the activity (please be specific). She will get you a quick online application for the leader to fill out and the expectations and confidentiality form. Once she gets those back, you can put it on your calendar and help your group prepare to bless and be with those whom God loves and is in the process of restoring. If you have other questions, contact Katie (360-733-5120 x107 or email above)

If you need help in the process, Wendy at CTK is available (wendyp@ctk.church or 733-1337 ext 212). Please share your project with us by using the hashtag #CTKserves on social media!



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