



Montgomery County | City of Gaithersburg

Volunteer Opportunity

Homeless Resource Day

Thursday, November 19, 2015

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Activity Center at Bohrer Park
506 South Frederick Avenue
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877



People connecting people to help those experiencing homelessness.

For more information about Homeless Resource Day, please contact us by telephone at 240-777-4565 or by email at HSHRD@montgomerycountymd.gov.



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What is Homeless Resource Day?

Homeless Resource Day is a "one day, one stop," opportunity for individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at risk of being homeless to access benefits and services in the County. Among the services planned during this event are housing assistance, health care education and information, shelter information, legal consultation, free credit reports and counseling, haircuts, information about Veterans Administration benefits, Social Security benefits and identification from the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration.

Why Volunteer for Homeless Resource Day?

The day is possible due to the assistance of many volunteers. During Homeless Resource Day volunteers assisted in various roles, one of the most rewarding is serving as guides by escorting the homeless guests through the facility helping them navigate the services, vendors and exhibits. Some of the comments from our guests last year were:

- "I think what you people are doing for the homeless is wonderful; I am very thankful, my guide was awesome."
- "People respected my dignity and my guide from the University of Maryland kept me focused."
- "The guide was fabulous; she was extremely helpful and patient."

Benefits of volunteering.

- Networking opportunities
- Learn and develop skills
- Teach skills to others
- Gain work experience
- Improve your health
- Meet new people
- Build self-esteem and self-confidence
- Feel needed and valued
- Make a difference in someone's life

***"Volunteers are not paid,
not because they are
worthless, but because
they are priceless."
Sherry Anderson***

How to register?

Register online at our website
www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HRD



When and where is the event?



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What are the volunteer roles?

(These are basic roles, not a complete list.)

- **Greeter**-Welcome guests and provide directions
- **Guide**-Escort guests to the services and resources provided
- **Registration Areas**-Register guests, vendors or volunteers
- **Lobby Monitor**-Provide direction and help with traffic
- **Transportation Guide**-Assist guests to connect with transportation and shuttle vans
- **Giveaway Area**-Distribute donated items

How long are the volunteer shifts?



(These are basic shifts, we welcome your assistance and will accommodate your schedule.)

- 7:30—11:30 a.m.
- All Day

Will training be available?

Yes, there will be on-line training available, in-class training for students and one in-person training for community members. **The in-person training is scheduled: Wednesday, November 4 from 6:30-8:00p at 401 Hungerford Drive, 1st Floor Tan Conference Room, Rockville Maryland, 20850.**