Montgomery County, Maryland The Nadim Khan Memorial Homeless Resource Day November 6, 2025 | 10am-3pm

Volunteer Roles and Responsibilities

PARKING

- Parking is limited at the Activity Center. Please Park at the Gaithersburg Parking Garage at 112 Olde Towne Avenue, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877. (See Slide "Where do I park?)
- Shuttle vans will be available to transport volunteers from the Parking Garage to the Activity Center at Bohrer Park.
- Shuttle vans start at 8:30a. and on average will run every 30 minutes to return you to the parking garage at the end of your shift.

BASICS

- Wear comfortable clothing and shoes.
- Arrange for placement of all valuables including purses off site. We do not have a secure place to keep valuables and purses. We encourage you to use fanny or waist bags to carry essential items.
- Arrive on time for your shift. Location of event is the Activity Center at Bohrer Park, 506 South Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg, Maryland.
- Report to the volunteer registration area to sign-in, pick up your nametag, lunch ticket and Navy Volunteer T-shirt.
- If time permits, Captains will provide a tour of the Gym/Quads so you can be familiar with the layout.
- Stay with your assignment unless the Team Captain instructs you otherwise.
- When leaving the event, report to the volunteer registration area to sign out or let your team Captain (wearing Red T-shirt) know you are leaving.
- At all times, maintain confidentiality and be respectful of guests and their personal information.
- Remain flexible with assignments. You may be called to do other tasks.

REGISTRATION DESKS – INFORMATION, GUEST, VENDOR, VOLUNTEER, AND EXIT

- Follow the direction of the Desk Captain. Each registration desk will run differently.
- <u>Registration Desk</u> volunteers will be asked to greet guests and obtain statistical information—Where did you sleep last night? In what city do you live, or did you last reside? Group size?
- Vendor Registration Desk—A few volunteers with dual roles will assist vendors to unload their materials, locate their table or location and set up.
 When all vendors or service providers are in place, these volunteers will be assigned to another role.
- <u>Exit Desk</u>—Volunteers will be asked to help guest complete their guest surveys. Guests who have visited six (6) service provider areas will receive a gift at the Exit Table. Exit table volunteers will also provide tokens (if needed) for the guest return trip.

GREETERS

- Greet guests on buses or when they enter the area. Provide directions to service providers, volunteers, and guests. Take guests to Guest Registration Desk
- Greeters are located at entrances and exits inside and outside of the buildings.
- Dress comfortably and appropriately for the weather

RUNNERS assigned to each quad and waiting area.

- Help to control flow of waiting areas (haircuts, screening, cellphones)
- Make copies of documents for service provider.
- Provide coverage for service providers when they need to leave their table for breaks or lunch.
- Other duties as assigned.

BREAKFAST, GUEST COFFEE AREA, AND LUNCH MONITORS

• Breakfast, Coffee area, and Lunch Monitors will be assigned to distribute food to volunteers or quests.

GUIDES

- Assist guests with registration and navigation of services.
- You should stay with the designated guest the entire time, including lunch.

Process:

- 1. Introduce yourself and welcome them again to the event.
- 2. Fill out the Passport Intake Form and answer any questions they may have.
- 3. Use the Passport Intake Form to narrow the guest's needs and interest.
- 4. Attempt to capture the information on the form. Don't insist, collect the data you can.
- 5. Chair massage, Haircuts and Manicures—If the guest chooses one of the personal care selections, have a runner check the personal care area availability. If a service provider is available, have your guests start with their personal care choice. There will be a pager option to help reduce waiting.
- 6. Escort the guests to the service providers in Quad 1-4.
- 7. Help the guest fill out their Exit Survey.

If your shift ends before the guest(s) has finished visiting the requested services, please bring the guest back to Guest Registration to be paired with another Guide.

Things to Remember:

- 1. There is no order of priority of services, however, please try to visit Quad 4 last to avoid the need to carry giveaway items while receiving services.
- Last stop will be the Exit Table; leave the Confidential Guest Intake Form and the Guest Exit Survey with the volunteers at the Exit Table. These documents are vital for statistics and planning future Homeless Resource Days.

ALL | GUEST INTERACTION

- Be Friendly.
- Treat Guests with dignity and respect their privacy All the information that you
 obtain from Guests remain strictly confidential and should not to be released or
 discussed with any outside entity.
 - When asking questions, if the guest does not want to answer, attempt to explain the importance of the information and the purpose. If they still do not want to give you the information, record the interaction on the form as "no response" and continue to guide them.
 - When handling paperwork, be as confidential as possible.

- Ask Police Officers, Security, Team Captains, or Coordinators for help when needed.
- Do not promise services. Do not say, "You might get..."
 - Share that the services available can be accessed in the Service Areas or Quads and explain what those services are, but do not offer what they will get.
 - If guests say, "I heard that ...", it is best to say, the services available are on the flyer and the availability is determined at the Service Areas or Quads.
 - Remind guests that the Service Providers are where they will be screened and services will be explained. about options and appointments for which they are eligible.
- · When escorting a guest,
 - If there is a problem, do not argue or advocate in front of the guest. Get help from a Team Captain.
 - Be flexible due to the number of guests, tables may be busy and there may be long waits. It may be necessary to circle back to a table or area.
 Try your best to help the guest get to all their preferences selected on the Intake form in a reasonable amount of time.
 - If you are guiding a person using a wheelchair and need assistance, please notify your Team captain.
 - Bilingual volunteers who are willing to interpret are available (this will be noted on their name tags I speak). Sign language interpreters will be on hand to help guests from the deaf community.