VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTION

PROGRAM: Journey Home

POSITION REPORTS TO: Program’s Volunteer Supervisor

DESCRIPTION DONE BY: Director of Volunteer & Intern Services

POSITION TITLE: Journey Home Volunteer

QUALIFICATIONS (Education and Experience)

- There are no education requirements for volunteers.
- Sensitivity to the challenges of adolescents and ability to relate to them.
- Ability to promote a caring and respectful attitude toward clients, staff and other volunteers, respecting privacy and confidentiality.

JRI seeks to find the best volunteer for an available position. The agency does not discriminate with regard to gender, marital status, pregnancy, sex, color, race, age, national origin, ancestry, religion, or creed, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, genetics, military or Veteran’s status, political beliefs or other protected status.

PRINCIPLE ACCOUNTABILITIES

General Duties and Responsibilities:

- Dress appropriately and be punctual.
- Notify your supervisor if you are unable to keep your schedule.
- Reinforce the program rules and expectations by modeling positive social interactions and reactions.
- Keep a record of your service hours on the posted form at Journey Home.
- Sensitivity to service recipients’ ethnic, cultural and economic backgrounds, as well as physical or mental challenges.
- Follow the agency’s Confidentiality Policy.

Specific Responsibilities:

You can choose to participate in a variety of activities, including:

- Conduct classes in yoga, meditation, arts and crafts, music (if applicable)
- Coach a small sports team (if applicable)
- Tutoring (if applicable)
- Repairs, painting (if applicable)
- Landscaping (if applicable)
• Be a role model/mentor to a young man (if applicable)
• Your ideas are always welcome!

OTHER RELATED RESPONSIBILITIES

All long-term volunteers (performing a total of more than 20 hours of service) at Journey Home complete an intake and orientation that includes Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) clearance, reference check, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) training, information on JRI’s mission, as well as the Journey Home’s place in that mission, including its philosophy, goals and general policies. The OSHA training is repeated annually.

Volunteers are encouraged to attend additional training, including First Aid and CPR, This training is our gift to you.

WORKING CONDITIONS

Volunteers provide community service at Journey Home:
7 Forest Street; Attleboro, MA 02703

OTHER: Journey Home, a program of JRI, is a group home for adolescent males. The program is designed to assist youth as they begin the journey of hope and discovery, and navigate through the obstacles of life and find a way home. Its mission is to serve adolescents who present with multiple issues and behaviors and transition them into stable foster homes as quickly as possible.

AGENCY SUMMARY:

Justice Resource Institute is a non-profit 501(c)(3) human services agency. JRI is dedicated to addressing the most confounding challenges of both the human services and educational systems and the persons and families these systems were created to serve. JRI pursues the social justice inherent in opening doors to opportunity and independence. Although our range of services is as varied as those we serve, our approach is uniformly characterized by compassionate support, innovation, and community leadership. We work in partnership with individuals, families, communities and government to address their shared challenges in a comprehensive, coordinated, systematic, and effective manner. JRI seeks new knowledge and improved evidence-based practice, in research and in the field, in order to inform our continuous search for excellence in service.

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