



Volunteer Opportunities Regarding Homelessness

Operation Nightwatch – Volunteers needed every Th-Sat 6:45-11:15pm

Located just blocks away from Pioneer Square, Operation Nightwatch's goal is to alleviate feelings of social disconnect that often accompany homelessness by providing a place for people to socialize, play games, and develop friendships. Volunteers often serve coffee, sandwiches, or as someone's conversation partner. Sign up on their website.



Potluck in the Park – Volunteers needed every Sunday 2-6pm



Potluck in the Park has served free hot meals to those in need since 1991 at O'Bryant Square in downtown Portland. They rely completely on volunteers to provide between 400-600 meals every Sunday, rain or shine! Volunteer to serve a meal and meet individuals from all walks of life. Check out Potluck in the Park online to sign-up to volunteer.

Blanchet House – Volunteers needed Mon-Sat: Breakfast 6:30-7:30am, Lunch 11:30am-12:30pm, and Dinner 5-6pm

Located a 15-minute walk from Pioneer Square, the Blanchet House offers breakfast, lunch, and dinner six days a week to individuals in need. Volunteers work alongside the Blanchet House staff in order to prepare over 800 free meals per day. Volunteer tasks range from preparing and serving food to greeting guests. Email chezblanchet@aol.com to sign-up.



p:ear – Volunteers needed for First Thursday gallery openings 6-9pm



This creative space emphasizes education, art, and recreation through mentorship programs for homeless and transitional youth to affirm personal worth and creating meaningful connections. p:ear also maintains a gallery where p:ear youth and guest artists can display and sell their work. To volunteer in the gallery during First Thursday contact pippa@pearmentor.org

Yellow Brick Road Street Outreach - Volunteers outreach from 5-10pm once a week

Started in 1987, this nightly outreach program focuses on providing references, basic hygiene supplies, and crisis intervention services directly to street dependent youth. Armed with a messenger bag full of basic hygiene supplies and reference booklets, volunteer groups hit the streets from 6-9pm every night to engage with homeless youth and those in need. To become a street outreach volunteer, contact Rosalie Karp at rkarp@janusyouth.org.



Other Organizations in Portland:

Janus Youth: www.janusyouth.org

Provides runaway and homeless youth services, residential services for emotionally disturbed and neglected youth, a scholarship program, and an urban agriculture program.

Outside In: www.outsidein.org

Provides medical and youth services to homeless youth and other marginalized people.

Dignity Village: www.dignityvillage.org

Located near the airport, Dignity Village is a city-recognized encampment of around 60 homeless individuals.

Sisters of the Road Café: sistersoftheroad.org

A dining space for individuals in need where they can enjoy a meal and build relationships.

Street Roots: www.streetroots.com

A bi-weekly newspaper that creates income opportunities for individuals experiencing homelessness and poverty.

JOIN: www.joinpdx.org

An educational organization focusing on the transition process from homelessness to housing.