WHERE YOU COME IN

Genesis Women’s Shelter exists to provide safety, shelter and support for women and children who have experienced domestic violence, and to raise awareness regarding its cause, prevalence and impact. Whether you choose to join us on a weekly basis or just a few times, there are multiple volunteer opportunities available at Genesis! When you volunteer, you give back to your community in more ways than you could imagine. See which option best matches your passion, skills and interests and then start the process online at www.genesisshelter.org/volunteer.

All volunteers must complete the online application, pay for and pass a background check ($9.95) and attend a one-hour orientation.

Hands-on
Interacts directly with clients

Groups May Participate

Individuals May Participate

Scheduled
You must report at a specific day/time

Flexible
You may complete these tasks at your leisure

Requires Additional Training

SERVE A MEAL AT THE SHELTER

Our emergency shelter serves more than 1,000 nutritious meals a year, and we rely heavily on the support of our community to make this happen. This hands-on opportunity allows you to interact directly with Genesis clients. You are welcome to either prepare your meal in our kitchen, prepare off-site and bring ready-to-serve, or have your meal catered from a restaurant. In addition to preparing and serving breakfast, lunch or dinner, we ask that you also clean up after yourselves. This activity is best suited for groups consisting of 2-10 volunteers.

SERVE DINNER AT THE OUTREACH OFFICE

Are you interested in serving dinner to clients at the Genesis Outreach Office without the hassle of cooking a meal? Located off Lemmon Avenue, the Genesis Outreach Office is where women and children receive individual and group counseling, advocacy, legal representation and more. Two Tuesdays a month, our partners drop off a warm dinner, but we need volunteers willing to serve. In addition to serving dinner, we ask that you help break down and clean up afterward. This activity is best suited for 1-4 volunteers.

Ready to get started?
Visit www.genesisshelter.org/volunteer and start the application or email volunteer@genesisshelter.org.
Help a child, teenager or mom celebrate their special day with a Birthday in a Box! By building a box full of all the things needed to make a birthday memorable, you can create a magical celebration for children, teens and moms alike. Create your birthday kit(s) by yourself or as a group, and then schedule a drop-off. Due to the popularity of this activity, please contact our volunteer manager in advance to see if birthday kits are needed.

Throughout the year, Genesis hosts a variety of events to raise money and encourage others to join in the life-changing work we do. From our Genesis Annual Luncheon in the spring – featuring past keynote speakers such as Hilary Swank and Tyler Perry – to our holiday program in December, volunteering at an event is an easy and fun way to get involved year-round. Depending on the event, we rely on anywhere from 10 to 50 volunteers, so this is a perfect opportunity for large groups.

When a woman is facing domestic violence, a critical fight occurs in the courtroom. This opportunity asks volunteers to attend protective order court and help monitor the proceedings by collecting data. Volunteers with flexible daytime schedules would be particularly helpful for this role. This activity requires additional training and is available for individuals or groups up to 12.

Childcare volunteers are dedicated to ensuring the Genesis Outreach Office runs smoothly. Located off Lemmon Avenue, the Outreach Office provides counseling services to women who have experienced domestic violence. While receiving treatment, moms can have peace of mind by knowing their kiddos are being cared for and played with just a few rooms away. This is an individual activity where volunteers are requested to stay for a minimum of a two-hour shift.

Didn’t see a group volunteer activity that worked well for your needs, or are you an individual with a passion or skillset that could be beneficial to our clients? We are happy to work with you to create an opportunity! In the past, favorite activities have included donated photography sessions, makeup classes and flower arrangement lessons for our residents. For group opportunities, we can always use assistance with setting up apartments, organizing storage and other as-needed activities. Contact volunteer@genesisshelter.org to get started!