

Good Shepherd Volunteers

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Good Shepherd Volunteers collaborates with the Sisters of the Good Shepherd to provide full-time volunteers with the opportunity to work in social service ministries and to use their God-given talents serving women, adolescents, and children affected by poverty, violence, and neglect. Developing relationships with the marginalized of our world empowers volunteers to grow in knowledge and faith that inspire them to lead a life of seeking justice.

Our volunteers **live in community with one another** and strive to learn more about **social justice, community, simplicity, and spirituality**.

Position: Elementary School Educator (3 positions open), **Good Shepherd Shelter**, Los Angeles, CA
(www.goodshepherdshelter.org)

Position Responsibilities:

- Plan lessons and teach a group of approximately 5-10 children in various subjects, including reading, math, social studies, science, art, English, and spelling
- Plan and implement various activities for the whole group, such as sports, outdoor activities, crafts, art. Some of these activities are done with the other teachers working as a team
- Attend appropriate meetings and work closely with the interdepartmental team (teachers, therapists, apartment living staff) in coordinating services and brainstorming on the best way to serve each client
- Supervise volunteer mentors for individual children in the group. We have mentors from Loyola High School, Loyola Marymount University, and University of Southern California
- Attend in-service training sessions, interdepartmental meetings, and teachers' meetings
- Hold parent-teacher conferences to help facilitate parental involvement according to the school's expectations. Most of the mothers have not been "allowed" by their abusive partners to be involved in their children's school, so they don't know how to correspond with the teachers regarding their children's work/ behavior in class.

Position Qualifications:

- Desire to teach children in grades kindergarten-fifth grade
- Ability to work independently and with a team
- Possess flexibility, patience, and ability to make quick decisions
- Ability to take initiative and take on tasks as decided by the supervisor
- Must have direct service experience through work or volunteering
- Must be 21 years of age or older with 2 years of college/work experience
- Must have valid drivers license
- Experience with learning disabilities such as ADD, ADHD, etc. a plus
- Spanish-speaking abilities a plus

Benefits:

- Mentoring and professional supervision
- Housing and transportation costs
- Modest monthly stipend
- Medical and dental coverage
- Orientation, retreats, and workshop opportunities
- Vacation breaks according to school/shelter schedule

Application Deadline: June 1, 2008 (positions filled on a first come first serve basis, the earlier the better!)
Please visit www.gsvolunteers.org and hit the "apply now" button for an application.

Start date: Sunday, August 17, 2008

End date: July 31, 2009

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