

Art Group Facilitator



Art can provide a constructive escape from the everyday world; it also offers a space where we can share our visions of a better world. Our twice-weekly Art Expression Group provides clients an opportunity to engage in creative, expressive and relaxing work in a comfortable and supportive setting. Participants—including volunteers—don't need to be experienced artists. All that is required is a willingness to engage and express.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Share conversations with clients and staff during art group
- Participate in activities of the group
- Willingness to “break the ice” with new participants
- Work collaboratively with supervisor to develop the day's programing
- Assisting with set up and break down of group

EXPECTATIONS

- Be sensitive to people's behavioral, physical and personal situation
- Arrive for your scheduled shift but communicate with the volunteer supervisor when something changes
- Actively listen to each other's story and needs
- Have a supportive attitude
- Give respect and be respected
- Ask for help from staff or security when you do not know the answer or need support
- Understand that conversation is productive
- Be comfortable with not being able to solve every problem
- Practice and model Health Care for the Homeless core values:
 - Dignity: fostering respect and compassion
 - Authenticity: practicing open and honest communication
 - Hope: finding and focusing on people's strengths
 - Justice: building a healthy community that includes everyone
 - Passion: challenging ourselves and the world around us
 - Balance: caring for ourselves and helping others do the same
- Keep client and staff information confidential and do not share stories or photos without someone's consent

Everyone deserves to go home.

TIME COMMITMENTS

Art Group meets on Mondays and Wednesdays 2–3:15 p.m. in the 1st-floor group room 1. Volunteers are asked to commit to attend regularly for at least two months.



ORIENTATION & TRAINING

Health Care for the Homeless volunteers participate in an orientation that includes information on safety, building access, relevant policies and procedures, guidelines for working with people experiencing homelessness, and a tour. Volunteers are also invited to relevant trainings and related events as their schedules permit. All volunteers have regular check-ins with their volunteer supervisor to discuss, reflect and problem-solve issues related to their role. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own personality to the art expression group. Individuals with ideas for art projects are welcome to explore and build their ideas with their supervisor.

TOOLS AND ACCESS

Daily check-in
Art supplies

VOLUNTEER SUPERVISORS

Lisa Muscato, LCPC
Mental Health Therapist

LOCATION

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