

Volunteer Opportunities

Following are opportunities to engage neighbors and corporate, civic or religious groups in our work creating community and home for the 300 formerly homeless tenants living across our three residences.

Donation Drives

- *Personal Care Kits* for tenants upon their move-in or out of necessity from time to time, including items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, mouthwash, shampoo, hygienic products, etc.
- Welcome Snack Baskets for tenants upon their move-in, after having spent months or years in the streets, shelter system or hospitals, include items such as popcorn, dried fruits, granola bars, nuts, fruit bars, dark chocolate, crackers, beef sticks, etc.
- *Winter Clothing* for tenants, including hats, gloves, socks, coats, scarves, etc. is always in need.

St. Francis come to you

- *Tenant Art Displays* in your lobby, conference room, office space, etc. We have a very active arts program and many talented artists who would love to share their work and their stories with you.
- Lunch and Learns for your Employee Resource Groups are a great way to engage your staff in a discussion about how we are successfully addressing our city's dual crises mental health and homelessness.

You come to St. Francis

- Participating in Our Periodic Outings, serving as guides, setting up activities, and cooking and serving meals on tenant trips to parks and cultural destinations around the Metropolitan area.
- Serving Breakfast or Lunch during the weekdays is a great way to connect with our tenants.
- Catering Breakfast or Lunch for our tenants, nothing fancy, just fun and always a big hit.
- Serving Holiday Meals or adding to the festivities by bringing holiday treats is another option.
- Offer Your Artistic Talents, which may include musical talent, creative writing, dance, art, etc. Our activities coordinators are always eager to connect talented artists to our tenants.
- *Mentor and Companionship* is right for some volunteers, who get to know us and want to connect on a deeper level with our tenants. This could include escorting tenants to doctors' appointments or going on walks with them around the neighborhood. These relationships need consistency and reliability.

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