

Seeking Emergency Shelter Volunteers for 2018-2019 Season

Shelter Volunteer information/Orientation Night

Wednesday, September 26 at 6:00 PM

At St. Josephs House of Hospitality
The Rochester Catholic Worker
402 South Avenue Rochester, NY



Seeking individuals or teams of 2-4 people for three shifts.
Evening Shift, Overnight Shift, 6:00 AM–8:00 AM.
All times are flexible

We need Houses of Hospitality to give to the rich the opportunity to serve the poor. -Peter Maurin

Our Winter Emergency Shelter (October-April) depends on overnight volunteers to shelter people during the cold winter months. This ministry is crucial because it saves people's lives. We are looking for individuals, and teams of 2-4 people who will work closely with Catholic Workers to ensure everyone has a place to lay their head at night. For evening shifts (starts at 7:30 PM), we are looking for weekly, or bi-weekly overnight shelter volunteers. This year, we also have a 6:00 AM-8:00 AM shift. We are flexible with times, so don't let that get in the way! We have 40 years of experience in operating a safe shelter. Being involved in our shelter puts you directly in solidarity with the poor and marginalized of our community. We cannot express how rewarding shelter is to the volunteers who participate. You may have fears, you may have assumptions, but we encourage everyone to come to the information/orientation night and then decide if this is for you. You must be 18 years old, unless accompanied by a parent. Please email James at rochestercatholicworker@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

I prefer a church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security. – Pope Francis