



# GROUP VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Thank you so much for choosing HOPE 4 Youth for your group volunteering! We are incredibly thankful for the time, materials, and support that you are sharing with us.

Your support allows us to continue our impact in providing pathways to end youth homelessness.

This document is an example of ways that your group can support HOPE 4 Youth. Each page includes a description of a group activity.

Please contact Mari Dahlke, Community Engagement Coordinator, to schedule your group event.

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# DONATION DRIVE GROUP VOLUNTEERING

## OUR MISSION

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## DONATION DRIVE EXAMPLE CATEGORIES

- General Donation
- Hygiene
- Breakfast Theme
- Noodles and More
- Top 6 Closet Items
- Clothing
- Grab & Go Snacks
- Protein Pack
- Canned Items
- Beverages
- Cleaning Supplies
- Parenting Youth

## HOW DOES A DRIVE WORK?

**There are multiple ways a drive can happen:**

- Virtual Drive - share our Amazon, Target, and Walmart lists with the public. Items from this list will be sent straight to our Drop-In Center.
- Gather and Bring In - Organize the drive and collect items how works best for you! Then schedule a time to drop off the items.
- On-Site Drive: Schedule a date and have the public bring the items onsite! Your group can accept, sort, and organize the donations.

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The HOPE 4 Youth Drop-In Center  
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# FREEZER MEAL PREPARATION

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## WHAT DOES FREEZER MEAL PREPARATION DO?

Meal preparation is a fabulous way to support the dinner meal service at HOPE 4 Youth!

Dinner meals are available every week on Monday through Thursday nights for the youth.

Your group could use our licensed kitchen to cook dinner meals to feed 10-15 youth. If you have access to a certified kitchen, your group could also cook at the certified kitchen and bring the meals in for donation.



## WHAT SHOULD WE BRING?

Please bring all ingredients needed to prepare the freezer meals. We have all the kitchen machines, cooking utensils, and packaging materials. The "HOPE 4 Youth Kitchen Guidelines" will provide all information needed for meal preparation.

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# TIE BLANKET MAKING

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## WHAT ARE TIE BLANKETS?

Tie blankets are two pieces of fleece fabrics that are cut and tied along the edges to make a two layer blanket.

## WHERE CAN WE MAKE TIE BLANKETS?

A tie blanket group event can be done onsite at the Drop-In Center in our youth room or our kitchen tables area. Onsite times available: Wednesday between 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. or select Saturdays by scheduling an appointment with Mari Dahlke.

The tie blankets can also be made at your own location and brought in as a donation any time that works for your group.



## WHAT SHOULD WE BRING?

We ask that the group to provide all materials needed for tie blanket making.

## HOW MANY BLANKETS SHOULD WE MAKE?

Tie blankets are a closet staple year round for the youth that visit us. A group can make between 1-30 blankets.

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# KIT MAKING

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## HOW DO WE MAKE A KIT TO SUPPORT?

A kit making group event can be done onsite at the Drop-In Center or at your own location and brought in as a donation. We ask that all materials for the kits be provided by the donating group.

## KIT EXAMPLE CATEGORIES

- Grab and Go Snacks
- Breakfast to Go Kit
- Breakfast Meal Kit
- Protein Kit
- Dinner Meal Kit
- Hygiene Kits
- Full Size
- Cleaning Kits
- Parenting Kits
- Warm or Cold Weather Kit



## HOW MANY KITS TO MAKE

The amount of kits we can accept depends on the size of kit, items included, and storage space available. Please contact Mari Dahlke

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# DROP-IN CENTER CLEANING CREW

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## WHAT DOES A CLEANING CREW DO?

The cleaning crew is a great way to support the Drop-In Center by cleaning inside and outside the building.

Cleaning could include:

- Wiping down kitchen and fridges
- Scrubbing bathrooms
- Dusting the youth room
- Disinfecting surfaces
- Vacuuming and mopping floors
- Picking up litter outside

## WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

Choose comfortable clothes that are easy to move in. Pick items that allow you to move, lift, stand, and bend. Most people choose jeans and tennis shoes – but feel free to wear what is comfortable for you!

## WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

We will provide all materials for this project.

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# OUTDOOR HOPE PLACE CLEANING CREW

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## WHAT DOES A CLEANING CREW DO?



The cleaning crew is a great way to support HOPE Place by cleaning the outside of the building and yard area.

Cleaning could include:

- Trimming trees and bushes in wooded area
- Removing tree branches
- Pulling weeds
- Raking leaves and grass
- Picking up litter outside

## WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

Choose comfortable clothes that are easy to move in. Pick items that allow you to move, lift, stand, and bend while working outdoors - feel free to wear what is comfortable for you!

## WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

Gloves, rakes, hedge clippers, shears. We will provide garbage bags!

## LOCATION

HOPE Place  
80 Coon Rapids Blvd NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448

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