

### August 2024 E-Newsletter

## In Love and Service

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For Doris Herrin, volunteering at Presbyterian Night Shelter is an important part of her weekly routine since her retirement as a social worker. As a mailroom volunteer, she helps sort and deliver mail to our guests. As much as she helps those who come to her window, however, her volunteer efforts benefit her as well.

"I do receive a lot of enjoyment and pleasure and satisfaction from working with these individuals," she says, "It makes me feel as though I am providing a service to them."

There are as many reasons to volunteer as there are people who step up to do so. Over two-thousand individuals supported us by volunteering last year, and each one had their own motivation, whether answering a call on their spiritual path, finding community by participating in a group volunteer effort, or simply a desire to help others.

Our volunteers have a ton of opportunities to help at Presbyterian Night Shelter, from serving meals or making sack lunches, to working in the mailroom or laundry room, foot washing at one of our Foot Clinics, or assisting with an art project for our kiddos at Morris Foundation Family Services Center.

It's easy to get started, too. "The first thing they will do is probably call me, and we'll have a conversation" says *Judi Glover, Director of Volunteer Engagement*, "and they will fill out our volunteer application that's online. And then the next step is Volunteer Orientation."

After they attend one of the monthly online Volunteer Orientations, Glover

works with each volunteer to find their perfect niche. "Where do you see yourself at Presbyterian Night Shelter? Where do you want to be and who do you want to serve? And what does that look like – is it once a week, is it once a month?"

From her vantage point of working in the mailroom, Doris sums it up, "You never know how you can improve and enlighten a person's day or a person's life simply by being kind and supportive and patient and showing Christian love."

**Click to Begin your Volunteer Journey** 

#### **Back to School Bash!**

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our **Back to School Bash** earlier this month, both at the Morris Foundation Family Services Center and our Journey Home Housing at Seminary! The kids had a fantastic time and received a generous supply of essential school materials, so they were all set for the first day of school. We're so grateful to all of you who stepped up to provide backpacks, school supplies, pizza and Kona Ice, as well as those who contributed to our Back to School campaign!













Presbyterian Night Shelter strives to break the cycles of homelessness and empower our guests through shelter, housing, and employment.

With your support, we are able to help people like Michael provide a safe and comfortable home for his boys through Journey Home Housing. Together, we can guide the journey home for those in Fort Worth and Tarrant County who need us most. Thank you!



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#### Day of Service Volunteer Sign Up!



Don't miss out on our annual **Day of Service on Saturday, October 26th**, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM!

Join a dedicated team of community members to tackle impactful projects that will beautify our campus and enhance the experience for our guests. Whether it's painting, landscaping, or other meaningful work, your participation will make a lasting difference! Sign up today and be a part of something special.

Click to Volunteer for Day of Service!

## Save the Date!



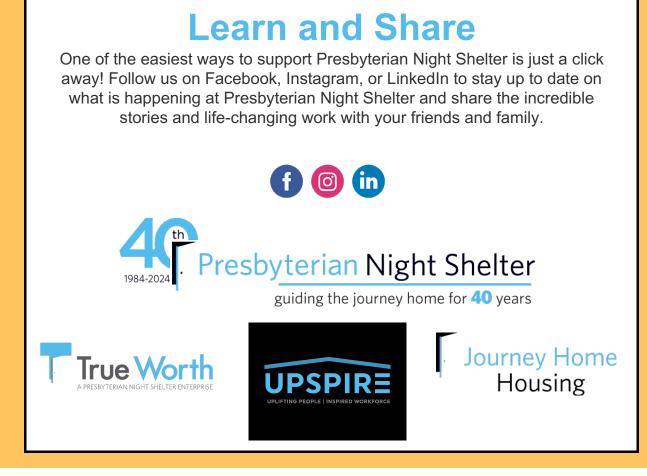


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# **Early giving begins September 1!**

Thanks to **The Morris Foundation**, Presbyterian Night Shelter has received a **\$20,000 matching grant** that will match donations dollar for dollar up to that amount, amplifying the positive changes we can make together!



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