

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

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Position Title: See below

Agency Name: Aurora Commons

Agency Description: Communal Living Room Space + Resource Center for people experiencing homelessness and extreme poverty.

For all positions, you will need to contact the Volunteer Coordinator. (Contact information is listed at the bottom of this listing.) The Breakfast Crew (aka meal prep) and Donations Sorting do not necessarily require an application (but you still need to contact the Volunteer Coordinator) but all other roles will require students to go through an intake/application process.

**Breakfast Crew - [Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 7:30-9:45am]
[Tuesday 8am-10am]**

Our breakfast crew makes approximately 200 hot meals Monday - Thursday for our neighbors in the morning before drop-in service hours.

On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, preparation takes place at Bethany Community Church's Community Life Center (CLC) commercial kitchen just a few blocks away from the Commons. You will support our Meal Team Facilitator, Quinton, in preparing, cooking, and wrapping the hot meal of the day from scratch. These will then be delivered to the Commons by staff.

On Tuesdays we make meals at our on-site facility as well. These are ready-to-eat kitchen-grade meals that you will support heating up and wrapping/plating.

Donations Sorting - [Currently Ongoing / Flexible, no fixed time]

Join Con in the Aurora Commons basement (fondly referred to as our hoard) to support going through the hundreds of items that have been donated by our community. Sometimes this means sorting through recently dropped off donations and deciding what we can take. Other times we are looking for folks to have a bit more of a discerning eye for style to pick out particular pieces. Our neighbors deserve to wear and pick out clothes that make them feel good, and not all clothes that we receive will do so.

Over the last few years, we have acquired a LOT of items, so we also need support going through the items that have already been stored. Sometimes this

means picking out more stylish pieces, other times it means organizing our shoes or household items section.

Drop-In Services Support - [Monday - Thursday 9:30am-1:30pm with the option to come during the first or second half]

Drop-In Hours offers a welcoming space for our unhoused neighbors to rest, share a meal, connect to resources, and collectively create a healthy and vibrant community. We seek to be a space for authenticity and conversation, to bring the wider community to the table to learn from one another, to be transformed by one another, and to embrace one another.

During Drop-In we see anywhere from 200-250+ people coming through our doors Monday - Thursday, 10am-1pm.

We dive into the messiness of what the day brings, we make food, share the table, grieve with one another, and celebrate together. The Commons desire to be a space where hope overrides fear, where community interrupts isolation, and dignity is offered to all.

As a volunteer you will support the services we offer and the tasks which help us maintain our space. This could look like handing out food and water at our host station, making sure our coffee/hot chocolate/tea stations are stocked and clean, keeping an eye on the space to pick up any trash or clean up messes.

Once you are more comfortable in the space and have an idea of how we do things, you may be asked to work at other stations. In our space we also have bathrooms, a clothing closet, laundry machines, and computers. We ask people to sign up and adhere to time restrictions so that as many people as possible can access these services. These require a bit more interpersonal experience, projecting your voice, and the ability to empathetically set hard and difficult boundaries.

Men's Night - [Mondays 5:30-8:30pm]

Men's Night (fellas only!) functions similarly to drop-in with a smaller crowd. Sometimes you may be asked to help finish cooking the meal of the evening, make personal pizzas, or support any of the usual tasks (except for things like the clothing closet or laundry) that folks have access to during regular drop-in. With the smaller group this also means you will get to spend more time with our neighbors! Usually this means playing card games, watching a game on TV, or just getting to know the guys that might want to chat.

Women's Night - [Wednesdays 5:30-9:30pm with the option to come during the first or second half]

Women's Night (only for our ladies and other folks on the gender spectrum) also functions similarly to drop-in, with some additional services. Katie Ross, the Women's Night Facilitator, will lead volunteers in a few activities, creating a space for our ladies to relax in the evening. We provide educational and harm reduction materials, [Bad Date List](#), connections to various organizations and resources around Seattle, and a kind, non-judgmental space for women to rest and be known.

Aurora Commons offers the only drop-in space on North Aurora directly serving women who are commercially sexually exploited, many of whom are drug dependent. We have developed relationships with over 300 women who work along Aurora. Aurora Commons is part of the CEASE Network and a part of the Adult Survivor's Collaborative with [OPS](#), [REST](#), and the [YWCA](#).

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