

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

(Updated: 8/11/25)

**Position Title:** Urban Rest Stop Volunteer - Downtown

**Agency Name:** Low Income Housing Institute

**Agency Description:** The Low Income Housing Institute develops, owns and operates housing for the benefit of low-income, homeless and formerly homeless people in Washington state; advocates for just housing policies at the local and national levels; and administers a range of supportive service programs to assist those we serve in maintaining stable housing and increasing their self-sufficiency. In 2015, LIHI started building Tiny House Villages as a response to the homelessness crisis and as a replacement for tents. Tiny houses offer tremendous benefits over tents – they are safe, weatherproof and lockable – and the Tiny House Villages allow residents to reclaim their dignity and get on a path to permanent housing, employment and connection to supportive services.

**Position Description:** As a volunteer at the Urban Rest Stop, you will learn about the inequitable disparities many homeless individuals face and assist them from overcoming barriers. In this fun work environment, you will be responsible for:

- Greeting and assisting Urban Rest Stop patrons who use the bathroom, shower, and laundry facilities
- Through cleaning of every shower
- Wiping down inside washers, laundry baskets, and bathroom counters
- Connecting patrons to needed resources
- Maintain a high standard of facility cleanliness and service, following agency standards
- Restock and control inventory

There may also be opportunity to improve and revamp promotional and marketing materials such as the website and pamphlets.

**Logistics:** Site served by many public transit routes; Orientation and all training provided at the first volunteer event.

**Qualifications:**

COVID-19 vaccination preferred

**Masks required due to patron facing, hygiene oriented tasks**

Carpentry experience valued, but not required

**Total number of weekly hours:** 2 or more hours

**Days/Hours:** M-F 7am-12pm, 1pm-5pm; S-S 8:30am-12pm, 1pm-5pm

**Number of openings:** 2 per shift

**Start Date:** Continuous

**Address:** 1924 9th Ave

**City, State, Zip:** Seattle, WA 98101

**Contact Person:** Tim Barlett

**E-mail Address:** tim.barlett@lihi.org

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**Mailing Address** (if different from physical location): 1253 S Jackson St., Seattle, WA 98144

**Web Address:** www.lihi.org

**Application Instructions:** To set up a volunteer DATE and TIME, contact the Downtown Urban Rest Stop at (206) 332-0110 and ask to speak with Tim Barlett between the hours of 6:30am-5pm M-F and 8:30am-5pm Saturday and Sunday.