



## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTIONS**

*The Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force through its partner agencies has assisted over 450 victims of human trafficking since 2004. There is no “typical” survivor in our program and help is provided to all victims regardless of age, ethnic background, race, gender, sexual orientation or immigration status. Task force partners can work with survivors for up to two years. During this time, survivors are assisted with the transition from a life of crisis to one of stability and eventually thriving. Task force partners first provide opportunities for survivors to cope with trauma and develop self-sufficiency, and later assist with obtaining employment, education, and critical life skills training.*

### **Outreach/Community Education**

Volunteers help educate the community.

- How to ID human trafficking victims in your community
- How to get victims help and how to prevent further harm
- How to support victims in your community
- How you can contribute (donate funds and what items/services needed)

Outreach includes: Orange County Fair, medical clinics, libraries, men’s/women’s service clubs, neighborhood watch, ethnic community events, retailers, etc.

### **Mentors**

Work closely with one client over a period of several months to possibly a year. Meet with your mentee a minimum of two times per month to support work toward self-sufficiency. This might include: helping them practice English (if applicable) and reading/writing skills. If new to this country, help navigate life in the US. Help pursue goals like applying to college, writing a resume, etc. May include accompanying to appointments and helping with transportation. Help develop a sense of community and a social network.

### **Interpreters**

Providing a way for victims to express emotions and relay facts in their native language is an amazing gift. Because of the ethnically diverse population of OC, volunteer interpreters are needed on stand-by for every foreign language. The greatest need is for Spanish, Vietnamese, Mandarin, and Korean. However, we have also called upon speakers of Farsi, Arabic, Tagalog, and a host of other languages to help us provide competent services to survivors of Human Trafficking. Volunteer Interpreters will work in close conjunction with OCHTTF case managers and attorneys.

### **Transportation/Accompaniment**

Drive clients to appointments as needed. Will often involve accompanying client at the appointment to help them navigate and to learn how to do a task on their own in the future. Transportation may also include helping a client learn to use public transportation by joining them and learning together how to acquire and read the maps, schedules and connecting routes, etc.



### **Emergency Client Supplies**

Volunteers in this area help find donations of items on the “Needs List.” These include survivor kits, clothing, phone cards, grocery gift cards, toiletries, etc. This involves following up with a network of churches who have expressed interest in supporting the Supply Closet. Also includes periodic organization and inventory of the Supply Closet and sending thank you notes to donors.

### **Holidays/Events**

Volunteers help organize events to create a sense of community for the clients. Events help clients get to know each other and get to know volunteers, as well as introduce foreign born clients to American traditions. Events also support clients during important holidays when they may be separated from family.

- **Thanksgiving**
  - Dinner Hosts
  - Meal Delivery
- **Christmas**
  - Gift Coordination
  - Christmas Party
- **Other Events (TBD)** – As a committee, working with staff, plan and execute the other events for the year. The goal is for one strong event each quarter. Past events have included parties for Easter, Valentine’s Day, and 4th of July.

### **Life Skills Workshops/Coaching**

Volunteers in this area have special skills and expertise to provide content-rich workshop sessions to meet client needs. Workshop length depends on topic, client need/availability, and presenter recommendations.

- Financial Literacy
- iSanctuary/Job Training
- Self Defense / Empowerment
- Computer skills
- Job Skills
- Driving practice to prepare clients for DMV driver’s exam

### **Long Term Supports**

Volunteers will help seek out community resources to support client needs.

- Long-term housing
- Job placement
- Education Supports
- Sponsoring families in home country
- Family reunification

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