

Adopt A Neighbor Overview:

For participation in Adopt A Neighbor, a church commits 10-15 parishioners who work together to solve the problem of homelessness and loneliness for one individual.

Our goal is for participating churches to consider adopting one neighbor experiencing homelessness, for every 200 parishioners in their congregation.

Adopt A Neighbor Volunteer Structure:

- Cally
 - Church Lead
 - Main Contact/Advocate
 - Volunteers

Volunteer Position Descriptions:

Church Lead:

- Will guide and help the church's Advocates
- Reports updates to Cally twice a month or in case of an urgent need
- Keeps Neighbor backup information

Main Contact/Advocate:

- Maintains the Neighborhood Team below:
- Is one of the Friends
- Reports to Church Lead once a week

Volunteers:

- Has a personal relationship with their Neighbor
- Focus is earning trust through demonstrating God's love
- Maintains commitments and visit documentation

Adopt A Neighbor Core Values

- Value comes from the Lord. We are here to communicate the value in our neighbor which already exists.
- We are here to build relationships & trust. Once we have established trust, we can encourage better/more healthy choices.
- We are here to love beyond the behavioral tendencies that marginalized this neighbor.

Reminders:

- Always honor their boundaries. This type of relationship may be new to them.
- As relationships and communities are developed, your neighbor may experience memories, discomfort, and/or sadness. If they say rejecting, hurtful, or disrespectful things to you, don't take it personally.
- We hope that through relationships with our neighbors, our perception of homelessness.

Phase 1

Housing -(1-2 people) Finding a rental location, maintaining documents, liaison with the landlord, minimum 2x a month.1.

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Documents & Legal – (2 people) Obtains and maintains documentation: I.D., social security card, etc. And handles court visits as needed.

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Fundraiser Lead - (1-2 people) Goal: \$1500 a month (housing, food, toiletries, as need basis per person, 2x month minimum check-in)

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Phase 2

Food- (2 people)

Once a week (shopping and meal prep- as decided with Advocate)

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Medical: (2 people)

Physical & mental – 2x month check-in, maintenance as needed/on cal.l

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Phase 3

Friends - (3 people)

– once a week per person (minimum 2 visits on separate days, the church can count as one visit.)

1. Main Contact Advocate
- 2.
- 3.

Finance - (1-2 people)

Developing a job/employment – (once a week and as needed)

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- 2.

Lifeskills: (2 people)

laundry/cleaning/learning a craft or area of interest – 2x a week

- 1.
- 2.

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