

Open Arms Mission seeks volunteers to help with special tasks

Open Arms Mission, a non-profit community outreach organization providing assistance to Antioch and Lake Villa township residents, is looking for volunteers to help with specific tasks.

The OAM food pantry at 1548 S. Main St. is open three days every week. Volunteers distribute food and other necessities to residents in need.

“Our main focus is to meet the needs of our neighbors through weekly distribution of food and daily necessities. We are also here to listen and determine if we can assist or refer for any additional needs,” said Executive Director Marytherese Ambacher.

The following positions are open to volunteers:

A budget counseling coordinator will help clients learn a budgeting system and will train two assistants to help facilitate the program.

A health care/prescription coordinator will design and update a health information board for clients and conduct ongoing research of local dental and medical services that accept Medicaid and All Kids program participants.

An intake coordinator will train new intake volunteers and will regularly update all intake volunteers.

A job preparedness coordinator is needed to keep and update a job board for clients and coordinate GED classes. A networking coordinator is needed to develop and facilitate a networking group and help clients with their job searches.

A special programs coordinator would facilitate special programs, track the costs and oversee volunteers for the programs.

A marketing coordinator is needed to develop new marketing programs and a marketing calendar.

OAM is also in need of an office coordinator to volunteer two days a week to answer phones and do clerical work.

"Open Arms Mission has built a solid foundation of community volunteers sharing their time and talents to distribute food, serving an average of 250 families weekly," said Ambacher. "As our families continue to be challenged with their limited incomes, we want to step up to the challenge by offering mentoring and other services."

For more information about these specific volunteer needs visit the OAM website, www.openarmsmission.org/volunteer or contact Ambacher, 847-395-0309.