

WINGS Volunteer Position Description

Title: Logistic Center Volunteer

Staff Partner: Logistic Center Manager

Location: WINGS Logistic Center
1265 Oakton St.
Elk Grove

Age: Volunteers must be 16 years or older to volunteer individually. Volunteers age 10 to 15 must be accompanied with a parent or guardian.

Time: *Most* volunteers come *once a week* for about *4 hours* at a time. All volunteering schedules are made in advance.

Commitment: Our volunteers are an important part of our team! We do provide a volunteer orientation and training to equip volunteers with the information they need. Because of this, we ask for a commitment of *at least 40 hours*. (Ex. Once a week for 4 hours at a time for 10 weeks.) And, most of our volunteers continue their involvement for much longer!

Description: Each day we receive new and gently used items through the generosity of our local merchants and community members. We sell these items to the public with all proceeds going to support our shelters, counseling, and other services. These stores are a vital part of our organization because they provide the largest and most consistent source of funds for our program. All merchandise is also available to our residents, at no cost, as they rebuild their lives after the devastating effects of domestic violence and homelessness. To minimize the risk of injury, **close-toed shoes are required**.

Volunteer Positions:

Sorter:

Goal: To support the service and fundraising goals of the WINGS resale store by accepting donations, inspecting them and then sorting them into the appropriate sections.

Description: Sorters graciously accept boxes and bags full of donated items from members of our community (and, occasionally politely declining items we unfortunately cannot accept). Then, often working together, the sorter(s) will inspect the items for damage put them into the appropriate categories for further pricing and processing (eg. women's clothing, kids toys, books, etc.). Depending on the section, items may also be placed on a hanger, receive a tag or size sticker, etc. Items that are out of season are bagged and stored for pick up from our recycler. Sorters are also always looking out for special treasures (high end name brand items, items with tags, some antiques). The specifics of our sorting system are learned through on-the-job training.

This might be a good fit for you if:

- You are a self-described “treasure hunter,” or you enjoy the surprise of opening a box with no idea what will be inside
- You know about name brands of clothing or household items (or are willing to learn)
- You will enjoy using your attentive eye to find defects on items (including missing buttons, broken zippers, small stains, etc.)
- When needed, you are able to lift 25 lbs (example; a black trash bag full of clothing)
- You love clothes, books, accessories, shoes or shopping!
- You are able to work while standing
- You enjoy being a part of a great team made up of committed and diverse volunteers and staff members