



Volunteering FAQs

What kinds of qualifications do I need?

To volunteer with Engedi you should have a commitment to ending sexual exploitation and be comfortable working with people with a variety of emotional and physical needs. Residents in the Engedi program are in a process of healing that takes many months. A commitment to empathetic and compassionate service is essential. You must be 25 years of age or older. Our volunteers must be mobile and able to drive. Significant healing of one's own trauma is important, as working with our residents can sometimes be emotionally triggering. Men wanting to volunteer will not be working directly with our residents, but can meet with Aaron to discuss ways to engage.

What training is required to volunteer?

Engedi offers a Friday night and Saturday training that introduces you to the founders of Engedi and gives you an opportunity to learn how Engedi came to be, the spiritual roots and DNA of the program, the nuts and bolts of what volunteering looks like. Saturday is dedicated to learning the ins and outs of Human Trafficking and more specifically sex trafficking and prostitution. We spend a significant amount of time learning about trauma and how to apply that in an informed & sensitive way as it is essential in the volunteering relationship.

How often is there a training?

Engedi offers training 3 to 4 times a year. Please call the ministry offices to find out when the next training is scheduled and to be put on an email list to be notified of the next one. 360.922.7600

What are the expectations of volunteering at Engedi?

- Attend our volunteer training weekend
- Complete a volunteer application
- Be able to make a 6 month commitment - consistency and stability is important for our residents
- Agree to a background check if you are working directly with our residents
- Watch the movie Nefarious by Ben Nolot
- Sign a confidentiality, statement of faith and volunteer agreement form

What are the volunteer needs?

***Respite Workers** - help insure our house manager gets the rest she needs by serving as a weekend respite volunteer once a month

***Drivers** - transport women to services, events & appointments

Lawyer able to offer pro bono services

Mechanic for ministry vehicle needs

*12 Step Sponsors for addiction recovery

*Tutors for GED classes

*Music Teachers

Fundraising – serve at a fundraising event

*Art and Crafts Facilitators

*Fitness Coaches

Lawn care and landscape maintenance

Not all the above roles are always needed. Some are only occasionally needed. The areas in **bold** are current significant needs. The * indicates these are direct services to our residents.

How can I begin to prepare for volunteering?

You can begin to educate yourself on the truth of Human Trafficking by visiting some trusted websites, reading books and watching a few significant videos. There are A LOT of resources to choose from. Below are some of our favorites that we trust.

Books

The White Umbrella
Renting Lacy
Girls Like Us
Somebody's Daughter

Websites

www.ijm.org (International Justice Mission)
www.fastinternational.org (Faith Alliance Against Slavery and Trafficking)
www.sharedhope.org (Shared Hope International)
www.exoduscry.com (Exodus Cry)

Movies

Nefarious (Exodus Cry) Chosen (Shared Hope International)

How does one's faith come into play while volunteering?

We are a Christian faith-inspired ministry and are seeking volunteers that are comfortable with our position of faith. Each volunteer must sign a "Statement of Faith". A copy of that will be provided in our training, or may be requested before attending a training.

Our desire is that each person who comes to Engedi Refuge for help and healing would have a life-changing encounter with Jesus. It is important to note that while we serve from a faith perspective, we welcome our residents regardless of their belief system, without requirement or preference. We are careful to never force or coerce a specific faith conversion or belief, trusting the irresistible love of Jesus to draw individuals to Himself and thereby transforming lives in His perfect timing.