



Position Description: Volunteer Blanket Angels

This is a volunteer position and is not compensated.

The Sophia Way's Mission

To help end homelessness for adult women in East King County by providing shelter, case management, life skills training, social services and supportive permanent housing, offering a path from homelessness to stable independent living.

Background and Goal of Position

The Sophia Way (TSW) operates an Emergency Winter Shelter (EWS) each year from October through May. The EWS is hosted by local churches, which generally do not have their own laundry facilities available for our use. About once each week, we need to wash all of the blankets used by women at this shelter, which needs to be done at a laundromat. The goal of the Blanket Angels is to pick up blankets from the EWS, transport to a laundromat, wash them, and return them to the EWS at designated times.

Duties

- Communicate with Director of Emergency Services about blanket washing schedule
- Pick up blankets from EWS in personal vehicle, transport to laundromat, wash blankets, and return to EWS

Worksite and Job Commitment

Shifts will begin and end at current location of EWS (usually Bellevue or Kirkland.) TSW will advise volunteers where nearest laundromat is to EWS. Regular commitment of 3-4 hours once per week preferred but not required. Preferred time is Friday mornings but can adjust to fit volunteers' schedules.

Qualifications

The ideal candidate will have the following qualifications:

- Valid Washington State Driver's License
- Must pass Washington State Vehicle History Check and Criminal Background Check
- Access to reliable vehicle



- Ability to lift and carry up to 25 lbs.
- Familiarity with laundromat facilities and procedures
- Must be 16 years or older to perform duties independently. Children of any age may assist qualified parent/guardian at parent/guardian's discretion.

TSW will provide bags, detergent, and quarters, but will gladly accept donations of these from volunteers or others!

To apply: Please email volunteer@sophiaway.org indicating your availability, qualifications/experience, and what draws you to The Sophia Way's mission.