



## Group Volunteer Opportunities

### Make it a Home

Interfaith Community Services currently has 19 apartment homes and families needing your love and attention. By 'Adopting-A-Unit', you are helping prepare one of our more than 80 apartment units for a new family to move in. Preparations can include painting, minor home repairs, and furnishing of the home with furniture and basic house-wares, such a bedding, linens, and small kitchen appliances. Then, be involved and mentor the new family through Interfaith's Mentor-A-Family program. Support the family in helping achieve their goals by providing guidance, encouragement, and a support system that will propel the family to self-sufficiency. There are many ways that your group can help make a lasting, heartfelt impression on a local North County family.

### Organize a Family-Fun Event

Interfaith Community Services offers a one-year transitional, supportive housing program for 35 homeless families. Interfaith's apartment homes are all located on Aster Street in Escondido. Different groups have organized unique special events for our families. In a sampling of the some of the events groups have hosted for our homeless families have been picnics, themed holiday party (Valentine's Day, Easter, Halloween, Christmas), BBQs, Summer Block Party, Sports Days, and a mini-carnival. The possibilities are endless...

### Serve or Prepare Meals for Those in Need

From preparation to service, help make a delicious meal for our Veterans who live at Merle's Place, a 44-bed transitional shelter for homeless Veterans on-site at Interfaith's Main Office in Escondido. With the help of our Resident Cook, teams of 4-6 people can prepare and serve the meal. Often to accommodate larger groups, Service Clubs will rotate service for a particular weekend, with some volunteers coming for breakfast on Saturday, dinner on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday, and dinner on Sunday.

6:30 am – 9:00 am for Breakfast (4-6 Volunteers Needed)

11:00 am – 1:00 pm for Lunch (1-2 Volunteers Needed)

4:30 pm – 7:00 pm for Dinner (4-6 Volunteers Needed)

OR, help prepare a meal for one of our two Emergency Shelters for Women, both located in Escondido. Groups can bring a prepared meal to one of our shelters. Each shelter is located in a residential community and provides housing for six women, and a resident manager.

### Community Beautification Day

Join Interfaith's efforts and make our community beautiful. Volunteer Groups can dedicate a weekend or day to help refurbish our shelters, develop a green-thumb with gardening at one of our housing programs, help a low-income senior keep their home beautiful, participate in fire prevention brush clearing from seniors homes, or paint and clean an apartment to prepare the home for a new family.

### Organize a Collection Drive

Last year, Interfaith Community Services distributed more than 400,000 emergency food items to families and individuals in our community. Help keep our shelves stocked to feed the hungry by organizing a community food drive. Groups have also organized special collection drives: baby supplies, towels, new socks, blankets, toy drive, and specialty food drives like Thanksgiving Baskets or Easter Baskets.

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