

Vine Project Compassion



A general informational session for Project
Compassion Volunteers

Mission

Vine Project Compassion (VPC) is the Vine Church's ministry to individuals and families in our community that are homeless or in need. Project Compassion looks to bridge the basic human needs gap for food, clothing and shelter; provide some level of safety, health and overall well being and foster the social needs of individuals by providing support to those in crisis. In all of this we hope to show individuals in need that through the love of Jesus lives can be restored and renewed.

Who VPC Serves...

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." -Matthew 11:28

- ◆ VPC exists to serve families with young children who are either in a homeless situation or those that without outside assistance would become homeless that show a willingness to encounter positive change.

Our Hope for Vine Project Compassion Families

- ◆ We hope to show individuals in need that through the love of Jesus, lives can be restored and renewed.
 - "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."
-Luke 4:18 & 19

- ◆ We do this by showing them God's love by not only providing basic needs such as food, clothing, and shelter, but by offering some level of safety and by coming around them as a community of people to guide and encourage them, fostering the social needs of individuals and providing support to those in crisis.
 - "What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."
-James 2:14-17

What is Expected of our Families

- ◆ We expect families to be as transparent and honest throughout the entire process disclosing any information that may be helpful.

- ◆ Families are expected to be committed to moving from a position of homelessness or temporary housing to one of permanent housing.
- ◆ In extreme family situations VPC will be able to extend two-weeks worth of immediate services including temporary housing and food. During this time families are committed to meeting with a representative of Project Compassion for an initial interview and twice during the two-week evaluation period.
- ◆ We encourage able-bodied family members to be committed to finding gainful employment during the initial two week period. Families are also expected to continue their employment search during the formal process where services will be extended for a maximum of three months if requirements are met.

What's Expected of our Volunteers

In an effort to help potential Vine Project Compassion (VPC) volunteers understand their role in serving our families, we have established the following guidelines:

- ◆ Project Compassion Volunteer teams are committed to working collaboratively to assist the families in providing coordinated meals, assist with minor housing requests, locating food resources, transportation, employment and other reasonable requests.
- ◆ Volunteers are to be committed to utilizing Vine and other available resources in helping our families complete the transition from homelessness or temporary housing to permanent housing.
- ◆ Volunteers are expected to show extra care, patience and commitment in assisting families throughout the process.
- ◆ Volunteers are expected and are held accountable to keep information about clients confidential (see confidentiality agreement).
- ◆ We reserve the right to extend a welcome to our families to Vine Community Church related services and events.
- ◆ Pray, pray, pray. We need people that can and will pray protection, wisdom, and God's guidance for the program, leaders, families, other volunteers, as well as future planning.
 - The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.
-James 5:16
 - "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. ²⁷And he who searches our hearts knows

the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.”

-Romans 8:26 & 27

How We Love Our Families: Areas of Service

- ◆ Administrative Volunteer
- ◆ Moving/Cleaning Team
- ◆ Case Worker/Counseling Volunteer
- ◆ Family Support Team Volunteer

Administrative Volunteer

- Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

-1 Peter 4:10

- ◆ **Responsibilities:** Organizing resources (includes calling resources to find out what services they offer) and organizing/sorting files. Contributes to the development of VPC through various administrative tasks (grant writing, organizing, communication with other agencies and resources).

- ◆ **Requirements:**

- Commitment to the Vine Church through membership required (or in process)
- Consistent weekday commitment
- Knowledge of VPC and its services required
 - In-house training
- Approval required by VPC director (Cavanaugh Gray)

Moving/Cleaning Team

- “When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.

-Proverbs 11:2

- ◆ **Responsibilities:** Help families by cleaning, moving furniture, and new home “kits” into a permanent home for the families. Also, by putting together these kits from a prearranged list of household items.

- ◆ **Requirements:**

- Commitment to the Vine Church through membership required (or in process)
- Spontaneous time commitment (Volunteers would be kept on a call list based on an as needed basis)
- Approval required by VPC director (Cavanaugh Gray)

Family Support Team Volunteer

- “Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men.”
-Ephesians 6:7

◆ **Responsibilities:** Face to face interaction with families, consists of 3-5 specially trained volunteers, that develop one on one relationships with our families. As a team, these volunteers work with families as support by meeting with them wherever they live, providing friendship and practical support such as assisting them through difficult and exhausting physical, emotional, and spiritual times.

◆ **Requirements:**

- Commitment to the Vine Church through membership required (or in process)
- Time commitment varies.
- Knowledge of Project Compassion and its services is vital.
- Approval required by VPC director (Cavanaugh Gray)

Case Worker/Counselor

- “Your statutes are my delight; they are my counselors.”
-Psalm 119:24

- “But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”
-John 14:26

◆ **Responsibilities:** Face to face interaction with families, meets regularly with VPC families for short term, goal-oriented counseling, works hand-in-hand with Case Managing Volunteer

◆ **Requirements:**

- Commitment to the Vine Church through membership required (or in process)
- Consistent 2 days a week commitment
- Knowledge of VPC and other area resources
 - In-house training
- Social work education or social services work background preferred
- Approval required by VPC director (Cavanaugh Gray)

Getting to know you

Name:

Birthday:

Small Group Leader:

How long have you been attending the Vine?

Are you a member or working towards membership?

How did you hear about VPC?

Why are you interested in serving in this area?

Do you serve anywhere else in the church? If yes, in what area(s)?

Getting Involved

I am interested in...

Check as many boxes as your heart desires.

Administrative/General Office Volunteer

Moving/Cleaning Team

Family Support Team Volunteer

Case Worker/Counseling Volunteer