LANCASTER COUNTY FOOD HUB

812 North Queen Street Lancaster, PA 17603

Position Title: The Welcome Place Low Barrier Emergency Winter Shelter Operations Attendant

Reports To: Shelter Coordinator

Status: Full Time Temporary; up to 40 hours per week, three potential shifts: 8 pm to 2 am; 2 am

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PROGRAM SUMMARY: The Lancaster County Food Hub (LCFH) provides a low barrier, coed, emergency, overnight shelter, seven days a week with expanded bed capacity during Winter Shelter months, December 1 – March 31. Our focus is on providing a warm, safe, and dry place for those who are unsheltered with the ultimate goal of helping them secure more stable living conditions.

JOB SUMMARY: This is a full time, temporary position including some weekends.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Coordinate supply needs in coordination with Shelter Manager; retrieve supplies from 812
 N. Queen Street as assigned
- 2. Serve as onsite contact for Shelter Manager and associated contractors, e.g. portable toilets, trash, and other contractors
- 3. Serve as a consistent and positive presence for guests, partner agencies, volunteers and visitors.
- 4. Complete nightly check-ins for guests (first shift only)
- 5. Ensure all safety and security procedures are being implemented on each shift.
- 6. Handle all emergencies by contacting appropriate authorities and completing appropriate incident reports.
- 7. Ensure security staff and shelter attendants conduct bed and facility checks to ensure the safety, welfare and security of guests during their stay.
- 8. Report all maintenance issues to Shelter Manager
- 9. Maintain the highest level of confidentiality in relation to services users and staff and all information, written or verbal, concerning the shelter
- 10. Ability to work flexible hours and days during this time frame.
- 11. Support volunteers in acclimating to the shelter rules and procedures, as needed.
- 12. Other duties as assigned.

EDUCATION, KNOWLEDGE AND COMPETENCIES:

Education, Certifications and Knowledge:

- High School Diploma or GED
- Experience working in underserved population required
- Social work experience appreciated
- Bilingual with Spanish appreciated
- Basic computer skills
- Valid PA Driver's License.
- PA Criminal Background Check and PA Child Abuse clearances are required.

- Strong interpersonal and communication skills including the ability to interact well with individuals of diverse socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds.
- A commitment to maintain a high standard of work performance, attendance, appearance, and punctuality at all times
- Ability to multi-task and maintain organization in a changing, at times hectic, environment.
- Ability to identify and effectively address core issues and concerns in a variety of situations.
- Capacity for handling delicate or difficult interpersonal situations effectively and tactfully.
- Capacity for working effectively with all people, including those with mental illness and/or addictions.
- Willingness to proactively seek supervisory input, resources and information needed to accomplish job.

SUPERVISORY: None

MENTAL AND PHYSICAL DEMANDS; including ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS:

- Assist with setting up and breaking down of shelter
- Frequently make quick decisions and concentrate on tasks at hand in spite of distractions which interfere. Continually handle a diversity of problems and performs multiple tasks.
- Operate a computer approximately 10% of the work hours, 75% of the work hours are spent walking the facility and interacting with clients.
- Ability to operate a motor vehicle.
- Must be a self-starter and motivated.