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**"Restoring Hope, Transforming Lives"**  
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## **Group Event Guidelines**

We are excited that you desire to volunteer for a group event at the Olympia Union Gospel Mission. This opportunity can provide a rewarding experience in working with God as He works in the lives of people who are totally dependent on His mercy and grace. We offer the following suggestions/guidelines as you consider how God is leading your group to participate with the Mission.

### **Guidelines**

For the safety of our clients and for the effective functioning of the Olympia Union Gospel Mission, we do have certain guidelines by which we ask you to abide.

- Group needs to appoint a primary contact to help coordinate management of the activity and group with the Mission.
- At a minimum, group leaders shall receive basic volunteer orientation (condensed), including a tour of the Mission.
- We are pleased that you want to volunteer; but want you to be informed that we have an open door policy for clients who may be any of the following: offenders, drug or alcohol users.
- Best time for specific volunteer activities is suggested as: 1:30-5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Arrangements can be made for Saturday and Sunday or other time frames during the week. Saturday hours are 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with meal being served from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Youth (age 17 and below) require special consideration:
  - Youth shall not be left unattended at any time while at the Mission.
  - There needs to be 1 adult for every 4 youth 12 and under and 1 adult for every 6 youth 13 -17 years old.
  - No youth will be put in a one-on-one situation with staff, client or program people.
  - Youth shall have a signed OUGM parental permission slip (attached) to participate here.

### **Suggestions for Events at the Life Recovery Center, Downtown Olympia**

- Worship songs or special music
- Skit or Special Videos

- Puppet Show
- Raise money to send children of parents who are in our program to church camp
- Collection drives for the following items - clothes, sleeping bags, backpacks, shoes, coats, and personal hygiene.
- Accompany a staff person on community visits to help promote the Mission (Medical & Vision)
- Car Wash or Yard Sale to support a Mission Ministry Olympia Union Gospel Mission Group Volunteers for Special Events
- Vehicle maintenance/upkeep
- Deep cleaning projects
- Help with a special Mission event (fund raising event, annual meeting, etc.)
- Arts & Crafts projects with patrons
- Hosting a Holiday event
- Games or similar activity with patrons i.e. Bingo w/prizes, etc.

The objective is to model Christ-like living patterns with patrons.

These are merely suggestions. If you have something else in mind, please feel free to call and discuss your idea. The main objective is to provide a service, model Christ-like living patterns and/or share the Gospel with patrons.

To arrange for a group event at the Life Recovery Center, downtown Olympia, please call Cody Howard at 360-709-9725, ext 106.

To arrange for a group event at the Life Transformation Program, please call Jerry Gatton at 360-709-9725, ext 103.