# **Saving Grace Job Description**

POSITION: Weekend Shelter Coordinator and Lead Advocate

REPORTS TO: Shelter Manager

STATUS: Full-time, Non-exempt

OBJECTIVE: Support weekend operations and advocacy of emergency sheltering

program

WAGE: \$21.95+/hr depending on experience, plus generous benefit package

**DUTIES:** 

Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

### ADVOCACY SUPPORT ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Provide guidance as needed for day-to-day advocacy and sheltering.

- 2. Address resident complaints and/or problems; resolve concerns with residents.
- 3. Train and support team members to resolve client problems.
- 4. Ensure client needs are being met by collaborating with and directing advocates.
- 5. Provide feedback and ongoing training to Advocate Team.
- 6. Communicate staff needs for additional guidance or support to Shelter Manager.
- 7. Facilitate weekly Team meetings (on rotating basis with manager)
- 8. Promote cultural inclusion.

### WEEKEND SHELTER COORDINATION:

- 1. Ensure weekend shelter staff are supported by being the first line of contact for client staffing.
- 2. Maintain the weekend staff scheduling, filling in absences as needed.
- 3. Meet with Shelter Coordinator and Shelter manager on a regular basis to ensure the full shelter team is well supported and working cohesively.
- 4. Provide emotional support to weekend advocates and conduct bi-weekly check ins.
- 5. Assist team members in sharing client workload and related duties.
- 6. Communicate client needs to the advocate team.
- 7. Train and support weekend advocates.
- 8. Support shelter manager with interviewing, hiring, and training employees.
- 9. Support Shelter Manager in training new employees in areas such as philosophy, agency policy, procedures, and community resources.

### **COMMUNITY RELATIONS & FUNDRAISING:**

- 1. Serve on community committees/teams as requested. Advocate with community partner agencies as needed.
- 2. Model agency mission and philosophy; serve as liaison to community organizations and committees and task forces, service providers and general public.

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3. Provide outreach. Ensure outreach is designed to increase access and awareness for potential victims regarding dating violence, intimate partner violence and sexual assault.



- 4. Make presentations to volunteers, professionals and community groups.
- 5. Promote social change ending violence against women and other vulnerable populations.

### **DIRECT SERVICE:**

- 1. Provide services to intimate partner, sexual assault, stalking, and trafficking survivors. This includes crisis counseling, in-person crisis response, follow-up after crisis response, safety planning, support groups, transportation, legal services, emergency assistance, court advocacy, information and referrals, sheltering, etc.
- 2. Participate with other staff on hotline, back-up and chatline; answer office phones as needed.
- 3. Network and advocate for survivors' needs with other community agencies.
- 4. Coordinate with other teams and service areas to collaborate on client care.
- 5. Ensure that all requests for services via email have been responded to.

#### ADMINISTRATION:

- 1. Keep accurate statistical records of services provided.
- 2. Provide assistance with grants and statistical reports, as required.
- 3. Assist Shelter Manager with updating shelter rules and intake
- 4. Maintain signage in office and in the shelter.
- 5. Coordinate and maintain office appearance and upkeep.

## **EDUCATION and/or EXPERIENCE**

One to two years working in family violence or related social services experience and/or training; experience with team leadership and/or program coordination; or equivalent combination of education and experience.

### **PREREQUISITES**

- 1. Ability to work with a broad range of people from diverse backgrounds and life experiences.
- 2. Flexibility and sense of humor.
- 3. Ability to organize program details.
- 4. Ability to work under stress and respond effectively to crisis situations.
- 5. Ability to demonstrate initiative and handle a diverse workload.
- 6. Good problem solving skills.
- 7. Reliable, responsible, energetic.
- 8. Ability to practice and demonstrate good self-care to address job stress.
- 9. Proficiency on appropriate software and Internet.

### REQUIRED FOR HIRE

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- 1. Complete Saving Grace 40+-hour training.
- 2. Pass criminal background check, other background checks as required.
- 3. Sign binding confidentiality agreement.
- 4. Valid Oregon Drivers License and reliable, insured vehicle.



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