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Volunteer Needs



Grant Writers

Volunteers with grant writing experience to help 2 - 4 hours/week.

Curriculum Writer

Volunteer with creative writing expertise to work 5 hours/week.

MomsHope

Volunteer mentor to help in the MomsHope program.

OneCity Needs

Furniture

The OneCity office is in need of high quality, used conference room

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OneCity Pro-Am

The OneCity Pro-Am was a terrific success! We netted close to \$200,000 which will continue to fuel program development and mentor placement and recruitment. We're so grateful to hosts Brad and Colleen Johansen, Steve Flesch, as well as key sponsors Prasco, Local 12 and all the other sponsors and participants who made this a reality! Thank you!



A Letter from Mark Stecher

Commitment. The word can conjure uncomfortable associations for many of us: obligation, stress...even drudgery! Commitment can feel like bondage --holding us back from growth and freedom. But a world without commitment would be a world of disorder, disappointment and hopelessness.



For instance, imagine a city in which there was no commitment to following the "Rules of the Road" or the chaos that would ensue if people chose not to form lines at the post office, grocery store, or tollbooths. We all know the problems that result from broken marriage covenants, and we've witnessed the demise of financial institutions with their lack of commitment to obey established regulations.

Alternatively, there are some very positive results which commitment delivers: confidence, hope, perseverance, loyalty, trust. Freedom is perhaps one of the greatest outcomes of true commitment. When commitments are made and followed-through on, you begin to take people at their word, allowing you to move forward in freedom. True commitment yields rich rewards.

furniture. If you can help please contact onecityinfo@onecity.org

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One of our Whiz Kid tutors spends time with a third-grader who lives with his mom and sister. On the rare occasion the boy sees his father in the community, the man turns away, pretending not to even see his own son. The boy looks up to his tutor, inviting him to his ball games and over to his house to hang out. They chat on the phone and are building a nice friendship. By the tutor continuing to invest in the little boy, both boys are blessed ("One new City, two lives at a time"). Those who keep their commitments cultivate hope and foster this value in others. Guess what the little boy wants to be when he grows up? A tutor!

With all the busyness of life, it's easy to think, "I need a break. I don't have time to renew my commitment. Let someone else do it now." But I think the question we have to ask is, "If not me, who?" We are all created to contribute in some unique way. Sure, life gets busy and commitments can be hard to keep, but they're the cornerstone of relationships. We need to get in the game and stick with it.

With fall approaching, it's a good time to re-new our commitments or perhaps to say yes for the first time to serving with us. There are needs and opportunities everywhere. We need you. Please join me in committing to changing our city, two lives at a time. It will change your life!

2 Thess 3:5

May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.

Volunteer Highlight

-By Megan Busch

An Outlet for People to Change

An Outlet participant recently shared with me that he had decided to develop and stick to a budget-his aim being to support a child in Africa through an international mission. Beaming with pride, he said that because of the giving spirit of the volunteers, he wanted to be a "giver", too. Two other guests shared with me their personal commitments to improve their lives. Both had decided to get sober...one reporting 19 days and the other 22 days clean.



During my involvement with the Outlet for the past three years, I've

seen first- hand what the struggle to change looks like. I've witnessed success and failure. I've seen guests persevere through difficult circumstances like trying to beat addictions or getting off the streets into decent, affordable housing....and along the way I've also been inspired by steadfast volunteers whose commitment to serving those in poverty in our city is unsurpassed. At OneCity we believe it takes two-"One new city, two lives at a time". The dedication and perseverance of volunteers motivates and inspires guests to have the courage to change...a perfect example of how people working together all benefit.

Being in relationship with people in poverty might seem like a thankless endeavor, but through investment and commitment, lives truly change for the better. Vulnerable and hurting people are accepted, loved, and empowered to create new lives. As one guest put it, "Because of your friendship and the people who serve at the Outlet, I have decided to make changes in my life, and I have a brighter future." That spurs me on to even greater commitment!

Megan Busch has been a faithful, long-term volunteer at the Outlet for the past three years, helping guests hone their artistic skills through painting, drawing and other art forms.

To get engaged and help make a difference in someone's life, please check out our [website](#) or contact Brian Young at brian.y@onecity.org.

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