

ABOUT THE DUTCHESS
COUNTY COALITION FOR THE
HOMELESS

DCCH

DCCH is looking for volunteers interested in reaching out to our homeless neighbors in Dutchess County through participation in our overnight shelter program. DCCH, a project of Hudson River Housing, fills a critical need, offering homeless adults a safe place to sleep, two meals, a shower, transportation and access to case management services.

We are the only walk-in overnight shelter in Dutchess County and we welcome volunteers to help staff the shelter during the evening and prepare meals, if possible.

DCCH has been serving the homeless since 1986. In the past, the shelter has operated out of local churches and the Salvation Army. The shelter had a nightly capacity of five guests. In December of 1992 we moved into our new and permanent home at Hillcrest House, on the grounds of the Hudson River Psychiatric Center. In addition, DCCH has added a part-time Case Worker and links with the Dutchess County Departments of Mental Hygiene, Social Services and Health to directly serve the needs of our guests.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER?

Each weekend evening, two volunteers are needed to assist the staff coordinator and to spend a couple hours during the evening at the shelter. The evening begins at 8:15 p.m. and volunteer coverage is required until 11:00 p.m.

WHAT WOULD YOU NEED TO DO?

Prepare and serve a simple evening meal.

Provide conversation and a friendly atmosphere for guests.

Clean-up after meal.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

All shelter guests are screened prior to admission at the First Congregational Church, 269 Mill Street, Poughkeepsie, between the hours of 8:15-9:00 p.m.

Each evening, a DCCH staff person is present to do the screening, transport the guests to the shelter and oversee the evening's activities.

All volunteers are provided an orientation which includes an evening's observation and training regarding shelter policies and procedures.

HOW CAN YOU BECOME A VOLUNTEER?

Simply complete the form below and return it to us. Someone will be in touch with you soon. You may also call us at (845) 452-5197.

I'M INTERESTED IN BECOMING A VOLUNTEER

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone:

Day _____

Evening _____

E-mail _____

THANK YOU!

DUTCHESS COUNTY COALITION
FOR THE HOMELESS

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