



“Volunteers are the root system to a successful program!”

– Tammy Cantrell

Please mail the form in an envelope to:

The Shelter of Gaston County
Attn: Shelter Outreach Specialist
Gaston County Dept. of Health & Human Services
330 N. Marietta Street
Gastonia, NC 28052

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

is extremely important and vital to The Shelter’s program and goals.

The mission of The Shelter of Gaston County is to empower victims of domestic violence by providing emergency shelter, advocacy, and support on their journey to an abuse free life; and to lead the community in raising awareness of domestic violence and its devastating consequences.

SHELTER SERVICES

- 24-hour Crisis Line
- Emergency Shelter
- Counseling
- Court Advocacy
- Information and Referral
- Linkage to Community Resources
- Bilingual Services
- Safety Assessment and Planning
- Support Groups
- Free Training for Human Services Professionals
- Free Community Education Programs
- Parenting Class
- Temporary Child Care
- Transportation
- Assistance in Filing Victim’s Comp



The Shelter
OF GASTON COUNTY

A Battered Women’s Residence and Resource Center
Gaston County Health & Human Services
330 North Marietta Street
Gastonia, NC 28052

Website: www.TheShelterofGastonCounty.com

24 hr. Crisis Line: 704-852-6000

Shelter Fax: 704-852-6004



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Volunteer Opportunities



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YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

WHY VOLUNTEER?

There are many reasons why volunteering is a good idea. Whether you volunteer by yourself, or with a group --

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Volunteering is a great way to . . .

- ✓ get involved in the community
- ✓ gain knowledge and experience
- ✓ share your knowledge with others
- ✓ offer assistance to those in need

- ✓ **Community Outreach:** Distribute posters and brochures in the community. Host speakers at your civic, supper or book club. Keep your neighbors and friends informed of The Shelter's needs and projects.
- ✓ **Evening Meals:** Sign-up for a one-time or monthly scheduled supper meal and deliver to The Shelter in disposable containers.
- ✓ **Donations Collection Site:** Work at The Shelter Storage Building. Sort and organize the donations.
- ✓ **Childcare:** Provide respite care for moms who are needing a break, job hunting or going to appointments, on days without scheduled childcare.
- ✓ **Child Education:** After school tutoring, homework and help with projects and reports. Read books to younger children, giving some one-on-one time, as a positive role model.
- ✓ **Special Projects:** Plan and lead children and/or ladies in fun and creative activities such as parties or arts and crafts.
- ✓ **Hauling and Moving Assistance:** Lend a hand and a truck to assist clients moving into their new apartments and houses, when they leave The Shelter.

- ✓ **Maintenance:** Participate in clean-up projects for The Shelter's exterior and interior. Interior, adopt a room for monthly deep cleaning. Exterior, pick up trash or pull weeds from the gardens.
- ✓ **Pro Bono Attorneys:** Offer free legal assistance in civil protective hearings and explain to our residents how the legal system works.
- ✓ **Fundraising:** Organize and sponsor a fundraiser event. Donate the proceeds from a coin drive, bake or craft sale, car wash, raffle, auction, school/church carnival. Support us with our various fundraising events.
- ✓ **Professional Workshops:** Provide classes on-site to share skills and expertise in order to help women achieve independence and stability.
- ✓ **Hair Stylists and Personal Groomers:** Provide haircuts, manicures and/or massages on-site for Shelter residents. Must be licensed.
- ✓ **After Hours Helping Hands:** Assist The Shelter Night Operator with meal preparation. Help with everyday light household duties and cleaning tasks to ensure The Shelter is tidy, welcoming and comfortable for our residents.
- ✓ **Wish List Collection:** On a regular basis, collect items needed; such as retail gift cards, body wash, bath towels, juice box drinks and diapers, according to our monthly Shelter Wish List.

I would like to know more about The Shelter. Please contact me.

I would like to volunteer. Please mail me a volunteer packet.

I would like to receive a monthly newsletter. Please email me.

I would like to schedule a speaker on domestic violence.

I am enclosing my tax-deductible contribution of \$ _____. Make checks or money orders payable to:
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I would like my donation to be:
_____ in memory of _____ in honor of
Name: _____

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City _____ State _____
Zip _____ Phone _____
Email _____