



**StandUp for Kids** is a national non-profit organization dedicated to ending the cycle of youth homelessness, one youth at a time. We care for homeless and at-risk youth by transitioning them from crisis to connection. Volunteers at our **San Diego** chapter carry out our mission by supporting local homeless youth via our Outreach Center, our Street Outreach program, mentoring and housing support.

**StandUp for Kids San Diego** is looking for volunteers who are passionate about helping homeless youth in the following roles:

- Outreach Center Volunteers
- Outreach Center Supervisor – Saturdays
- Street Outreach Volunteers
- Director of Street Outreach
- Housing Support Volunteer
- Event Coordinator

#### **Position Descriptions:**

- **Outreach Center Volunteer**

Outreach Center Volunteers for StandUp for Kids San Diego support our homeless youth at our Outreach Center in downtown San Diego.

Volunteers chose one evening a week (Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays) to provide services from 5-8pm. Volunteers serve food; provide resources such as clothing, shoes and hygiene items; oversee access to laundry and shower facilities; and offer counseling for our youth in need. Outreach Center Volunteers may also be involved in street outreach initiatives.

Prior experience is a bonus but not necessary; training is provided.

- **Outreach Center Supervisor – Saturdays**

Outreach Center Supervisors for StandUp for Kids San Diego oversee the operations of the Outreach Center during Center

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hours of 5-8pm. We are in need of a Center Supervisor for Saturday evenings.

The Supervisor oversees Center Volunteers in providing services and resources to our youth in need, coordinates Volunteer schedules to ensure sufficient trained staff are available, conducts intake for homeless youth new to the StandUp for Kids program, and interacts with and counsels our homeless youth. The Supervisors are also part of the Leadership Team.

Ideally we are looking for volunteers with experience in leadership roles in non-profit organizations. Training is provided.

- **Street Outreach Volunteers**

Street Outreach Volunteers support our mission to end the cycle of youth homelessness by connecting with on-the-street kids and homeless youth in need of services.

Street Outreach Volunteers are often the first line of contact with homeless youth. Working under the guidance of the Director of Street Outreach, Street Outreach Volunteers visit local transportation stops, libraries, parks and other areas where street youth may congregate. Working always as part of a team, Street Outreach Volunteers provide street-based support to on-the-street kids and homeless youth including outreach food packs, hygiene kits, and counseling. Street Outreach Volunteers identify qualified referrals to the Outreach Center and provide overviews of the services that StandUp for Kids offers.

Must have excellent interpersonal skills with the ability to interact with a variety of youth in different circumstances. Must be excellent listeners with good problem-solving skills. At all times Street Outreach Volunteers ensure safety by following risk reduction training. Prior experience is a bonus but not necessary; training is provided.

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- **Director of Street Outreach**

The Director of Street Outreach supports our mission to end the cycle of youth homelessness by directing the Street Outreach program for San Diego (often the first line of contact with homeless youth) and leading a team of Street Outreach Volunteers, connecting with on-the-street kids and homeless youth in need of services.

The Director of Street Outreach defines priorities for the Street Outreach program, assesses opportunities and develops plans to capitalize on them, including high impact locations and routes for connecting with on-the-street youth. He / she recruits, trains and oversees Street Outreach Volunteers in establishing a consistent and reliable presence at local transportation stops, libraries, parks and other areas where street youth may congregate. The Director of Street Outreach oversees the activities of Street Outreach Volunteers to provide street-based support to on-the-street kids and homeless youth, including outreach food packs, hygiene kits, and counseling. The Director of Street Outreach trains Street Outreach Volunteers to identify qualified referrals to the Outreach Center and provide overviews of the services that StandUp for Kids offers.

Management experience is required; must have demonstrated effectiveness in working effectively with at risk individuals. Must have excellent leadership and communication skills with strong organization and planning skills. Must ensure that Street Outreach Volunteers optimize their safety at all times by following risk reduction training. Additional training is provided.

- **Housing Support Volunteers**

Housing Support Volunteers support our mission to end the cycle of youth homelessness by providing support and resources to youth in need of transitional housing. Housing Support volunteers research, identify and communicate information about accessing community housing

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resources. They also survey youth regarding their housing issues, concerns and needs (including site visits), and prioritize key resources required. To the extent possible, they identify resources within StandUp for Kids to support these housing needs.

Must have strong communication skills and be resourceful. Prior experience is a bonus but not necessary; training is provided.

- **Event Coordinator**

Event Coordinators support our mission to end the cycle of youth homelessness by planning and facilitating fundraising and other community awareness events.

Working together with the Community Engagement and Development Coordinator, the Event Coordinator helps plan and run various events, including procuring items needed for events, setting up and taking down booths and displays, taking photos and engaging with event attendees.

Must have good organizational skills, be resourceful and have strong communication skills. May need to be able to volunteer during weekdays and/or on weekends. Prior experience is a bonus but not necessary; training is provided.