

DIRECTIONS YOUTH SERVICES CENTRE
Dusk to Dawn
FOOD PROGRAM DONATIONS/FOOD SECURITY VOLUNTEER

This is an evening volunteer position, reporting to the Food Program Coordinator and Supervisors of the Dusk to Dawn/Night Resource Program. Hours of attendance are typically between 4:00-6:00pm.

PURPOSE OF THE POSITION

To provide support to the Dusk to Dawn food program by assisting in managing food donations received from the Vancouver Food Bank used to operate a kitchen which provides hot meals for homeless youth in Vancouver's Downtown South.

Duties and Responsibilities

1. Working with staff to receive, organize, and otherwise manage food donations
2. Assisting in preserving perishable food received in surplus (ie. canning or dehydrating)
3. Maintaining health and safety standards in the kitchen
4. Communicating with Food Program Coordinator and program management
5. Ensuring safe food handling and storing procedures
6. Ensuring kitchen is kept at a high standard of cleanliness
7. Maintaining relevant documentation and time sheets
8. Adhering to all program and agency policies, procedures, and safety standards; including but not limited to the agency's confidentiality policy
9. Modeling positive social behaviour for program participants
10. Maintaining a culture of 'People helping people help themselves'

QUALIFICATIONS

Experience:

- Experience working with homeless youth or with other marginalized populations is an asset
- Applicants with personal experience with addiction or street involvement require a minimum of two years clean/sober and away from services
- Experience with food security planning and preservation is an asset

Knowledge:

- Knowledge about nutrition and safe food handling
- Knowledge about food security issues an asset
- Knowledge of cooking, baking, and food preservation an asset

Skills:

- Social skills, a desire to help, and a belief in the immense benefit of feeding people
- Ability to work independently at times

Volunteer Position. Multiple days available. Please Contact for more information:

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