



**Rainbow Place**

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## **Holiday Volunteering at Rainbow Place**

We are very grateful for the generosity of our donors and volunteers at the holidays, and we want to be good stewards of that good will. At Rainbow Place, we celebrate the following holidays with good food, good fellowship, and some gifts or treats. We are a small shelter, so it is important that you contact the Volunteer Coordinator in advance of the holiday in order to schedule your participation. This creates an efficient system in which each woman receives a fair amount of high-quality items without duplication.

### Thanksgiving Day

A volunteer family or group prepares and delivers a Thanksgiving Day meal to Rainbow Place to feed 25 women for dinner. The meal should include turkey, some kind of potatoes, stuffing, vegetable and either apple and/or pumpkin pie.

### Christmas

We enjoy serving the women a special **Christmas Eve** meal. A volunteer family or group prepares and delivers a special Christmas Eve dinner. The same family or group can serve the meal that evening, or an additional family or group can come in to serve the meal prepared by others.

Since Rainbow Place is open all day on **Christmas Day**, we are in need of additional volunteers. We have three volunteer shifts for 2-4 volunteers each around breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

We seek a family or group to prepare a special **Christmas lunch**, preferably a hearty soup and bread.

We seek a family or group to prepare **Christmas dinner**. Some suggestions include roast beef, ham, or turkey.

We collect holiday gifts for the women. If you are interested in **donating stockings, gifts, or any other Christmas items**, it is important that you contact the Volunteer Coordinator by December 1 or earlier. We ask that the items remain unwrapped and that they are delivered to the shelter by December 22.

### New Year's

A special meal is served to the women on New Year's Eve and on New Year's Day. A family or group prepares and delivers these meals to Rainbow Place. The same family or group can serve the meal that evening, or an additional family or group can come in to serve the meal prepared by others.

The shelter is open all day on New Year's Day, and there are three shifts of 2-4 volunteers available.

### Valentine's Day

We enjoy serving the women a special Valentine's Day meal. A volunteer family or group prepares and delivers the meal. The same family or group can serve the meal that evening, or an additional family or group can come in to serve the meal prepared by others.

We collect Valentine's Day gifts for the women. If you are interested in **donating gift bags or candy**, it is important that you contact the Volunteer Coordinator by January 30 or earlier.

**Location:** Your home and/or the Rainbow Place shelter



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**Reports to:** Volunteer Coordinator

**Age Requirement:** At least 12 years of age. We have the right to make exceptions for small, well-supervised groups of mature children under the age of 12. All volunteers under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian when volunteering to serve meals in the shelter.

**Dress Code:** None

**Form(s) required:** (1) Volunteer Application; (2) Waiver of Liability; (3) Confidentiality form