



*Creating pathways out of homelessness, domestic violence and sexual assault leading to safe, stable and empowered lives*

Doorways is honored to welcome Amazon to our community as a partner working to solve homelessness.

**Volunteering with Doorways is easy! We need your support—whether you are an individual or group—at all levels throughout our programs.** We provide community-based support, emergency shelter, long-term housing, and wraparound services to youth, families, and survivors of abuse experiencing homelessness. Our programs impacted more than 4,000 adults, youth, and children last year alone, and the need for our services is growing.

Join us now at [www.DoorwaysVA.org/amazon](http://www.DoorwaysVA.org/amazon). We can't do it without you!

## Volunteer Opportunities

**Volunteers are critical to our mission.** Doorways offers volunteer experiences that range from positions working with our clients and volunteering on a regular basis to community service projects. **Interested in volunteering as an individual or group? Please contact Veronica Floyd at 703-504-9284 or [VolunteerInfo@DoorwaysVA.org](mailto:VolunteerInfo@DoorwaysVA.org).**



*"Doorways continues to give us so much more than we feel we've given."*

*#WhyIVolunteer*

### Individuals

**Volunteers are key members of the Doorways team** out in the community, at our administrative offices, and in our shelters. Volunteers can and do train to work in virtually all of Doorways' programs! *See the back for volunteer position requirements and training information for each level.*

- **Level 1:** Volunteer opportunities that do not require any orientation or training and can be done by any individual or group on a one-time or ongoing basis.
- **Level 2:** Volunteer opportunities which include minimal or no direct interaction with Doorways' clients.
- **Level 3:** Volunteers provide direct support to Doorways' clients.

### Groups/Teams

*Global Giving reports that half of employees believe their employer should connect them with opportunities for charitable engagement.* Volunteering is a great way to do good and strengthen your team at the same time!

- **Level 1:** Help make our shelters feel like home with days of service, fundraisers, collection drives, and more.

### Families

Parents and caregivers often ask how their whole family can support Doorways' mission. Young people are a very important part of our community, and there are several ways they can volunteer their time to help their neighbors. Visit the Doorways Kids' Corner at [www.DoorwaysVA.org/kids-corner](http://www.DoorwaysVA.org/kids-corner) for **10 Ways Youth Can Get Involved**. To learn more, please contact Linley Beckbridge, Communications and Outreach Manager, at 703-504-9283 or [LBeckbridge@DoorwaysVA.org](mailto:LBeckbridge@DoorwaysVA.org).

*Serving the Arlington community since 1978*

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# Requirements and Training

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Passion for our mission	✓	✓	✓
Online training		✓	✓
On-the-job training		✓	✓
Background Check		Required for Facility Volunteers and Yard Care Volunteers	✓
Commit to at least 2 shifts per month for a minimum of 1 year		✓	✓
Must be at least 18 years old and not enrolled in local high schools		✓	✓
Doorways' Core Training (40+ hours of online, classroom, and on-the-job training)			✓

## Level 1 Volunteer Opportunities

- **Community Advocate:** Learn about our clients' needs and advocate on their behalf. Attend an event, join our online communities on Facebook), Twitter, Instagram, and more!
- **Fundraiser:** Host your own fundraising event or online fundraiser to support Doorways' critical work.
- **Conduct a Drive:** Collect needed items such as household and personal care items, school supplies, etc.

## Level 2 Volunteer Opportunities

- **Administrative Office Volunteer:** Assist with answering phones, special projects, research, spreadsheets, and other administrative tasks as needed. Daytime availability needed.
- **Facility Volunteer:** Provides small-scale handyperson services and skills at our shelters. Volunteer shifts consists of 2-3 hours every 2 weeks or as needed. Regular daytime work hours preferred with occasional evenings.
- **Yard Care Volunteer:** Provide yard care services at our shelter. Volunteer shifts available at least twice per month.

## Level 3 Volunteer Opportunities

- **Safehouse Coverage Volunteer:** Provide direct service to shelter clients. Answer 24-Hour Domestic & Sexual Violence Hotline, provide information and support to people in crisis, and assist staff in the day-to-day operations of the shelter.
- **Family Home Coverage Volunteer:** Provide direct service to shelter clients. Answer helpline, provide support to people in crisis, provide information, and assist staff in the day-to-day operations of the shelter.
- **Hospital Accompaniment Volunteer:** Provide crisis intervention, advocacy, referrals and support to survivors of domestic and sexual violence at the hospital.
- **Children's Program Volunteer:** Provide childcare while parents attend important meetings such as weekly support groups and parenting groups.
- **Volunteer Interpreter/Translator:** Looking to use your language talents? Many of Doorways clients' primary language is not English. Provide interpretation at group and individual client meetings.
- **Community Education/Outreach Volunteer:** Support Doorways and connect with the community by tabling at events and assisting with awareness months. Volunteer opportunities are limited and are on an as-needed basis.

