



# Volunteer engagement options

## St Vincent de Paul Society

### There are many ways in which volunteers can engage with the work of St Vincent de Paul Society in the Northern Territory.

The following list is just a starting point! Contact us to discuss which option is best for you.

#### For those who love to help

- Visit an elderly person in their home for a cup of tea, to read to them or simply have a chat
- Take an elderly person on an outing
- Serve breakfast or lunch to those experiencing homelessness at Ozanam House
- Do the laundry for those experiencing homelessness at Ozanam House
- Prepare a hamper of personal items that will support a person experiencing homelessness
- Prepare a “glory box” for those transitioning from one of our facilities
- Be part of our emergency relief service
- Prepare Christmas hampers for our clients
- Serve Christmas lunch at Ozanam House, Ormonde House or Bakhita

#### For those who love the outdoors

- Do gardening at any of our sites
- Take our clients on a fishing trip for the day
- Take our clients to the park for a BBQ
- Take our clients on a special outing eg: Territory Wildlife Park, Crocodylus Park

#### For those who are handy or crafty

- Lead a Men’s Shed type activity with our clients
- Spend the day with our Maintenance team and assist with a project
- Paint one of our facilities
- Lead a craft activity with our clients
- Knit blankets for our clients
- Design craft items for sale in our Vinnies stores (eg: nappy packs, jean bags, fascinators)

#### For those with faith

- Conduct a bible study group with our clients
- Visit an elderly or lonely person in their home to pray with them
- Offer prayer groups for those that request prayer on our website
- Prepare daily bible verses for our website
- Prepare daily inspirational quotes for our Facebook page



#### For those with specialised skills

- Be a bus driver for group outings
- Share your multi-lingual skills to support those isolated due to low literacy or English
- Offer tuition for students or to older people wanting to improve their English
- Share your IT skills and conduct classes or individual sessions to improve computer literacy
- Assist us with troubleshooting IT issues that occur in our offices/stores/services

#### For those who love to cook

- Prepare group meals for our clients at Ozanam House or Ormonde House
- Conduct cooking classes for our clients at Bakhita, Park Lodge, Ormonde House and Bernhard Street
- Prepare individual meals for the elderly who are part of our Community Home Support program
- Prepare special treats for our clients

#### For those with artistic or musical talent

- Share your musical skills by performing for our clients or at events hosted by St Vincent de Paul Society
- Provide musical tuition to our clients at Bakhita, Park Lodge, Ormonde House and Ozanam House
- Conduct art classes with our clients
- Conduct art classes with the children of our clients
- Conduct an art class with several elderly clients in a group setting

#### For professional people

- Use your research or data analysis skills to:
  - Lead or assist a research project to understand the needs of our members and volunteers
  - Undertake a research project to identify gaps in our service provision
  - Conduct data analysis to better understand our clients and their needs
  - Manage a research initiative to advocate for change in key areas of our service
  - Review our donor base and donation history to identify opportunities and areas for improvement
- Use your financial skills to:
  - Improve our asset management practices and conduct regular reviews of our asset registers
  - Improve our management reporting
  - Set up regular reporting on rent arrears and vacancy rates within our Housing portfolio
  - Assist with end of month activities
  - Providing financial literacy training to our clients
  - Assist clients with budgeting



- Use your marketing, photography or writing skills to:
  - Conduct a brand audit across all St Vincent de Paul Society locations
  - Review our website for structural, navigation and content changes. Implement changes.
  - Visit our stores to review our merchandising and create visual displays
  - Develop a photo gallery of merchandise, clients and facilities
  - Prepare a series of press releases or case studies of activities across the Society
  - Prepare our Instagram posts for the week
  - Prepare our Facebook posts for the week
  - Provide event management assistance for events such as Community Sleepout and fundraising events
- Use your fundraising skills to:
  - Review our fundraising campaigns to identify opportunities and areas for improvement
  - Conduct fundraising appeal
  - Conduct fundraising events and provide support for major initiatives
  - Review our donor base and donation history to identify opportunities and areas for improvement
- Use your HR skills to:
  - Review our induction process and make recommendations of areas for improvement
  - Prepare induction kits
  - Prepare reports on staff retention
  - Review results of team/volunteer satisfaction surveys and develop initiatives to improve team/volunteer engagement and satisfaction
  - Prepare training plans for all team members and volunteers

#### For outgoing people (who love to be part of a group)

- Volunteer in one of our Vinnies stores

#### For those who love to organise and make order out of chaos

- Provide administrative support in our office
- Sort clothing in a store or in our warehouse
- Decluttering an elderly person's home as they prepare to move to Residential Aged Care
- Providing life skills to clients to ensure smooth transition to their own home

**Call us on (08) 8948 8100 to volunteer today!**