

Ruth Harbor Volunteer Description:

Babysitter

Mission - Through grace, Ruth Harbor provides a Christ-centered home, programs and comprehensive services resulting in positive life change for young women who have experienced unplanned pregnancies, and their babies.

About - More than a shelter or home, Ruth Harbor is also a program which includes life-coaching, medical care access, counseling, spiritual guidance, education support, employment or volunteering encouragement, and parenting training and/or adoption assistance at no charge. We are a team and fully support each other so that together we can accomplish more. If you are passionate about helping others and have a heart for reaching out, Ruth Harbor may be a good fit for you. Above all, we seek to live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the way we work and interact.

Babysitting – To enable the House Parents to take residents off-site for family night so they have time outside of the House for family-oriented activities.

- Plan and entertain
- Feed children dinner and clean up afterwards, may occasionally need to finish preparing dinner
- Not responsible for bath time or bed time

Skills Needed –

- Able and willing to follow instructions
- Must be over 18 years of age and female or a married couple with the wife always present during volunteer times.
- Able to pass a background check to protect resident safety
- Willing to pass First Aid/CPR training if not already certified

When – Once a week on Wednesday nights for a few hours typically from 5PM to 8PM, however times may fluctuate occasionally and will be communicated advance with volunteers

Where – Ruth Harbor House, 534 42nd Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50312

Additional Information – Volunteers must read through, agree with, and sign the Ruth Harbor Statement of Faith. Volunteers are not compensated for their time or gifts, however if appropriate, gift-in-kind receipts for donated goods or services may be given. Volunteers will be required to have a background check to protect client safety before being able to volunteer at Ruth Harbor.

How to Apply

- Provide contact information for two character references including one from your local Pastor
- Complete the Volunteer Application (download a copy from RuthHarbor.org or call the office to request a copy be sent to you)
- Sign the Ruth Harbor Statement of Faith (download a copy from RuthHarbor.org or call the office to request a copy be sent to you)
- Submit all materials listed above via one of the methods listed below:
 - Mail or Physical Drop-off: Ruth Harbor, 534 42nd Street, Des Moines, IA 50312
 - Email: Volunteer@RuthHarbor.org
 - Fax: 515-633-2157