Volunteering Fact Sheet





For over 25 years Lighthouse Foundation has successfully supported over 800 young people to break the cycle of homelessness. Lighthouse provides homeless young people from backgrounds of long-term neglect and abuse, with a home, a sense of family, and around-the-clock therapeutic care that is proven to work.

"It's so rewarding volunteering on the Lighthouse Springvale Committee. I know that I'm making a real difference in my local community."

Ralph Todisco, Springvale Committee Member

Volunteering that makes a real impact

Lighthouse volunteers play an integral role in our Therapeutic Family Model of Care™. Each volunteer is an example of our communities commitment to support homeless young people.

Volunteers support our program in a variety of ways - helping to upkeep our residential homes, fundraising and assisting at events, completing various tasks at our Youth Resource and Administration Centre and supporting our carers and young people through our Community Committees.

Corporate volunteering opportunities

There are exclusive opportunities to volunteer at one of our Lighthouse homes across Melbourne or in our Youth Resource and Administration Center in Richmond alongside our carers and young people.

Opportunities are limited to corporate partners and longterm friends of the Foundation.

Community committees

If you're ready to step up and make a regular, ongoing commitment to ending youth homelessness, then a Community Committee might be right for you.

Our committees are a crucial element of our specialist model of care, providing real, tangible support to our homes, carers and young people. Made up of dedicated volunteers, each committee ensures that their local Lighthouse home remains open by supporting the basic needs of the home, carers and young people.

Committee members meet monthly and are supported by a Lighthouse staff member. To learn more about committee volunteering contact <u>fundraising@lighthousefoundation.org.au</u>.

Volunteering requirements

All Lighthouse volunteers are required to complete the following:

- 1. Working with children check
- 2. CrimCheck
- 3. Privacy and confidentiality statement

Volunteers who have direct contact with the young people in our care are also required to undertake a psycho-social screen with one of our Lighthouse psychologists.

To volunteer or to find out about corporate volunteer opportunities please contact fundraising@lighthousefoundation.org.au or 03 9093 7500.

