



Thank you neighbors, partners and friends for the wonderful support the residents have received since the village opening. We are grateful for the generosity of many to help improve the lives of this community.

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Or begin the process by submitting your [volunteer application](#) now

Month One Update:

- The residents volunteered at a local marathon, handing out water bottles and cheering the runners. They each received \$20 for volunteering, but all agreed to donate half of their money to a community fund to pay for a village barbeque.
- The KWV now has a writing group, originated by one of the Villagers. Each Friday, participants meet to write about their experiences with a focus on nature and life on the streets.
- Volunteers from Mahlum Architects came to the Village to help build a privacy fence. One resident ran out of her home with a large container filled with dozens of paints. The rest of the day, the residents spent painting the fence together, filling the wooden fence with hearts, peace signs, animals and flowers.
- Medical access for multiple residents. While living on the streets, many of the residents were unable to access medical and dental care. Since coming to the Village, these women have been able see doctors, dentists and seek appropriate medical care for their needs. Their pods have provided not only safe and cozy sleeping space, but also space to recuperate from chronic health issues. An advocate for one resident came by in the last week and said the individual she works with is looking healthier and happier that she has ever looked before.
- The residents are working together to design their own garden with the assistance of Food by Design. The garden is shaped like a four leaf clover with heart-shaped leaves, and is

maintained by the residents. Food by Design comes once a week to help the women garden and to teach lessons in growing food, composting and about health and sustainability. It is our hope that some of the women become apprentices at the main Food by Design site, getting paid to help create gardens. The Villagers hope to share produce with the neighborhood as soon as there is a crop!

Get Involved with the Kenton Women's Village

Provide a Meal

Are you part of an organization, group or parish that would like to provide a meal?

Dinner for 14 women

- Nutritious, complete meal including main dish, side vegetable and starch, beverage and dessert.
- Optional – additional raw fruit and vegetables, pantry staples of salt/pepper, butter, milk, nut butter, sliced bread, granola bars.
- Deliver in disposable dishes (containers delivered will be treated as part of the donation)
- Deliver to KWV between 4:30pm to 5:30 pm on a pre-arranged day.

Community Partner Volunteer

Become a community partner and offer support and encouragement to a KWV resident as she transitions from Village life to permanent housing. The Community Partner role will spend time with a resident, offering friendship and building social support.

Responsibilities include:

- Social support – meeting resident at the library, going for a walk in the neighborhood or going to coffee together, joining her for a meal at the Blanchet House
- Coaching/Mentoring – assisting residents with completing forms or registering for benefits, assisting resident with finding an internship, apprenticeship or GED tutoring
- Accompanying – support a resident by driving to court appointment or other appointments for services (i.e. health appointments, job placement, education)

Time commitment:

11 months with approximately 2 to 4 hours per week
Can be shared as a volunteer team

Property Maintenance Mentors & Leaders

This is a team volunteer project. We are seeking 4 volunteers who will be mentors and leaders for on-going physical property maintenance projects at the Kenton Women's Village. Our goal is to provide the residents with an on-call team of volunteers who can assist with general village repairs and improvements. The maintenance leaders will be mentors to interested village residents who are willing and able to donate their labor to the project.

Duties include:

- Property repair projects that enhance the community environment and utilize the skills of individual(s) interested in donating manual labor
- Basic repairs for individual pods, shared spaces and security fence

Requirements:

- Basic knowledge of labor skills: painting, building, demolition, remodeling, repairs
- Knowledge of safe use of power and hand tools
- Knowledge of principles of lifting and carrying heavy objects
- Physical strength and ability to work in a manual setting with limited concern of injury
- Know how to recognize potentially dangerous situations
- Ability to mentor residents in light construction and Pod repair projects and community space repairs.

Responsibilities:

- Sign in and out in the volunteer log every visit
- Receive project specific instructions from village managers
- Ask for clarification before starting all projects
- Protect work crew and residents at all times
- Maintain a safe environment while working
- Provide hydration, shade and breaks for working crew
- Keep area clean and safe during work and at completion of the project
- Keep entrances and exits free of debris and clutter
- Immediately report any injury, fall or change in condition of a volunteer, staff or resident to your supervisor - assist with any incident report as necessary
- Return equipment to storage area

Time Commitment:

This position is on-going for the existence of KWV.
Seeking 4 regular Maintenance Leaders
Approx. 4 hours per week.
Preference for on-call availability