



**Site:**

COTS, Inc.

**Description:**

COTS is a non-profit organization that provides temporary transitional shelter for homeless men and women in the Fox Valley. COTS strives to respectfully provide homeless individuals a safe and affordable place to live, food, household needs and training on basic living skills enabling them to transition to self-sufficiency and independent living.

**Address:**

Men's Program  
913 S West Avenue  
Appleton, WI 54915

Women's Program  
1003 W College Avenue  
Appleton, WI 54914

**Directions:**

To get to the Men's Program location, head south on S Lawe St. for about 0.6 mi and turn left at E South River St. and continue for 0.4 mi. Turn right on SW Ave. Destination will be on the right. To get to the Women's Program location, head west on E College Ave. towards S Durkee St for 0.7 mi. Destination is on the left.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

Cooking meals with or for the residents, watching movies with the residents, leading arts and crafts programs, book clubs, games or other forms of entertainment. Volunteers can mentor residents in computer skills, typing, resume writing, and reading. Some residents would like to be paired with an 'exercise buddy' to help motivate them to go to the YMCA. Some residents would be grateful for occasional babysitting. Administrative volunteers are also needed to help research grants and do instructional writing (such as writing rulebooks, policies and procedures). Tech-savvy volunteers can help fix wireless internet, design brochures using graphic design programs. Volunteers are also needed to file invoices and make phone calls for donations.

Campus organizations or small groups can also volunteer to lead programs like community-building activities, group game nights with LU students, etc. Any programming that addresses basic living skills or COTS' goal of transitioning residents to independent living is welcome. Entertainment from campus groups is also welcome, but is harder to facilitate depending on the size of the group.

**Qualifications/requirements:**

Volunteers must be 18 years old and willing to submit to a background check.

**Time Commitment:**

No specific time commitment is necessary. We prefer that volunteers can come in regularly on their own schedule, but one-time activity volunteering is also available.

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