

Volunteer Possibilities at Anchor House Fall 2020 into Winter 2021

LOCATION – Port Manatee 135285 Eastern Ave. Palmetto, FL

Phone – 941-722-0764 or mobile – 941-812-1841

Anchor House and the Truck Center, serving seafarers, truckers, and dock workers at Port Manatee, are staffed with volunteers serving along side employees. Each volunteer serves one or more shifts and/or days per week. The opportunities and shifts are noted below. Training is available for each volunteer position.

KITCHEN AND CENTER HELP

Shifts:

10am – 2pm Weekdays

5:30 – 9:30pm Weekday evenings depending on ship/dock
schedules

Please contact (914)722-0764 for current open shifts

Duties – Microwaving food, cashier, some cleaning, fill beverage coolers

NOTE- A team of 2 is good, but single volunteers are welcome.

VAN DRIVERS (age under 80 years old)

Shifts:

- Weekdays and weekends afternoons - on call.
- 6-10pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday.

Duties

- Drive seafarers from Port Manatee to shopping at Walmart in Palmetto, Premium Outlet Mall in Ellenton, or, occasionally, to other places such as Best Buy. Often you drop off and then return to pick up later.
- Bring list of riders to Access Center to check seafarer out of the port. Check riders back in upon return.
- Conversation and sharing Christian literature as appropriate.

NOTE – Usually a single driver is needed per shift.

TRUCK CENTER

The truck center, located just outside the Port Access control, serves truckers only and not seafarers. It is a place truckers can gather, wait and rest.

Shifts:

- 10am – 4pm Tuesday or Thursday

Duties

- Microwave a limited menu of food.
- Sell drinks and engage in conversation as appropriate. Be friendly.
- Provide Christian literature from our supply.
- Set up for showers in our facility and clean up after use. Mopping as needed.

NOTE – A good opportunity for a team of two.

DITTY BAGS Great project for churches, church groups or service organizations

Items are collected throughout the year to be distributed to seafarers during the holidays November- January.

Provide any of the following:

Knit or crochet watch caps

Sewed ditty bags

Collect or purchase items for the bags

Details at www.anchorhousemission.com/getinvolved/

NOTE

Ship schedules vary day to day and week to week.

The Anchor House schedule varies according to the ships' schedules.

Some flexibility is needed

SAFETY

Currently, Masks are required in the center for volunteers and staff. Drivers must wear masks while transporting seafarers. Basic handwashing and very regular sanitizing of surfaces keeps everyone safer.

BENEFITS

- International mission work just a few miles from your home and contact with seafarers from many nations.
- Caring and serving our hardworking port workers.
- Satisfaction of making a real difference for “essential workers.”
- The joys of a caring network of volunteers working together.

HOW TO SIGN UP

Call our center phone number 941-722-0764

Set up a visit to our center at Port Manatee.

Fill out our volunteer signup form.

Complete training for chosen area of service.