

## **Volunteer Possibilities at Anchor House**

LOCATION – Port Manatee 135285 Eastern Ave. Palmetto, FL

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

Anchor House, Inc., serving seafarers, truckers, and dock workers at Port Manatee, is staffed with volunteers and 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 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday

5:30 – 9:30pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday

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.

## **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/](http://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.