



Events: SFFC Volunteer Orientation

When: Saturday, September 19th 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Where: Twin Cedars' Coleman Center, 701 Lincoln St., LaGrange

Who's invited? Anyone interested in SFFC ministry

**** Please RSVP by email to cgibson@twincedar.org ****

A glimpse at isolation...

When a crisis strikes, many of us turn to our relatives, friends, and church family for support. But for some parents, there isn't a safety net. Often problems such as drug addiction, domestic abuse, incarceration, or illness can be debilitating, making it impossible for parents to care for their children. With the changing economy, more families are experiencing crisis, unemployment, and homelessness. During such crises, children are especially at-risk for neglect or abuse as their parents struggle to cope with crushing circumstances and emotions.

Imagine living this vulnerable with no one to reach out to, paralyzed by the imagined fear of losing your children if you called for help. The amount of stress and anxiety, not only by the day to day responsibilities, but with the desperation of soon having no way to feed and care for your children in which you love so much.

A teacher asked a parent (who had been hiding their desperation for years) why she didn't let her know she needed help. The parent tearfully explained that she feared losing her children and being evicted from the

place they had been sheltered. And a police officer, emotional from what he sees, asks a desperate parent to trust him as he finds resources to help stabilize a family in crisis, while knowing his resource list is few and overburdened.

These are real life stories that parents and social service personnel experience everyday; but together, we can help.

If you or someone you know are interested in helping SFFC, please call us at (706) 616-8028 or email us at cgibson@twincedar.org.

Volunteers motivated by their faith...

"Ministering God's love to families in need"

Generosity...

Hospitality is about generosity. Generosity is a lifestyle that flows out of an attitude that's cheerful and thankful. Generous giving is faithful and gives with its sights on eternity.

One of the best resources we have to give is our time. Our lives should be 'poured out' to others. When we take time to 'pour into' someone else, we help change the course of lives

for generations to come. Giving of our time is a simple act of obedience that is rich in Kingdom treasures that last for eternity.

I read an article that taught when working with the poor, we must discern whether their situation calls for relief, rehabilitation, or development. Often times, the answer is all three; however, this requires time spent to mentor.

If you know of someone needing your time today, give it generously. Our world needs us to give generously...

"You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

- 2 Corinthians 9:11

Volunteer Opportunities

- Host Family
- Ministry Lead
- Family Coach
- Family Friend
- Resource Partner
- Community Outreach
- Support Groups
- Intake

There's a place for everyone to serve.

For More Information:

To become a SFFC Volunteer or to refer a family to SFFC, please contact:

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