



Volunteer Opportunities

Organizational Support

These volunteer opportunities have a wider impact on the organization and the women we serve. Because these roles do not require contact with program participants, volunteers need little to no training or preparation and therefore are excellent first steps for groups or individuals interested in engaging in the work of supporting incarcerated and formerly-incarcerated women. The time commitment is minimal, more flexible and can include one-time engagement.

Reentry Simulations

Host

Hosting a Reentry Simulation introduces the work of reentry to large groups of individuals by allowing them to experience the challenges that face women during the first weeks immediately following their release through an eye opening immersive exercise.

Volunteer

Reentry Simulation Volunteers work alongside Arise Collective staff in delivering the experience to participants. They are given detailed instructions, props, and materials needed to fulfill each unique role. *Please Note: Prior participation in a reentry simulation is required.*

Resource Coordination

Resource Coordinators serve as a bridge between Arise Collective staff and the broader community in sourcing, securing, and distributing resources that directly benefit women in our programs, including donation drives for:

- Hygiene and other items for women inside the prison
- Household items for our reentry homes
- Furniture upgrades for our reentry homes
- Items for **Queen for the Day** and other reentry baskets
- Holiday items (i.e. Christmas trees or other holiday decorations, homemade holiday meals, presents, etc.)

Office Support

Office Volunteers help our administrative staff in a variety of ways by helping to schedule, coordinate, and execute events and outreach opportunities (Reentry Simulations, Fundraising & Outreach Events, etc.), assist with mailings, do data entry, document phone messages, or organize digital data and folders, among other tasks.

Direct Participant Support

These volunteer opportunities involve direct touchpoints with one or more program participants and therefore **require the completion of our Mentor & Volunteer Basic Training**. These opportunities are great for anyone who wants to be more involved on the ground and face-to-face with the women we serve. Though it varies depending on the role itself, the time commitment for these roles is generally higher.

Service Projects

Service projects are opportunities for groups to work alongside or on behalf of the women we serve. These projects may or may not involve sustained contact with the women we serve directly. In the event that they do, some volunteer training may be required. Examples of Service Projects may include: Coordinating and delivering home cooked meals for the reentry homes, coordinating reentry Home beautification efforts, group or community gardening experiences, etc.

MATCH Supervision

Mothers And Their Children (MATCH) is a program which offers incarcerated mothers intensive and ongoing supportive parenting training. Mothers in prison participating in the MATCH program have the ability to visit with their children more often and for longer periods of time, which occurs inside a comfortable and cheerful room called the *MATCH Center*. Instead of correctional officers, these visits are supervised by trained volunteers, allowing for a more personal and comfortable visitation experience.

Transportation

Transportation provides support for women traveling to medical and job-related appointments, faith-based events and worship, meetings and other support activities, Arise Collective programming, and more.

Outings

Enrichment activities engage the women we serve in new experiences that bring them joy, insight, or healing. We are always open to anyone wishing to sponsor an outing that is both safe and healing for our participants, and enlightening for everyone. Sponsors may join these outings if they have completed volunteer training.

Mentoring & Tutoring (Group and Individual)

The long-term effects of a healthy mentoring relationship can be life-changing. Having a stable support system has been shown to increase a woman's chance for success and reduce the likelihood of recidivism. We offer a wide array of relational supports for women in the weeks and months following incarceration. Completion of our Volunteer & Mentor Basic Training is required, as well as a second Mentoring Program Orientation & Training. These prepare interested community members with information to effectively serve women in this capacity.

If you or your community are interested in any of the above opportunities, please contact our Volunteer & Outreach Manager by emailing outreach@arise-collective.org