**Welcome and thank you for your interest in volunteering at Jeremiah Recovery House.**

**The Jeremiah Recovery House community has long held the belief that love is the most powerful force for social change in the world. Volunteers are a vital part of the community and include our founder, board members, health and business professionals, artisans, educators, retirees and students. Volunteer gifts of time and talent at Jeremiah Recovery House result in enormous practical and spiritual benefits for all. Our goal for volunteers in our community is to celebrate women as they move from addiction, human trafficking, childhood abuse, prostitution, and homelessness to a life that is spiritually rich, economically self-sufficient, emotionally full, and drug and alcohol free.**

**Interested volunteers and visitors are invited to visit Jeremiah Recovery House for our morning meditation circle and a first-time visitors’ tour led by a Jeremiah Recovery House resident or graduate. This can be followed by volunteer work, and one-on-one time with the Volunteer Coordinator/Case Manager, Isy Dean.**

**Out of consideration for fire codes and capacity considerations, we ask all volunteers and visitors to notify Jeremiah Recovery House to schedule your visit at jeremiahhouse2911@gmail.com**

**There are several weekly opportunities to visit or volunteer.**

**Mondays: Coming soon!! By reservation only: group visitors, lunch and tour of our Hydroponics social enterprise.**

**Tuesdays: By reservation only: single or group volunteers. Meditation circle, and tour/orientation for 1st timers, volunteering in our gardening center 8:45AM-11AM.**

**Wednesdays: By reservation only: single or group volunteers. Meditation circle, and tour/orientation for 1st timers, volunteering in the Sewing Studios 8:45AM-11AM or 1:00PM-4:00PM**

**Every Day: (Daylight hours) By appointment- Stroll through our beautiful yard/garden and Meditate in the tradition that you practice as you hold the women who have yet to find their way home in your heart.**

**Contact us at** [**jeremiahhouse2911@gmail.com**](mailto:jeremiahhouse2911@gmail.com) **to plan your visit. You can also receive information regarding other volunteer opportunities by signing up for the "Volunteer/Mentor Team” on our website or Facebook page or by emailing us with your request to be added to our volunteer e-newsletter list.**

**Jeremiah Recovery House**

**The Lord placed deep in the heart of founder, Vickie Poulson, a vision of a home where women could find hope and realize their own potential for a bright and prosperous future. Jeremiah Recovery House, (501c3), a non-profit organization ) that was named after the prophet, Jeremiah proclaiming the word of God found in Jeremiah 29:11 “ For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans for a hope and future.” Vickie wanted to share the freedom and grace she experienced through the word of God. That scripture proclaims a truth and promise to all! God's plan for them in not necessarily what they have been or currently are experiencing. Jeremiah House is a home for women who are wanting and desiring a new beginning. A place to live a life of sobriety and health. A loving place to offer hope, healing and home. Women receive training, full and part-time management opportunities, and asset building for economic independence through matched savings opportunities and a financial literacy programs.**

**Jeremiah Recovery House has operated successfully for 5 years by leaning and relying solely on God’s promise to provide and through the generous hearts of our donors, mentors, and volunteers. We have been blessed with a handful of monthly donors, support from local churches, a few local grants, individuals, and some local business. We are in the beginning stages of our social enterprise ventures. Our Hydroponic Garden “Jezreel Garden” and our craft business, “Sowing from the Heart” will allow us to become self-sufficient and contribute to our community in a positive economical way. Our volunteer support is what will allow us to remain true to the mission. By providing long-term, disciplined, and compassionate community, women can have the opportunity to heal from deep wounds that date back to childhood. The long-term goals for Jeremiah Recovery House residents are 1) alcohol and drug addiction recovery 2) legal long-term employment**

**3) education and training to enhance employment opportunities 4) safe, permanent housing 5) improved physical, emotional, and spiritual health; and 6) family reunification and improved social functioning.**

**Volunteering at Jeremiah Recovery House**

**Volunteer work at Jeremiah House is service-oriented with the focus being the needs of residents and graduates. The following principles are informed by the needs of the women in the community as well as what living and working in community requires for health and safety. Everyone who is part of Jeremiah Recovery House are asked to honor and practice them.**

**Confidentiality**

**The stories you hear from women at Jeremiah Recovery House are not to be shared with others. Each woman has a story to tell, but they are the precious pearls that belong to the individual. Absorb the knowledge and let it inform your compassion, respect and commitment to the community. You are welcome to share the story of Jeremiah Recovery House and your experience volunteering or mentoring, but the stories of residents and graduates are to be considered confidential. If you have concerns about an individual’s safety or the safety of the community, share them immediately with staff members.**

**Honesty**

**Honesty is crucial for recovery from addiction and trauma as well as for healthy relationships and communities. Secrecy and denial are hallmarks of both addiction and trauma. In the early stages of addiction or the immediate aftermath of trauma, secrecy and denial can be viewed as attempts to cope with unbearable pain. At some point secrecy and denial become part of the problem so that in recovery, individuals must learn to be honest with themselves and others.**

**Intuition**

**If anyone at Jeremiah Recovery House—staff member, resident, graduate or volunteer--asks something of you that causes a small feeling of "Should I be doing this?", trust that feeling. The Volunteer Coordinator and other staff members are available to answer questions or address your concerns.**

**Respect**

**Healthy boundaries and self-awareness are acts of respect not only for yourself but also for women in recovery Jeremiah Recovery House. While many staff members and volunteers experience personal healing through service to our programs or organization, these are not therapeutic settings and should not be viewed as a means to obtain pastoral, addiction recovery and/or mental health support by volunteers. By respecting boundaries, you are actively practicing love heals and therefore furthering the mission.**

**Consistency**

**If you make a commitment to Jeremiah Recovery House, keep it. Modelling and practicing consistency in your commitment results in trust, one of the most powerful gifts you can give to Jeremiah Recovery House.**

**Volunteer Guidelines at Jeremiah Recovery House**

**In order to honor the work of recovery and the Jeremiah Recovery House community, we ask that all volunteers observe and acknowledge the following guidelines:**

**\*Women at Jeremiah Recovery House are in the process of healing. Volunteers are to refrain from asking any resident or graduate to share her personal history for any reason. Should a woman choose to share her story with you, encouragement and positive support for her resiliency and healing are appropriate responses. Please do not share your own story/history in response.**

**\*Monetary and/or in-kind gifts to individual women are not permitted. Instead, offerings will be accepted by Jeremiah Recovery House and dispersed in a way that is thoughtfully supervised.**

**\*Volunteers do not speak publicly on behalf of the organization without prior notification, permission and coordination by the executive director.**

**\*We welcome all volunteers who are 16 years of age and older. We can plan special activities for groups of 14-16 year.**

**\*All volunteers are asked to review and sign the waiver for liability and to follow organization policies regarding photography, safety and cleanliness guidelines.**

**Contact Us**

**Most volunteers find placements at Jeremiah Recovery House as volunteers doing what the trained staff have determined to be the jobs for any given day. Volunteer/Mentor applications can be found on our website at** [**www.jeremiahhouse2911.org**](http://www.jeremiahhouse2911.org) **under the “ Get Involved” link and can be submitted online or mailed in to PO Box 44 Green Forest, AR 72638**

**To offer professional services to Jeremiah Recovery House, please contact our director for an application. No applicant is promised a place. Applications are reviewed thoughtfully and applicants whose services fit into the philosophy and schedules of Jeremiah Recovery House will be contacted individually for further information and orientation.**

**For any further questions please contact the volunteer coordinator, Isy Dean, at our Facebook page or at jeremiahhouse2911@gmail.com**