Friendship House
Wilmington, DE

Friendship House Main Office 302-652-8133
Women’s Day Center 302-652-8033
Men’s Day Center 302-652-8278
Clothing Bank 302-654-1390
Website: http://www.friendship-house.org/

MISSION OVERVIEW

Friendship House is a non-profit Christian Corporation committed to making a difference in the lives of homeless and impoverished people in Wilmington. The agency has a continuum of services, a dedicated staff, and strong volunteer support. They offer hospitality, education, empowerment and a sense of community to those they serve. Friendship House has over 10 locations dispersed throughout the city, each varying in ministry. Some locations are transitional homes where women and men are offered support and encouragement to become financially and personally independent. Other locations are drop in centers where people are welcome to spend their day, receive their mail, and get help with paperwork ranging from getting state issued IDs to resumes and job applications. Friendship House also runs a clothing bank where they collect and distribute over 12,000 lbs. of donated clothing monthly. The clothing bank is run by women who are entering the workforce for the first time or after lengthy unemployment. Each woman comes with her story and is willing to share it with those who choose to volunteer with them. While most of Friendship House’s locations are in need of long term volunteers there are two locations that take volunteers for single service opportunities.

- Clothing Bank, open 7 am-3 pm
- The Men’s and Women’s Day Centers

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEUMANN STUDENTS

- Clothing Bank—at the clothing bank a volunteer can expect to be sorting through, labeling, and hanging clothes by season. While working the women who run the Bank are open to sharing their stories, as each one of them is in the processes of getting back on their feet having been deeply affected by poverty.
- The Men’s Day Center—open weekdays 6:30 am-3:00 pm gives men a place to go between the hours that the shelters close and the day centers open, as well as offers a place for the men to receive mail, have computer access, and get assistance with job interviews. The Day Center also offers a twelve step recovery program for those suffering from addiction.
- The Women’s Center—exists to assist women with a variety of issues ranging from help with filling out government forms to help with dealing with emergency situations, the Center is open from 7:30 am to 2:30 pm.

HOURS WHEN VOLUNTEERS ARE MOST NEEDED

- Men’s Day Center
  - Breakfast from 6:30-8:30am
- Women’s Day Center
  - 7:30 am-2:30 pm

VOLUNTEER PROCEDURE

- Numbers are listed above for the various locations, if you set up a time please show up on time and appropriately dressed (jeans and t-shirts/sweatshirts are fine!) Please note that the Clothing Bank is in a warehouse and has no air conditioner.