

SAFE FAMILY MINISTRIES MISSION TRIP

MONTH OF JULY
3-Days: in Chehalis, Wa

**Sunday - Tuesday or
Thursday - Saturday**

Our Goal:
*Increase the resident
capacity at SAFE.*

Come and enjoy games, fellowship, singing and devotionals.

\$50/Person

Price Includes:

- ✓ All Meals
- ✓ Two Nights Private Lodging
- ✓ 7 RV spaces also available.

Working on Hope House. **PROJECT 1**

Washing, folding, and pricing all donated items.
Cleaning all rooms, and conducting a month-long yard sale. **PROJECT 2**

CALL FOR AVAILABLE DAYS! 360-740-9150

Thanks so much!

To ALL of our wonderful volunteers!

There are many reasons to volunteer. For some, volunteering is a way to give back, to gain a new perspective, to improve their community, to express their creativity, to meet and connect with like-minded people, to have an impact on another person's life, to belong to a community that is doing something greater than any one person could ever accomplish alone or maybe, just because volunteering is fun!

For Fern Powers, volunteering is a way of life, a way of following Christ. For the past eleven years, Miss Fern, as she is known by all the women and children, has been volunteering at Safe Family Ministries in capacities almost too numerous to mention. She has been instrumental in developing life skills and vocational abilities for the residents through the many programs and systems that she has spearheaded. These include creating a functional commercial kitchen, organizing donations and raising funds by overseeing porch sales and creating a recycling system and using the proceeds to purchase needed items for the ministry.

When I asked Miss Fern about the many areas of influence that she has had throughout her ministry she humbly replied: "If there is any good that has come from my time at Safe it has come from Him. I am really not a very talented person so anything that was accomplished He did it through me and I was grateful that He chose to do that and that I got to see so many wonderful things". When asked about the highlights of her ministry at Safe Miss Fern responded that there was no greater joy for her than simply being with the residents, listening to them and encouraging them in Christ. "Seeing the ladies come so brokenhearted and seeing them leave well makes me know that Safe is a good place for them to be and a good ministry to serve in."

I have heard so many volunteers say this same thing in so many different ways. It isn't always easy, there are many challenges and heart aches involved in the care of those who have experienced trauma, poverty and oppression. But those who serve at Safe know that they are blessed to witness the Gospel being worked out in the lives of the brokenhearted. To see the transformative love of Christ changing lives and to be able to participate in that happening is like heaven on earth.

- Summer Phillips, Interim Executive Director

THE STATE OF SAFE

This has been another great season of learning and leaning; learning to trust God by leaning on His promises to make our paths straight, to go before us and to protect what is and always has been His, namely this Safe Family Ministry.

As many of you know, our Executive Director has taken a position with another company; May 31st was his last day. However, God in His awesome provision has again provided for this period of transition in both strong responsible leadership and self sacrificing volunteers. Summer Phillips, our Community Outreach Director, has stepped into the role of interim Director and with the help of other experienced staff, is doing a great work creating a safe atmosphere for these vulnerable ladies and children by giving clear guidelines to healthy living through godly example with written expectations and accountability. It is an encouraging approach to ensure this is the place of mercy, grace and of course growth in their personal and spiritual lives.

Please join us, working where God is obviously at work by loving "the least of these" as we would have others do for us

Sincerely,

Mike Vorse - Board of Directors, President

10 Things I LOVE about being a HOUSE MOM

In my 5-plus years as a House Mom at SFM I have learned that a House Mom wears a lot of hats, all of them important. Here are some of the highlights of my weekly shift as a House Mom:

1. Being the first one to welcome a new resident, show her to her room, pray with her, and tell her that God brought her to SAFE for a reason.
2. Listening to the ladies quote the scripture they have memorized when they come to the House Mom's room for "check in" each morning.
3. Sitting on the porch with a resident who just needs to talk, sharing her problems and her victories, and praying with her.
4. Putting a dark roast K-cup into the coffee dispenser in the House Mom's room and taking a break...even a short one!
5. Sitting in on discipleship classes and hearing the amazing insights that God gives to each of them in their weekly studies.

6. Watching Moms learning to be better Moms, and kids thriving in a safe, family-friendly environment, surrounded by people who love them.
7. Supervising daily chores and afternoon work projects and giving kudos for a job well done.
8. Celebrating the victory when a resident tells me, "I've been X number of days - or weeks, or months - clean and sober!"
9. Sharing fabulous, healthy meals prepared by the residents using produce they grew themselves in the SAFE garden.
10. Seeing the smiles on graduation day as we celebrate ladies who have traded brokenness for freedom.

If this list makes your heart beat faster, and you have a heart for women and a few hours a week to give, we have a place for you on the team! Call or download a volunteer application at www.SafeFamilyMinistries.com

- Barbara Lowe



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Testimonial

I CHOSE THE "ROAD LESS TRAVELED"

Really? But that's how I arrived at SAFE...by the road! It's called a driveway, and it leads to healing and hope for some lovely women who choose it over the world's "road". That's right, just too much curiosity for my own good, but as it turns out, was for the Lord's good.

A retired principal has some skills to bring to the situation, so I interviewed the Director and later offered him other ideas of my own. Meanwhile, it seemed very natural to be an Encourager, a taxi driver, an instructor, a Board member and finally, a Program Manager. I knew very little of the population we volunteers met each day, but I was, and am, learning. Each step has shown me more and more of Christ and less of myself.

If you are curious, or know of someone else who is curious, send them my way. I'll share my SAFE testimony. It's unique in that it's my own, but as I develop it further, it becomes more interesting as I never know where Jesus will toss in another surprise!

What's it worth, all this volunteer time for a couple of years now? It's worth the stress it causes. It's worth the hours I thought I'd be home when I'm still listening to a resident share. it's worth the future of women's hearts...the Lord's hearts!

That "road less traveled" has made all the difference for me. I hope I've helped make a difference in these women's lives, encouraging them to draw strength on the Lord's "road" the rest of their lives. If you want to take the "different" road for yourself, let's sit down and talk about Starting your SAFE testimony!

- Sandy, Volunteer

