

## **Basic Volunteer Positions for the Lansing Bless Fest:**

**Set up/Take down:** this involves physical labor. You'll work with a team to set up tents & staging, set up some lights, chairs, signs or decorations. Instruction will be provided. Some team members may be asked to assist with an emergency set up or to assist in removing garbage bags. Another role is to work on safety of staff, guests and check grounds for basic safety. Advise directors of problems.

**Children's Games/Ministry:** work with kids with simple outdoor games, set up, etc. and also if needed, work with a ministry to help with messages given to kids about serving the Lord. Pray with kids. Help them to have a good and safe time. Assist with set up/take down of games, etc.

**Promotion/Evangelism:** Assist with handing out flyers door to door, or dropping off flyers to organizations, etc. We canvass a number of neighborhoods, mainly in the central area of Lansing. Assist with reaching out to people on the festival grounds, checking on them and when felt lead to minister, do so. Guidelines will be written down and you'll also work with Evangelistic leaders. If available, follow up after Festival, with some calling/phone contact and see how people are doing and what they may need spiritually, such as encouragement, entering into a church/fellowship, and learning how to walk in God.

**Prayer:** work in the prayer tent or pray at the grounds. Work along with prayer coordinators at the tent, meeting people and asking what their needs may be. Praying (& counseling) directly with anybody that comes for prayer, or directly for a band or people sharing on a stage. There are male and female prayer team members. They work as a team, leading people in decisions to serve the Lord. The prayer tent is set up on Friday and Saturday morning for full operation from Noon until approx. 7 pm on Saturday.

**Food Team (Cooking/Serving):** We cook burgers/hot dogs, which are very easy. The burgers are pre-cooked and just need to be placed on grill for a couple of minutes. We do grill hundreds of them, as well as hot dogs. People can switch out as needed. We use 2 commercial flat steel grillers, which makes it easier. Other food servers unwrap bun packages, get bags of chips (& cookies), place them within a bag and hand distribute behind a table. It's a wonderful way to meet and greet people. Some cleaning or retrieving items from a refrigerated trailer. We feed everyone free! Volunteers also minister to several homeless and every type of person coming to enjoy the food and music! Our main goal is to serve.

**Security:** Don't worry it's not *that* kind of security. In the eleven years of this outreach concert festival we have never had a serious problem. But that's not to say we have nothing to watch out for. Whenever you have lots of people around there needs to be someone to help keep things safe. That's where you come in. Observe the festival patrons with a watchful eye. Interact with people by acting as a host. Help out when Bless Fest staff could use a hand. Be the type of security that is a blessing to others.

**Hospitality:** the main duty is to be all an around person who can greet guests, help non-profits providing assistance in setting up or to provide water to workers. Also act as a kind of floater person who may be able to get a message to coordinators or to a band stage. You may also be called to periodically check bathrooms, replacing toilet tissue, soap, or do minor cleaning, if needed. Advise directors/coordinators of any serious needs at bathrooms, stage or other.

Each position can last 1 hour, a few hours, all day, or you may come both days and help out at different stations. You'll have time to listen to some of the concerts or visit ground's activities. Also, we accept any donations of paper products (napkins/wax paper/towels), bottles of juice (for kids), and store bought packaged cookies or bags of chips. Also cash donations (tax deductible) we appreciate our volunteers! They are essential to the success of Bless Fest!

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