



# THE PAVILION

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## Pavilion Volunteer Application

Welcome to the Pavilion, we are so excited that you want to join with us in serving Jesus Christ our Lord. You are obeying his calling by wanting to help us in serving and hopefully leading others to the Lord.

The Pavilion is a ministry of the **Bridge Street House of Prayer** (BSHOP). The mission of the BSHOP is building a bridge between the streets and the church. Thus, the BSHOP works to point people to Jesus, help meet the physical needs of neighbors, as well as build a bridge between the streets and the church.

*“For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.” Psalm 27:5 NKJV*

The **Vision** of the Pavilion is “Providing a place of safety and refuge on the West Side of Grand Rapids.”

The **Mission** of the Pavilion is “Discipling and Empowering young people to walk in the abundant life that comes in Jesus Christ.”

Our desire is that the Pavilion would not only be a resting place for the weary, but a launching pad into a new life. We want the Pavilion to be more than a landing-zone, but rather a bridge...a bridge from the streets of the West Side to full life in Jesus.

Before filling out the application, we would like you to read the following information. This information will give a little “heads up” about what you will be doing and what will be expected when involved in volunteering at the Pavilion.



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As a volunteer staff, our desire is to maintain a safe and peaceful environment where customers and volunteers are able to use their gifts and abilities, customers receive respectful service, and the mission and vision of the Pavilion is upheld.

Therefore, the main responsibilities in the coffee shop are as follows:

- Loving people (based on Matthew 19:19)
- Serving beverages and baked goods
- Praying (for one another, those at the Pavilion, or for the neighborhood/city)
- General cleaning

All Volunteers are required to attend a **Training Orientation**, which will equip volunteers with information about BSHOP, provide biblical and applicable teachings, as well as include opportunities to build relationships with other volunteers. Training Orientations take place three to four times a year.

We also desire to facilitate unity and community among volunteers. Thus, we try to hold occasional **Volunteer meetings/events** as a time of fellowship among volunteers, as well as take time to discuss ways we can move forward and improve the ministry in the Pavilion. Your participation in these events is highly encouraged.

We ask that you pray about being involved here. This volunteer opportunity will require commitment. Please know that we ask that you treat this like a job. Therefore, maintained personal hygiene, timeliness, willingness to follow instructions, and respectful attitudes are expected.

Please sign below if you are “on board!” :)

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age & Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (best place to reach you): \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the best way to reach you:    Phone                      Email                      Text

We are currently open from 12pm-5pm Monday through Friday. Including opening and closing responsibilities, the first shift is from 11:30am-2:30pm and the second shift is from 2:30pm-5:30pm.

We require that all volunteers work at least one 3 hour shift per week. Please check current availability. (flexible to change as time goes on):

\_\_\_monday                      \_\_\_first shift    \_\_\_second shift                      other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_tuesday                      \_\_\_first shift    \_\_\_second shift                      other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_wednesday                      \_\_\_first shift    \_\_\_second shift                      other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_thursday                      \_\_\_first shift    \_\_\_second shift                      other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_friday                      \_\_\_first shift    \_\_\_second shift                      other: \_\_\_\_\_

How many shifts or hours per week are willing to volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the date of the Training Orientation that you will be attending. Orientation takes places on a Saturday from 9am-2pm.

June 6, 2015                      September 19, 2015                      January 9, 2016

At the Bridge Street House of Prayer, we also hold neighborhood events and monthly Saturday Night Worship Gatherings that include the operation of the Pavilion. If you are interested/willing to help with these events on an as-needed basis, please circle: **YES** or **NO**

These next few questions are about you. We ask these questions to help us learn more about your background, giftings, and relationship with Christ. This will enable us to know how to pray for you, as well as encourage you. There are no right or wrong answers to any of these questions, so please answer them honestly.

School attending (if applicable) or Job: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Activities: \_\_\_\_\_



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Church Affiliation (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Church Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

List previous ministry/volunteer/barista experience (place, date & role):

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What are some goals or reasons you have for volunteering here:

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List your strengths & talents:

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List your weaknesses:

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Do you currently have a mentor/discipler? (circle) YES or NO

Who is Jesus to you:

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Below or on another piece of paper, please describe your spiritual journey and current relationship with God.

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## Background Information

Have you, at anytime been involved in or accused, rightly or wrongly, of sexual abuse, maltreatment, or neglect?

\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no

Have you ever been accused or convicted of possession/sales of controlled substances or of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs?

\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no

Are you using illegal drugs?

\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no

Have you been convicted for any criminal act more serious than a traffic violation?

\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no

Have you ever been asked to step away from ministry or work with students or children in any setting, paid or volunteer?

\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no

Is there any circumstance or pattern in your life which would make it inappropriate for you to serve with minors or would compromise the integrity of The Prayer House?

\_\_\_\_yes \_\_\_\_no

If you answered yes to any of the above questions please give an explanation:

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In order to uphold our vision of “Providing a place of safety and refuge”, all volunteers are required to have a background check performed. The BSHOP vows to keep all background information confidential, as well as to respond to all personal information respectfully and with dignity.

## Waiver/Release

I, the undersigned, give my authorization to the Bridge Street House of Prayer representatives to verify the information on this form. The BSHOP may contact appropriate government agencies as deemed necessary in order to verify your suitability as a ministry worker. I am willing to request and submit to The BSHOP background reports on myself from the Michigan (or any other state) Department of Social Services central registry.

The information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. In consideration of the receipt and evaluation of this application by the BSHOP, I hereby release any individual, church, youth organization, charity, employer, reference, or any other person or organization including record custodians, both collectively and individually, from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind or nature that may at anytime result to me, my heirs, or family. I waive any right that I may have to inspect any information provided about me by any person or organization identified by me in this application.

Should my application be accepted, I agree to be bound by the constitution, statement of faith and abuse policies of the BSHOP, and to refrain from conduct unbecoming to Christ in the performance of my services on behalf of The Prayer House. If I violate these guidelines, I understand that my volunteer status may be terminated. By signing this application, I state that all of the information given about myself is true.

I further state that I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING RELEASE AND ABUSE POLICY PROVIDED TO ME AND KNOW THE CONTENTS THEREOF, AND I SIGN THIS RELEASE OF MY OWN ACCORD. This is a legally binding agreement, which I have read and understand.

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Signature

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Date