Central Outreach and Advocacy Center

Mission

Compelled by faith in Jesus Christ and God's call to do justice, Central Outreach & Advocacy Center works in partnership with individuals and families to assist them to avoid or recover from homelessness and to advocate on their behalf.

Description

Central Outreach & Advocacy Center seeks to be a passionate and well-respected voice in the community on behalf of the homeless and is committed to collaborating with area service providers to significantly reduce the risk and prevalence of homelessness in Atlanta.

Rooted in Central Presbyterian Church's long history of responding to neighbors in great need, Central OAC was incorporated in 1997 as an independent nonprofit with a separate board and a broader base of public support. Our mission remains true to the congregation's heritage of compassion, hospitality and respect for the dignity of each person.

Each year, we help more than 8,000 people overcome their barriers to stability and self-sufficiency.

Unique Opportunities in Ministry

Serving the homeless and near-homeless population of Atlanta.

Site Details

Outreach
All that we do within Central OAC is about mission and community ministry.

Meeting the Five Areas of Ministry

Administration:
Attend staff meetings.
Work with the Director of Finance about budgets.
Attend a Board meeting.

Goals can be set with the supervisor and student to best fit the student's learning edges.

Liturgy (Worship and Preaching):
Lead the weekly chapel service.
Attend worship services at Central Presbyterian Church and reflect on the relationship between the church and the Outreach Center.

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Preach during the weekly chapel service.

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**Mission and Outreach:**
Daily one on one contact with our guests who are experiencing homelessness.
Visit partner agencies.

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**Pastoral Calling and Congregational Care:**
Serve as a pastoral presence in the lobby where our guests wait.
Develop longer term relationships with the guests.
Pray with the guests.

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**Religious Education:**
Lead a Bible study for the guests.

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| Weekly Schedule | Monday - Friday ... 9:00 am - 12:30 pm  
                  | Wednesday ... 2:00 - 4:00 pm |
| Stipend? | No |
| Distance from Candler | 6 miles |
| Accessible via public transportation? | Yes |
| Can women be ordained? | Our site does not but Central Presbyterian does |
| What role do women play in leadership? | Women are always welcome at our site and to lead chapel services. Within Central Presbyterian Church, women serve as ordained pastors. |

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