

Lisieux Community Volunteer Guidelines

- The mission of Lisieux Community is to provide support and education for women who have survived trauma, addiction, prostitution, and life on the streets. We do this as a community and never as one person acting alone. No one is to go alone to an area where we provide these services. Anyone who does so is acting on their own, not on the behalf of Lisieux Community.
- No one brings money with them to the work site. Never give a client money.
- No one goes alone to transport a client to an area where there is drug use/prostitution. If anyone does, it is not as a representative of Lisieux Community.
- No one wanders off from the group alone or with men. If anyone does, it is not as a representative of Lisieux Community.
- If a client is making a drug deal, setting up a trick, smoking, drinking, or doing drugs while we are present, contact a member of staff. It is our responsibility to ask them to leave the group. If they do not leave, we will close the doors and leave.
- If you witness drugs, alcohol, paraphernalia, or any other activity that goes against Lisieux guidelines, please ask the client to speak to a staff member. If she refuses, you must notify staff of what you saw. Do not take it upon yourself to handle the situation.
- Do not take photographs that expose women's identities.
- Never ask personal questions. Examples include, "Where do you live? How did you get here? Where do you shower? Do you live with a man?" Limit conversations with the women to casual talk. Have fun!
- Never try to talk the women into anything. If a woman says "no" to something, respect her answer. Honor her boundaries.
- Confidentiality- What you see and hear here, let it remain here. Trust is crucial. This includes talking amongst volunteers about the women we serve.
- Do not purchase items for individual women. If a woman has a specific request, please direct her to a staff member.
- Men are not allowed on the premises during times that the drop-in center is open to clients.

Please note that these guidelines are subject to change at any time.

Acknowledgement of Volunteer Guidelines

Print Name: _____

Sign Name: _____

Date: _____