

Benevolent Support Volunteer

Background: Center for Changing Lives (CCL)'s vision is a community where everyone thrives. Too often, resource and economic opportunity limit participants' choices and capacity to achieve their goals and vision. CCL partners with those held back by lack of resource and economic opportunity in order to uncover possibilities, overcome barriers, and realize their potential in the form of partnership through coaching, training and educating, coalition building, advocacy and organizing. CCL's core services of financial, employment, and resource development coaching are supported by the time, skills, and dedication volunteers.

One big challenge for many clients is acquiring the funds to pay for the training, tools, or resources that would propel him/her/them towards a goal. CCL has partnered with Benevolent, an organization created to bring dignity and self-determination to both sides of the giving equation, illuminating the realities of life on the edge of sustainability. Benevolent provides a platform for clients to express their goals and needs and ask for monetary giving from friends, family, and strangers nation-wide.

Position Overview:

This Benevolent Support Volunteer meets with clients one-on-one to support them in creating their Benevolent Post. This requires clients to tell their stories, both written and verbally. This volunteer position is highly interactive and will support clients in telling their stories, advocating for clients, and posting their requests to the Benevolent website. This can be challenging for clients and these volunteers will need to be positive and encouraging, as well as have a good understanding of how to take and upload videos. As Benevolent Support Volunteers, you will have direct financial impact on client goals and allow the freedom to get what they need to achieve employment and stable housing.

The Benevolent Support Volunteer will communicate all CCL staff, and most directly with the Resource and Connection Coordinator. They will utilize the CCL google calendar to schedule clients for next steps and appointments. Volunteers will be trained by the Resource & Connection Coordinator.

CCL is seeking a volunteer who can commit to at least one 1.5 hour client meeting per week. Days and times are flexible.

To be most successful in this position, volunteers should have the following qualifications:

- Adaptability
- Curiosity
- Good listening skills
- Self-awareness
- Comfortable using the computer (uploading videos, typing, and creating a profile)
- Good communication
- Make others feel comfortable and confident talking about their experiences and competencies
- Bilingual preferred, but not necessary!

Benefits:

- Provide support for those facing lack of resource, support, and economic opportunity
- Build your network of professionals and community members working for structural policy change surrounding low-income housing, employment, and resource allocation
- Opportunity to develop professional and nonprofit skills and relationships that can be used on a resume
- Opportunity to build strong employment references
- Opportunity to lead on an advocacy project or create a group within CCL