

## Volunteer spotlight: Izhiah and James

We'd like to invite you to get to know Izhiah (left) and James (right). When you come to campus, you will see Izhiah and James every Tuesday and Thursday morning helping in our Community Market! James has been volunteering with us for four months and Izhiah joined in helping Cross-lines about one month ago. Izhiah's mother, Eileen, is fond of Cross-Lines and when we asked why she encouraged him to volunteer, she said wanted Izhiah to volunteer to help him get some experience in "the real world". Izhiah is 21 years old and has autism, so new experiences can sometimes be stressful. Eileen wants him to experience working with others, socializing with new people, and being independent. We spoke to James and he said he was more than happy to show Izhiah the ropes at Cross-Lines. In his professional career, James was a school bus driver and has lots of experience working with all types of young people. We are going on week four and Izhiah is no longer scared to do things alone and is gaining the confidence he needs to improve his life skills. Izhiah and James have quickly formed an inseparable bond and really enjoy spending time together at Cross-Lines. Thank you, James, for being a wonderful leader and thank you, Izhiah, for being an amazing volunteer!



## Summer is here!

Volunteers: We are halfway through the year! I hope everyone is enjoying their vacations and staying cool. Summer is always a busy and fun time. Below you will find two upcoming events that our organization will be hosting. We hope to see you there! - Roxanne

\*If you happen to be a group leader please forward to your team\*

## Volunteer Lunch & Learn

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Volunteer Lunch and Learn**  
with Dionne King, DMK Consultants LLC

September 6th, 11:30a-1:30p

More details and registration  
coming soon!

All volunteers are encouraged to attend.

## Annual Gala for Hope

**Gala**  
for...  
**Hope**

**The Abbott Event Space      September 24th, 2022**

Mark your calendars for Cross-Lines' 19th annual Gala for Hope! We look forward to celebrating all the amazing work Cross-Lines does throughout the year and dancing the night away!

Want to help us out this year? Contact [Kelly@cross-lines.org](mailto:Kelly@cross-lines.org) to get involved!

Save the date for our Gala for Hope! Individual tickets will be

available later this month. There will also be opportunities to volunteer as well. More details to come.

## A Note from Roxanne:

Hey volunteers! Rachel and I will be out of office July 12th-15th! We will be attending the Points of Lights conference in Orlando Florida. We hope to gain more knowledge on how to improve our volunteer services. We are excited to continue to bring positive change to our volunteer program!



If there is anything I can assist you with before, we go please let me know!

## Christmas Store

Cross-Lines Annual Christmas Store will take place December 5th through 9th. We have closed the volunteer opportunities for the Market and Commodities during that week.

We will be recruiting volunteers for Christmas store using "Sign up Genius" I will be sending the link out to all volunteers in November. If you do happen to be a group leader, please let your group know.

## Remaining 2022 Cross-Lines Services & Office Closures:

**Thurs July 21** - Services closed staff development

**Mon Sept 5** - Closed for Labor Day

**Tuesday Sept 6** - Closed for Staff Retreat

Wed Nov 23 - Close at 1pm

**Thurs/Fri Nov 25 & 26** - Closed for Thanksgiving

Dec 5-9 - Christmas store: No Market or Commodities Volunteers

**Dec 26-31** - Office Closed

LUNCH VOLUNTEERS: For days that we close @1pm our LUNCH services will REMAIN THE SAME! Only the red highlighted are days that lunch services are closed.

*Want to join the team?*

## Volunteer Opportunities

We have plenty of volunteer opportunities available. If you're interested in getting started or bringing a group, you can call or email Roxanne Vega!

roxanne@cross-lines.org or (913) 281-3388 ext. 242  
Here are some opportunities listed below:

## Front Desk Volunteers Needed!

Front Desk volunteers greet walk-in clients, answer phones, and offer helpful information to clients, donors, and volunteers. We are looking for front desk volunteers for the following shifts:

*Wednesdays: Noon-4pm*

*Thursday: Noon-4pm*

*Fridays: 8:30-Noon*

Interested? Reach out to Roxanne to schedule a time to shadow with our current front desk volunteers.

## Commodities Box Packing (Group Activity)

If you would like to schedule your group for commodities you may find a shift on Volgistics (our volunteer system). If the shift you want is not available, email Roxanne as we do have some availability and flexibility in this area.

## Community Market

This summer we have lots of our youth in the community volunteering in the Market! We are super grateful and thankful they have chosen to help our community while being free for the summer. We are completely FULL for July!

We are still looking for volunteer individuals and groups for August and September!! Volunteer shifts are: Mon-Saturday 9am-12pm & 1pm-3pm  
*Friday afternoon we will NOT be open to the community but volunteers will be utilized to restock, sort donations, clean, etc.*

*(Note: If you plan on coming before or stay after time slots please make sure to communicate that with Roxanne or Marlen (Market Manager) as doors are locked outside of the time slots!)*

## Community Kitchen

We need about 2-3 individuals for Breakfast. 7:30am-9:30am, Monday through Friday. You're welcome to come at 6:30am to help with sack lunches. Dates currently available:

*Wednesday, August 17th*

*Wednesday, August 31st*

*Thursday, September 1st*

*Tuesday, September 27th*  
*Thursday, September 29th*

Lunch service runs from 10am-1pm and you may bring a group of 4-6 people or individuals are welcome to serve as well. Reach out to Roxanne to get on the schedule.

Mask Policy: Cross-Lines no longer requires masks in our buildings for clients, volunteers, or staff regardless of vaccination status.

Our team will continue to have masks available on campus and encourage you to wear one if that makes you most comfortable.

We do have many K95 masks on-site for extra protection if needed.

**THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!**

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