

There are a number of ways that volunteering helps end the cycle of incarceration.

Volunteers at Safer perform the following functions and more:

- General clerical tasks
- Job coaching
- Facilitating AA sessions
- Tutoring basic literacy
- Tutoring GED students
- Developing computer literacy
- Assisting with resume writing
- Supporting job readiness training
- Bible study (open denominations)
- Religious services (open denominations)
- Facilitating support groups
- Providing health and wellness seminars
- Providing money management seminars

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Volunteers can help break the cycle.

A second chance.



Volunteer Opportunities





“I’ve been able to help, but Safer’s helped me grow just as much.” — Matt, Safer Volunteer

Safer Foundation treasures its volunteers and the services they provide. Over 300 volunteers of all ages serve the organization annually. Safer’s philosophy towards

volunteering has four parts:

- To recognize the value and importance of volunteers in furthering Safer Foundation’s mission.
- To effectively utilize the talents of volunteers to add value to current services and to broaden the scope of services offered to clients.
- To offer a variety of volunteer opportunities depending on the talents, interests and needs of the volunteer.
- To provide groups and individuals the opportunity to positively impact the lives of individuals with a criminal record, their families and the community by supporting their successful transition back to the community.



“Watching the clients grow is very fulfilling for me.” — Lou Ethel, Safer Volunteer

Safer has volunteers at all of its locations throughout Illinois and eastern Iowa. Volunteers provide support to almost all client programs. The primary volunteering

options include but are not limited to:

- **Intake and Support Services Assistants** – work with client support staff
- **Youth Empowerment Program (YEP) Tutors** – help students between 16 and 21 years of age prepare for the GED exam
- **Reentry Planner/Assistants** – advise clients at Safer’s Half-way Back program
- **Public Policy Interns** – assist policy department to reduce legislative barriers to employment for clients



“This is where it starts, kids at this age are looking for role models.” — Eric, YEP tutor

There are a few requirements that each volunteer must meet in order to work with Safer Foundation.

- Must be at least 18 years of age.
- Must fill out an application. Then, based on the program or the facility, the following additional processing may be required:
 - Interviewing
 - Drug Testing
 - Fingerprinting
 - Background Checks
 - TB Testing
 - Orientation Class
 - Picture ID’s
- Volunteers with criminal records must have been out of prison for at least one year without incident.



A second chance.

10,000

Hours of service annually.

300+

Volunteers serve clients each year.

58%

Reduction in recidivism among Safer Foundation clients.

300+

Safer clients receiving GEDs each year thanks to the help of volunteers.