



Thank you for expressing an interest in becoming a member of The Shelter Guild. Our organization is responsible for friend raising and fundraising efforts of The Shelter and provides an opportunity for members to meet and make new friends!

The responsibilities of The Shelter Guild include:

- Serve as an 'Ambassador for The Shelter' in its efforts to educate the community about eliminating domestic violence and saving and building lives by "mending broken hearts with hope".
- Attend 2 out of 3 Shelter Guild meetings each season.
- Agree to serve on a committee of your choice.
- Spread the word about Options and how critical it is to the work of The Shelter. Encourage friends to donate clothing, furniture and household accessories to Options.
- Spread the word at every opportunity of the good work being done at The Shelter.
- Volunteer for the "Mending Broken Hearts with Hope" Luncheon.
- Invite friends to join you in your commitment to and efforts for The Shelter.
- Attend the "Mending Broken Hearts with Hope" Luncheon or contribute the amount equal to the luncheon ticket each year (\$350).
- Take a tour of The Shelter and the Options Thrift Shoppe.
- Visit The Shelter's Options Thrift Shoppe
- Serve 24 hours of volunteer time per year.

Benefits of Membership:

- The joy of joining with others to make the vision of The Shelter, a community where every home is a safe haven for the family it shelters a reality.
- The fulfillment of working with others whose hearts have been touched by the great need in our community to mend the broken hearts of children and women.
- Special communications and invitations to events from The Shelter.
- Socializing among our talented and interesting membership.

A schedule of meetings will be shared with each member through the Guild newsletter. This will be sent by email through Constant Contact.

We would love to have your participation. Please complete the enclosed biographical information form and return in the envelope provided. **Our communication will be the most effective if we use email, so please be sure to include your email address.** Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have.

Thank you,
Pat Wheeler
President, The Shelter Guild
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THE SHELTER GUILD
The Shelter for Abused Women & Children
“To Prevent. To Protect. To Prevail.”

The Shelter’s mission is to lead the community to prevent, protect and prevail over domestic violence through advocacy, empowerment and social change. The Shelter’s vision is a community free from domestic violence so that every home is a safe haven for the family it shelters.

Mission of The Shelter Guild

The Shelter Guild’s mission is to recruit Ambassadors from the community and provide volunteers to support The Shelter’s programs and services; promote its friendraising and fundraising activities; and assist The Shelter in building the revenue of The Shelter Options Shoppe through donations of furniture, household accessories and gently used clothing from the community.

History of The Shelter Guild

The Shelter Guild was formed in 2004 by Board of Trustee members Fran Luessenhop and Barbara Jordan. Since its inception, it has grown from 60 original members to over 200 active members and continues to grow each year. For more information about The Shelter Guild, go to www.naplesshelter.org and click on The Shelter Guild in the pull down menu.

Responsibilities of a Shelter Guild Member

The Shelter Guild members support The Shelter by serving as Ambassadors in the community and educating the community about domestic violence. Each member is expected to take a tour of The Shelter’s facility and Options Thrift Shoppe.

In addition to supporting The Shelter’s annual *Mending Broken Hearts with Hope Luncheon*, Shelter Guild members serve on at least one Shelter Guild committee, volunteer opportunities are included in this packet. Every Shelter Guild member’s contribution is valuable. We will work with you to match your time, interest and talent to the needs of The Shelter. We invite you to join The Shelter Guild and “get involved”. If you are interested in becoming a member, a membership form is included for you to complete. You may return the form via email to Susan Utz at PO Box 10102,

The Shelter Guild Executive Committee Members

President: Pat Wheeler

1st Vice President: Linda Sims

Past President: Niki Thompson

The Shelter Executive Director: Linda Oberhaus

The Shelter Development Director: Cyndi Fields

Treasurer: Denise Wilburn

2nd Vice President: Jeanne Jones

Secretary: Mary Ann Jenkins

Assistant Secretary: Cara Martin

Membership Chair: Jeanne Jones

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The course is free for those who volunteer. Core Competency is a 4-day training class and is offered throughout the year. We ask that you consider this and agree to volunteer with The Shelter for at least six months following your training.

What is Domestic Violence?

The legal definition of Domestic Violence (in Florida) means "any assault, battery, sexual assault, sexual battery, or any criminal offense resulting in physical injury or death of one family or household member by another who is or was residing in the same single dwelling unit."

Domestic violence is the physical, sexual, mental or emotional violence occurring between partners in an ongoing relationship. It can happen to anyone, male or female, at any time. Domestic violence knows no racial, socio-economic, and educational or age boundaries.

Though there are no typical victims of domestic violence, abusive relationships do share similar characteristics. In all cases, the abuser aims to have power and control over his/her partner.

Anger is just one way that an abuser tries to gain authority. The batterer may also turn to physical violence – kicking, punching, grabbing, slapping or strangulation, for example. The abuser may also use sexual violence – forcing their partner to have sexual intercourse, against their will.

Domestic violence is usually not an isolated incident, but a pattern of behaviors intended to harm and control. Without help, abuse will continue and liken to worsen. It is a repetitious cycle, difficult to break.

No one deserves to be abused. So it is important to recognize the signs and seek help. Leaving an abusive relationship may be the only way to break the cycle.

***If you or someone you love is in an abusive relationship, call our confidential 24-hour crisis line today
239-775-1101***



Volunteer Opportunities – The Shelter Guild Initiatives

Options Volunteers

Sharon Sheline – Co- Chair 239-228-6866 sharon.sheline@gmail.com

At The Shelter Options Shoppe, there are numerous ways to volunteer: sorting donations, merchandising clothing in appropriate departments, monitoring fitting rooms, and accessorizing the furniture room. Volunteers provide customer service by having friendly, helpful, informative greetings and interactions with each person who enters the door. Volunteers are scheduled for each morning and afternoon for 4 hour shifts Monday- Saturday. Volunteers do not have to be members of the Shelter Guild.

Options Thrift Shoppe, 968 2nd Avenue N
(Flexible Hours, Monday- Saturday 9:30 – 4:30 PM)
Manager – Maria McCormick 239-434-7115

Options Ambassadors

Kathleen Ridenour – Chair 610-659-2383
Donna Fritz – Co Chair 239-331-8693

Volunteers are needed in each building and community in Collier County. The committee identifies volunteers to be Shelter Ambassadors. The committee and Ambassadors are responsible for letting residents/friends know about The Shelter and Options. They encourage people to donate to Options. They can arrange pick up of larger furniture with the Options Manager, deliver donations to Options, and provide assistance that makes donating seamless, pleasant and joyful. Building Ambassadors do not have to be members of The Shelter Guild.

Shelter Guild Fashion Show

Cara Martin – Chair 978-337-6333 caralmartin@mac.com
Lori Fell – Co Chair 239-732-8408 lmf541@aol.com

The Shelter Guild hosts a fashion show at Options featuring donated clothing and accessories sold at Options. Volunteers are needed to help plan the event, model, serve as greeters and provide refreshments.

Mending Broken Hearts Luncheon

Annette Pakula –Chair 239-653-9955 annettepakula113@hotmail.com
Michele McKenney – Vice Chair 239-325-2273 info@mckenneyhomcare.com
Terri Saltzman – Vice Chair 239-596-5740 auntter@aol.com

Mending Broken Hearts Volunteer Chair:

Linda Meak - 631-553-6943 lindameak@gmail.com

Volunteers are needed in a variety of capacities: invitation assembly, silent auction and raffle ticket sales, greeters at the luncheon and Boutique, decorations, set-up and take down of Boutique, and vendor assistants.

2018 Old Bags Luncheon

Gwyn Sanford – Chair – 239-659-0739 gwyn.sanford@yahoo.com

Volunteers are needed in a variety of capacities: invitation assembly, silent auction and raffle ticket sales, greeters at the luncheon, set-up and take down of displays, after auction processing of purchases.

Children's Parties

Mary Ann Craig – Co Chair - 239-403-7873 axelfox@aol.com
Gail Howie – 239-596-6848 howiegail@aol.com
Sherrie Meek – 239-653-9677 sherrieGNB@aol.com

Members of the Children's Party Committee are hands on participants in early evening monthly parties for children (normally 15-30 children) living in The Shelter. The committee plans games and activities as well as provides drinks and light snacks for each party. Past children's parties have included a Halloween party, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Valentine's, Easter Egg hunt and Mother's Day.

Membership

Jeanne Jones - Chair -239-304-9999 jdcostigan@hotmail.com

Laura Donovan – Vice Chair - 239-596-8204 lmdon7@gmail.com

The committee is responsible for inviting prospective members to join The Shelter Guild, managing the application process, checking forms for completeness, scheduling a date for the New Member Shelter tour, visits to Options, holds New Member Coffee or Lunch, maintains current membership information for the membership directory and The Shelter Guild Newsletter.

Newsletter

Pat Wheeler 239-262-7807 patwheeler12354@yahoo.com

Jan Patterson 239-591-2238 jankeathp@aol.com

Provides Shelter and Guild information four-five times per year.

Sunshine

Donna Waltrip 239-640-8890 waltripdr@aol.com

The Sunshine chair send cards to The Shelter Guild members who are ill, had surgery, a death in the family, etc., and informs the newsletter chair. Duties will also include sending thank-you notes as requested by The Shelter Guild President.

Options Advisory Committee

Maria McCormick 239-434-7115 mmccormick@naplesshelter.org

Erika Aron 239-566-1492 ronnieantik@gmail.com

Loreen Sellitto 239-331-2430 lsellitto@gmail.com

Rickie Klein 239-404-2618 rickie.naples@gmail.com

Historian

The Shelter Guild is currently seeking a volunteer for this position. The historian is responsible for maintaining the archives including meeting minutes, programs, photos, and events. Please see **Pat Wheeler** 239-262-7807 or **Cyndi Fields** 239-775-3862 x205 cfields@naplesshelter.org.

Social Committee

Denise Wilburn 502-396-0985 denisewilburn@bellsouth.net
Linda Meak 631-553-6943 lindameak@gmail.com

The Social Committee is responsible for selecting locations and handling all logistics for the Welcome Back Coffee and the three Shelter Guild Member Luncheons. Responsibilities include sending notices, collecting money, selecting the menu, providing refreshments and centerpieces, and providing name badges for all Member Guild Attendees.



Volunteer Opportunities at The Shelter

Administrative & Special Projects - Projects may include filing, copying, stuffing envelopes, data entry, office support, research, sorting donations or organizing closets at The Shelter. Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm.

Holiday Help - Soliciting donations, pick up and deliver donations, sort toys, wrap and distribute presents. Volunteers are needed in late October, November and December.

Be Salon - Volunteer at The Shelter's on-site salon, providing complimentary hair services. Just bring your expertise and your styling tools. *Licensure in Florida required*

Peace Garden - Volunteers are needed to maintain our Peace Garden.

Pick-Up/Delivery Volunteers - Pick up and deliver donations to our Thrift Shoppe, The Shelter and the Immokalee Outreach Office, as needed on an “on-call” basis.

“The New You” Committee - Professional chiropractors, dentists and massage therapists are needed to offer their services to residents we serve. *Licensure in Florida is required*

Kiddie Care Club - Volunteers are needed to assist with child-care duties when adult program participants attend support groups, seminars and art therapy.

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Core Competency Certified Volunteer Opportunities***

“Hands Are for Helping” Presentation- Volunteers are needed during the school year throughout the week to teach the “Hands Are for Helping, Not Hitting” program to children in Pre-K and Kindergarten classes in Collier County Schools.

Hotline Counselors- Support The Shelter’s 24-hour crisis hotline. Certified volunteers provide support, peer empowerment and resources to individuals who call. Coverage is always needed, especially on Mondays from 1:30pm - 3:30pm and the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 11am - 3:30pm. Additional coverage dates and times vary.



The Shelter Guild Membership Application

Full Name: _____ Partner's Name: _____

Local Address: Community Name: _____ Street: _____

Building & Unit Number: _____ City, State & Zip: _____

Local Phone Numbers: Home: _____ Cell: _____

(Required) E-mail Address: _____

I am in Naples: _____ Full Time _____ Part Time

Non-Local Address: Street: _____ Building & Unit Number: _____

City, State & Zip: _____

Non-Local Phone Numbers: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Educational Background: _____

Current/Previous Occupation(s): _____

Current/Previous Volunteer Experience: _____

Areas of Interest for Involvement with The Shelter Guild: _____

Have you previously toured The Shelter? _____

Have you previously volunteered for The Shelter? _____

Sponsor/Individual who introduced you to The Shelter or how you heard about The Shelter: _____

I understand the responsibilities of membership in The Shelter Guild to include:

1. **Shelter Guild Membership Dues of \$350. Membership dues cover the cost of one ticket to attend the annual Mending Broken Hearts Luncheon. If you cannot attend, the \$350 will be a donation to The Shelter.**
2. To pay by credit card, please call Susan Utz at 239-775-3862.
3. Taking a tour of The Shelter and Options.
4. Selecting a committee on which you wish to serve.
5. Attending 2 out of 3 Guild meetings each season.
6. Serving as an Ambassador in the community for The Shelter and Options Thrift Shoppe.
7. Volunteer at least 24 hours of service on The Shelter's behalf during each year of membership in The Shelter Guild.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please include a photo of yourself with the completed membership form to be used for The Shelter Guild Directory or email it in JPEG format to sutz@naplesshelter.org

Please return to: The Shelter for Abused Women & Children
PO Box 10102
Naples, FL 34101

The Shelter Guild uses Constant Contact to send out information. If you have gmail, please look for the Newsgrams in all mail folders. Also, please do not unsubscribe to the Newsgrams



Current Volunteer Opportunities

- **Options Thrift Shoppe- Volunteer Associate**– Assist customers in retail setting including hanging, sorting, pricing clothing and other goods and answering questions for customers.
- **Childcare Volunteer Advocate**- Assist staff with our youngest survivors in the childcare room/pre-school setting. Ages 0-5 years old. (30-hour FCADV certification required– teaching experience helpful but not required)
- **Outreach Message Line/Appointment Setter Volunteer Advocate**– Answer calls and messages from The Shelter’s Outreach telephone message line to assist with scheduling counseling sessions for current and potential program participants. (30-hour FCADV certification required– strong phone & customer service skills required)
- **Homework Helpers/Storytime Childcare Volunteer Advocate**– Help our youngest survivors in the Emergency Shelter by reading age-appropriate stories and helping with homework and/or tutoring. (30-hour FCADV certification required– teaching experience helpful but not required)
- **Emergency Shelter Volunteer Advocate**- Assist staff in the Emergency Shelter by sorting donations, dating food, answering questions for residents and other tasks as necessary. Full training will be included. (30-hour certification required)
- **Community Liaison Volunteer Advocate**- Attend community health fairs and volunteer fairs with staff/volunteers to educate the public about the programs & services we offer.
- **Garden/Food Forest Volunteer**– Assist as necessary in The Shelter Garden/Food Forest by weeding, planting and watering plants as necessary. (Gardening experience helpful but not required)
- **Immokalee Outreach Volunteer Advocate**– Assist staff as needed at The Immokalee Outreach Center. (30-hour FCADV certification required)
- **Immokalee Literacy Advocate**– Assist staff at the Immokalee Outreach Center by working with participants in the Literacy Program. (30-hour FCADV certification required– Teaching and/or bilingual helpful but not required)

Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence (FCADV) Certification Training is available at The Shelter at no charge to volunteers. Please contact Naomi Goren, Volunteer & Resource Manager for the course schedule or with any questions at (239)775-3061 x215 or ngoren@naplesshelter.org.