



Hotel Louisville Voluntourism Mission: Inn Possible

Monday, October 23, 2017- 9 am-1:00 pm

As far as we can determine, Wayside Christian Mission's dual usage of Hotel Louisville is unique in America. This twelve-story high rise in downtown Louisville serves as a safe, clean transitional living shelter for women and families while providing rooms for tourists and business travelers. And with its spacious, elegantly- appointed ball rooms, Hotel Louisville has become a local favorite for wedding receptions, church conferences, business gatherings, graduation parties and family celebrations.

While the idea is novel, the concept makes good sense. From the general manager to the front desk clerks to the banquet servers, the hotel is staffed primarily by men and women who have either completed or who are currently in one of our recovery or training programs. Not only are our resident clients receiving formal classroom instruction, our work therapy program offers real hands-on training that will enhance their skills for re-entry into the work force. Jobs are relatively plentiful in the hospitality industry for well-trained job seekers; at present, we are producing qualified applicants who may be reasonably assured of obtaining gainful employment. Unemployment is the leading cause of homelessness, but through our regimen of classroom instruction and hands-on job training, we are working to eliminate one of the root causes of homelessness in our community.

Wayside Christian's Mission's Hotel Louisville is much than a hotel- this is a safe-haven for women and children, a training center for the chronically unemployed, and a great place for weddings, conferences and celebrations. Our WayCool Café offers the best \$5 lunch in downtown Louisville. For our of town travelers, we provide a comfortable night's rest with a healthy dose of southern hospitality. There is more to be done and we truly rely upon our many donors and volunteers, but as you can plainly see, our concept for operating a hotel is uniquely inspirational!

KTIA Volunteer Opportunities:

- We could certainly benefit from a dose of old fashion "elbow grease" to help us in renovating some rooms at the hotel. We will have maintenance people working with your people. Much could be accomplished with all this extra help.
- We would also like a handful of your volunteers with hotel experience to meet with our staff for some onsite training.
- Any and all hospitality training materials that KTIA members enjoy or use and would like to share with Hotel Louisville would be much appreciated for future purposes in our classrooms.

***Lunch will be provided to all KTIA Volunteers onsite at Hotel Louisville in the WayCool cafe*