

Adult Volunteer Info

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Dear potential **partner in ministry**...

My name is Drew Moore. I am one of MANY adults and teenagers who work with Eastview's high school ministry called **ONE**. As we see the part of the world God has entrusted us with, our heart breaks for 8000 high school students who are searching for who they are, where they belong and why their life matters.

In the midst of this group, **ONE is becoming a community calling a generation to LIVE everyday with ONEheart to know God, ONEmind to follow Jesus, and ONEpassion to make Him known.**

WE need your help. If this generation is going to find life to the full, we need adults to come alongside students in their questions and speak the hope of Jesus into their lives. We need men and women who are following Jesus from **all ages, all races, all talents, all personalities...** We need **newlyweds, parents, grandparents, singles, college students...** There are MANY kinds of involvement, many roles and many levels of commitment in terms of time and energy. (The remaining pages of this document detail these.)

God has given every one of his people the Holy Spirit and the opportunity to shape the lives of other followers. We hope you'll partner with us in speaking into the lives high school students.

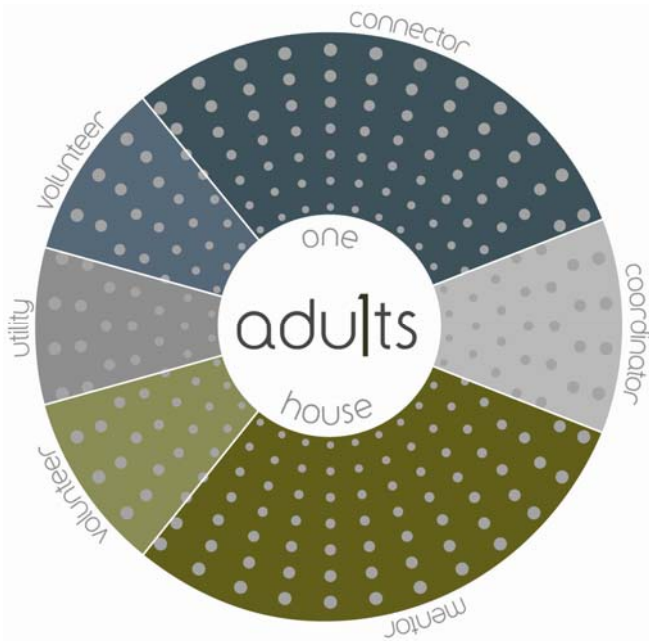
Would you consider praying and investigating what your partnership in the ONE ministry could be?

We'd LOVE to hear from you sometime between now and the end of June. This way we can prepare for an amazing Fall 2010!

We can't wait to hear from you!

Grace&peace

Drew Moore



Adult Volunteer FAQ

We are really excited that you are considering joining us in ministry to students. Please be in prayer and communication with us as you follow the Spirit in using your God-given gifts, abilities and time. Here are a few answers to Frequently Asked Questions to get you started.

If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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Q: I'm interested in exploring the possibility of serving One, what's next?

Q: Why should I partner in ministry with ONE?

Because a generation needs to see and be led to what following Jesus looks like.

Because **8000** senior high students attend school within 15 min of Eastview.

Because we need **40-50** more adults who love Jesus to lead students in ONE.

Because the Holy Spirit has gifted you to be an active part of God's Kingdom.

Because maybe God's leading you to it.

Q: Why does ONE exist?

ONE exists to call a generation to live everyday ONE heart to know Jesus, ONE mind to follow and ONE passion to make him known. We believe that the hope of the gospel is available to everyone and we want to love God above all else and love others to make the gospel known to everyone. We seek to love God supremely, love people unconditionally, and live lives that call everyone to life that is full in Jesus.

Q: Who makes a “good” volunteer?

It's begins with a bold trust in God help you. Then ONE volunteers are effective by being Christ-centering adults who are faithful and fallible, yet focused and motivated givers of their spiritual gifts.

Q: How do I know if that's me?

ONE volunteers are passionate about knowing God, about serving God and about students! They feel genuinely blessed in their role and, over time, see fruit in the lives of students they invest in. As with any type of relationship, there will likely be some challenges or disappointments. But “we do not grow weary in doing good. For we know that our labor in the Lord is not in vain.” (1 Cor 15)

Q: How do ONE volunteers serve?

Volunteers serve by:

1. Being Christ-centered in person and purpose
2. Communicating the truth of the gospel
3. Functioning from a place of overflow
4. Helping students grow in their faith
5. Leading by taking initiative in responding to perceived needs including support, direction and redirection of youth as needed

Q: Specifically, what is expected of a ONE volunteer?

There are a variety of ways volunteers can “plug in” with ONE. It's important that volunteers choose to become involved in areas of ministry that genuinely use their spiritual gifts. This will allow the volunteer to experience a blessing and a joy and for God to utilize volunteers to their fullest capacity. Once you determine which areas of service match your gifts and have completed the application process, consistently serve there in a dependable fashion. It is not necessary, nor is it expected, for volunteers to become involved in all of the various areas of ministry that are available to our youth. We do however, ask that volunteers who take a relational role (that is one of personal relationship in leading youth i.e. House Leader, Advance Group Leader, etc.) commit to two years of service and accompanying students on at least one trip per year. This is so that deeper levels of trust can be developed with students.

Q: What types of ministries are there to choose from in being a volunteer with ONE?

If you are available Sundays, our ONE service is the place to plug in.

ONE – The ONE service (11-12.15 on Sundays) is a place where both senior high believers and non-believers gather to share in the word, worship, fellowship, prayer, communion and mission. This mass gathering of students is intended to share the message in a way that helps them understand who God is, what he did through Jesus and who we can be in a relationship with Him.

ONE **volunteers** facilitate the ministry of ONE through their specific gifts. We need people who are willing and able to set up stage, run sound and light, make coffee, set up chairs and other environmental elements, work the info table, play in the band, etc.

ONE **connectors** are people who are ready to help students do just that... connect. Sometimes the scariest thing about a group setting is walking in and feeling alone. We need a group of adults who will boldly and warmly welcome students and help them connect to one another and to the adults of ONE.

If you are available on Wednesdays, House is the place to get involved.

House – House groups meet weekly on Wednesday evenings throughout the school year at various homes. House groups are smaller, interactive group gatherings (by age) where volunteers who are sponsors can connect with students who have a sincere interest in fun, fellowship and learning more about the gospel in order to grow in their faith.

House **volunteers** equip the ministry by providing a home to meet in, food for connection times, rides to house, etc.

House **mentors*** take on a very relational role by talking, praying, laughing and playing with small groups of students as they discover ways to apply The Word to their life.

Advance groups **mentors*** – Advance groups are self-selected small groups (3-4) of Junior and Senior students who have made a commitment to follow Christ and wish to “advance” the kingdom of God while walking alongside and being accountable to one another.

Although each Advance group looks different, all have common elements: students, purpose and a leader. Leaders of Advance groups, also referred to as mentors because of their shepherding role, are selected by the students or coordinated by ONE staff.

Advance group leaders are mentors who make profound commitments to particular students. They commit to being physically available on a regular basis to meet with the group. They commit to being emotionally and spiritually available to each individual within the group as needed. Their role is to listen, assist, challenge, strengthen, encourage and hold students accountable.

*Those volunteers who wish to become mentors are asked to commit to accompanying students on at least one trip per year.

If you are available on a less regular basis, then you may be a great “utility player.”

A **utility player** has a particular skill or availability that is needed only periodically. These partners in ministry are equally critical to what God is doing in ONE.

Skill-based: These ONE volunteers have some skill that can be used in ONE. It could be as simple as a person with the gift of hospitality hosting parties once in a while, or a guy who just likes to drive and will give people rides as needed, or maybe you make killer pancakes and would come make pancakes once every couple of months for ONE. It could be anything!

Trips: There are a variety of ministries that take place within trips that are offered to our youth. Volunteers and sponsors play a critical role in ensuring student’s physical safety while away from home and spiritual growth in processing and applying the teachings and experiences that are offered in these settings. Our annual trips include weekend retreats, a week-long summer trip to a college campus, and a week-long trip to the Dominican Republic each summer.

Q: Are there opportunities to just serve alongside students?

Our volunteer roles in both ONE and House give you this chance, but we also have a really cool opportunity on Tuesday nights.

Home Sweet Home – In encouraging students to serve as the body of Christ, it is important that we offer opportunities for them to do so. In 2009, ONE began partnering with Home Sweet Home Ministries by allocating leaders and inviting students to serve at the mission every Tuesday evening from 6-8 p.m. Duties assigned vary from week to week. Examples include: serving meals, cleaning, painting, moving furniture, bible devotions, movie nights and playing with the children at the shelter.

Volunteers who are handy, able-bodied and energetic are encouraged to come alongside our students as they accomplish specific tasks in order to instruct and encourage them; modeling humble service. Those who are gifted with children can demonstrate to students how to love and engage with young children; offering them hope. Those who are gifted with communication can come to the mission to speak into the lives of residents; modeling what sharing the gospel looks like to ONE students.

Q: What else is great about being a ONE volunteer?

You’ll become part of the ONE family. There is a closeness that comes in relationships with people when you work alongside them for the cause of Christ. Fellowship is not just sharing a meal together. It’s all the stories you bring to the table... stories that come from the shared experience of partnership in the gospel. One of the ways a big church gets small is developing a community within the church. ONE volunteers are a great community of people!

Q: Are there any resources available to me as a volunteer?

Yes. Here are just a few:

ONE has a group of mature women who are committed to being available and are dedicated to serving ONE through mentoring of volunteers and sponsors in order to equip them well in their area of service. While their primary focus for mentoring is with women sponsors, they are available to all if there are specific areas where their insights would be helpful.

Training and development is available in areas of time management, balance, communication and conflict resolution.

An assessment tool is available to provide assistance with identifying spiritual gifts and matching those to ONE ministries.

On-going support and direction is always available from Eastview's youth minister Drew Moore and assistant youth minister Charlie Welke.

It's important that volunteers and sponsors continue to grow spiritually in order to function from a place of overflow with students. We will continue to support you in any way we can as you grow closer to Christ.

Q: I'm interested in exploring the possibility of serving One, what's next?

The next steps include:

- 1.) Call Paula Mitchell at (309) 824-0701 to talk about the possibility of getting involved.
- 2.) Take the spiritual gifts assessment to discuss where your gifts might best be used in the youth ministry at Eastview.
- 3.) Pray for guidance and direction; that your gifts could be used to their fullest potential within our ministry.
- 4.) Visit ONE and observe specific areas of interest.
- 5.) If you'd like, talk with other volunteers and/or sponsors about their experiences.
- 6.) Meet with Drew Moore and other/or key members of staff.
- 7.) If appropriate, shadow a current ONE volunteer
- 8.) Plug in and get started!
- 9.) Follow up with us whenever needed, but certainly at 30 and 90 day intervals to see how it's going!