

## **Position Title: Lead Missionary**

### **Reports To: Core Team**

#### **Description**

A Love Begins Here Lead Missionary accompanies LBH missionaries in service and prayer on mission trips. They are responsible for caring for the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of missionaries at all times. Although the day-to-day tasks of this position may sometimes seem secular and routine, the entire purpose of this position to assist in the mission of the Catholic Church and Love Begins Here Milwaukee to proclaim Christ and make disciples through the sacramental life of the Church. Effective participation in this mission depends at least as much upon example and witness as on the specific tasks performed. Thus, it is imperative that the Lead Missionary volunteer exercises good judgment in their pursuit of these religious objectives and that their words, actions, and attitude reflect the mission of the Catholic Church and the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

#### **Requirements**

The mission of Love Begins Here is to have a dual impact on the missionaries and communities we serve by practicing faith, hope, and charity in our daily lives of prayer, service, and community building. In order for a Lead Missionary to fulfill this mission and accompany missionaries in prayer and service, this person is expected to joyfully seek to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ through active participation in the Catholic Church, including by publicly professing and following the teachings of the Catholic Church as proclaimed by the magisterium. A Lead Missionary should be at least 21 years old, have passed insurance screening to drive missionaries in vehicles (and receive approval of Catholic Mutual Group to drive if under 23), and be up to date on all Archdiocesan Safe Environment certification standards. Lead Missionaries must also be present for the entire week of Love Begins Here, including overnight.

#### **Principle Activities**

- Actively participate in LBH programming at all times they are on the mission field.
- Monitor the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of missionaries and encourage their growth.
- Provide a safe environment for all missionaries, with special attention paid to safety in the car and at the work site, abiding by all laws throughout your time on LBH.
- Attend daily, early morning Lead Missionary meetings.
- Along with other Lead Missionaries, oversee the wake-up and bedtime routine for teen missionaries.
- Accompany teens through morning routine: eating breakfast, packing lunches, and preparing for the day.
- Coordinate the supplies being taken to and from the LBH trailer for their car group.
- Enthusiastically follow the instructions and group checklists on the work orders during the work day.
- Provide supervision for missionaries during pool and shower times.
- During meals, service, car trips, and group times, engage teen missionaries in conversation and games.
- Lead (or co-lead) nightly parish time.

In general, Lead Missionaries are held to higher standards than typical “chaperones” so as to best form the next generation of servant-hearted teen missionaries.