

## **Tips for Volunteers**

Thank you for volunteering with Furniture Friends! We appreciate your willingness to help with our mission of acquiring and delivering furniture to those in need in the Greater Portland area. Volunteers are the backbone of our organization and without your support, we would not be able to do the important work we do. So that your time with us is productive, we wanted to share the following tips prior to your arrival:

- The Furniture Friends warehouse is located at 15 Saunders Way in Westbrook, Maine. Saunders Way is off Larrabee Road between Brighton Avenue and the Westbrook Arterial. Once on Saunders, go past Bill Dodge Infiniti to the roundabout and take a soft right toward the warehouse. Look for our sign on the awning of loading dock 500D.
- Volunteers require their own transportation during their volunteer shift. Please plan carpools ahead of time.
- You will be lifting and moving furniture outside during your time with us. Please dress appropriately for working pants are highly recommended, and closed-toed shoes are mandatory. To be culturally sensitive to our clients, we ask that you please wear shirts that cover your armpits (i.e. no tank tops) and avoid clothing with political statements or slogans. If the weather is sloppy/snowy, be sure to wear boots with good treads, and wear warm clothes in inclement weather. We will have work gloves on hand, but feel free to bring your own.
- We recommend that you bring a face mask. If you would like to bring a water bottle with you, feel free to do so. Maybe a snack if you need a boost of energy.
- We share our warehouse space with others, so plan to leave all valuables at home or in a locked vehicle.

If you have questions prior to your scheduled volunteer time, contact the Furniture Friends Volunteer Coordinator, Tabarek Kadhim, at volunteer@furniturefriends.org or 207-712-8686. We look forward to having you join our team of Furniture Friends!

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