**New Life Furniture Bank of MA**

**Youth Leadership Program**

**School Year 2022-2023**

**Overview & Application**

New Life Furniture Bank of MA created the Youth Leadership Program in 2020 to provide opportunities for students in high school to gain leadership skills while becoming community activists. Due to the pandemic, this program was put on a hiatus. We have since revised the program and are taking applications for the 2022-2023 school year.

The mission of the program is to encourage high school students in grades 10 – 12 to be a Youth Leader at New Life and follow a program outline throughout the school year. The goal is to provide an impactful opportunity for youth to get involved in a community based nonprofit organization, support the environmental necessity to recycle used furniture and gain a deeper understanding of making a difference in the lives of those less fortunate. In addition, it will lead to the development of leadership and problem solving skills.

The beginning of the program introduces the Youth Leaders to the circumstances that lead to individuals becoming homeless, including the opportunity to listen in on client appointments, and to meet with 1-2 volunteer client hosts. Youth Leaders will transition into actively learning all operational areas including the loading dock, inventory log in, furniture intake, and floor placement. Additionally, the Youth Leaders will plan and run their own donation drive, based on a current high need items list, and recruit volunteers into our warehouse, all while learning valuable marketing & business skills. The program closes out with being part of the volunteer crew of our annual 5k, including advertisement, recruitment of volunteers & runners, and other responsibilities.

**Qualifications**

* **Must be a high school student in grades 10-12**
* **Have volunteered a minimum of (1) time at New Life prior to start of the program (first shift can be done in the summer of 2022) \*Must have youth waiver signed by parent/guardian**
* **Complete the application below**
* **Provide (2) references from a school or community member (not a family member)**
* **Be able to attend meetings once a month (Zoom or Google meets) at a predetermined time**
* **Be able to commit to the program in its entirety, including the ability to volunteer at least (1) Saturday per month from 8:45-12:30**
* **Must be able to lift 50lbs and comfortable doing so as part of a team**
* **Must be comfortable pivoting from role to role within the organization in order to successfully understand the organization as a whole**

**Application**

**Section I**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **City**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **State** \_\_ **Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Cell/Home/Work) **Preference to be reached:** Text \_\_ Email\_\_ Phone\_\_\_

**Email Address** (use address that is checked daily) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**High School** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Graduation Year** \_\_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Phone # of emergency contact**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship to volunteer**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Section II**

**References**

**Please list (2) persons we may call who are NOT family, one of whom may be your mentor, teacher, employer, religious or spiritual leader or relationship other than personal friend.**

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**Relationship \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Relationship\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**I hereby give my consent to contact my reference; to contact my employers, past and present; and to conduct a background check.**

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 **Signature of Applicant Date**

**Section III Questionnaire**

1. **How did you hear about New Life?**
2. **What interests you about this particular volunteer program?**
3. **What qualities and/or traits do you have that you will bring to the program, and what do you hope to gain from the program?**

**Section IV**

**Acknowledgement of Program Outline**

**I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, have read and reviewed the program outline and am prepared to complete the program as it states.**

If there are any questions regarding the application or the program itself, please email Amanda Hartley, Volunteer & Development Coordinator, at Amanda.hartley@newlifefb.org