



# OPERATION STAND DOWN RHODE ISLAND

VOLUNTEER  
OPPORTUNITIES

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# Our Mission

OSDRI's mission is to strengthen the veteran community by providing crucial wrap-around services.

# Our Vision

Our vision is to empower the most successful generation of transitioning service members through outreach, advocacy and dignity.

# Our Services

**Employment & Training:** Eliminate barriers by providing veterans and their families the employment and training services they need in order to re-enter the workforce.

**Housing:** Facilitate a combination of permanent supportive, transitional and recovery housing offers to low-income and disabled veterans to meet their needs.

**Basic Human Needs:** Manage a community supported food pantry and Personal Hygiene program for use by in-need veterans stocked with non-perishables.

**Legal Services:** Our Legal Assistance for Warriors (LAW) program provides pro-bono representation to eligible Rhode Island veterans.

# Volunteer Interest

Thank you for choosing to spend your time volunteering with OSDRI. We understand how valuable your time is and that there are a lot of worthy organizations out there, and we genuinely are appreciative that you chose OSDRI.

## **SKILL SET AND INTERESTS**

Before volunteering, take a minute to identify your skill sets and interests in the box below. This will help us match you up with volunteer activities.

# Peer to Peer Fundraising

A Peer to Peer (P2P) Fundraiser is someone who supports an organization and fundraises on behalf of the organization. That might look like you sharing your page on your social media accounts, sending out e-mails to your friends and family, word of mouth, etc. We have many opportunities for P2P fundraising.

Our first P2P fundraising opportunity takes part in 401Gives on April 1st annually, and our second opportunity is Giving Tuesday which falls on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving annually. 401Gives is a statewide day of giving in Rhode Island and Giving Tuesday is a global day of giving for all nonprofits.

We can also set up a personal fundraising page P2P campaign at anytime throughout the year. You would be able to share the link with a unique URL to fundraise on behalf of Operation Stand Down. For example, should you want to set up a birthday fundraiser on behalf of OSDRI you would set up your own page and share it with family and friends. They would then be able to donate right to OSDRI through your campaign page.

To sign up to be a P2P fundraiser contact Amanda at [adean@osdri.org](mailto:adean@osdri.org).

## TELLING YOUR STORY FOR PEER TO PEER FUNDRAISING

Why do you personally donate or support Operation Stand Down RI?

What do you think is the most important thing OSDRI does for veterans? Has OSDRI ever helped you out?

Why should other people donate to OSDRI?

### NOTES:

## PROSPECTIVE PEER TO PEER DONORS

Make a list of people who you think would support to your P2P campaign (ex. friends, family, neighbors, business owners you know, co-workers, members of organizations, successful people you know)

Who else in your network could you reach out to?

**NOTES:**

## PEER TO PEER FUNDRAISING GOAL SETTING

Use this sheet to brainstorm goals and strategies and how to attain them.

### P2P FUNDRAISING GOAL BREAKDOWN

Goal

MONETARY GOAL?

Strategies

Goal

NUMBER OF DONORS DESIRED?

Strategies

Goal

HOW MANY PEOPLE TO REACH OUT TO  
AND THROUGH WHAT PLATFORMS?

Strategies

Goal

LENGTH OF TIME CAMPAIGN WILL GO ON FOR?

Strategies



# Food/Hygiene Pantry & Clothing Shed

We have a food/hygiene pantry and a clothing shed at our Johnston location. We get donations for both every week and are constantly needing to sort and organize everything. Our staff simply can't keep up with it everyday so that is where our greatest volunteer need comes into play.

We need volunteers to sort through the clothing shed bags/boxes to organize the items by size and category. This will ideally be a spring project or when we have nicer weather so we can empty out the clothing shed and lay everything out to really see what we have available. We will then need volunteers every month or so to maintain the clothing shed organization.

Inside our food pantry we have a room for hygiene products. We ask volunteers to sort all hygiene items onto shelves and make pre-made hygiene bags for veterans and their families in need. We try and put in one of everything for a good assortment of products.

We need help sorting food from bags and boxes to the shelves. We also need help keeping our shelves neat and organized. We ask volunteers to help prepare pre-made food bags for veterans and social workers to come pick up. We try and put a variety of food in each bag and also balance them out to make each bag as nutritious as possible.

Another thing we ask volunteers for help with is rotating our food, making sure items that will be expiring within the next few months are toward the front and items that will be good for a while are toward the back. If a volunteer comes across any expired food we ask that they throw it away in our dumpster.

Lastly, we ask volunteers to help lightly clean up (ex. sweeping, mopping, sanitizing, throwing away trash, and recycling boxes) when they are done.

# FOOD PANTRY NEEDED ITEMS

- CEREAL
- JUICE
- CANNED MEAT
- SOUP (DRY/CANNED)
- CANNED FRUIT
- OATMEAL
- RICE
- APPLESAUCE
- RAISINS
- JELLY / JAM
- CANNED OR INSTANT POTATOES
- MACARONI AND CHEESE
- SNACK ITEMS
- INSTANT NOODLES (RAMEN)
- TOMATO SAUCE
- PASTA
- PASTA SAUCE
- PEANUT BUTTER
- GRAVY
- STUFFING
- BREAD MIXES
- BISCUIT MIXES
- CRANBERRY SAUCE
- PICKLES
- OLIVES
- BOX DINNERS

**DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF MONDAY-FRIDAY, 9AM-4PM OR MAILED TO:**

**OPERATION STAND DOWN RI  
1010 HARTFORD AVENUE  
JOHNSTON, RI 02919**



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# HYGIENE PRODUCTS NEEDED:

**Shampoo**  
**Conditioner**  
**Body Wash**  
**Shaving Gel**  
**Razors**  
**Soap**  
**Toothpaste**  
**Toothbrushes**  
**Floss**  
**Q-Tips**  
**Deodorant**  
**Sunscreen**  
**Bug Spray**  
**Mouthwash**  
**Band-Aids**  
**Tissues**  
**Paper Towels**  
**Toilet Paper**  
**Personal Care Items**

**Give a helping hand to  
a veteran in need!**

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dropped off Monday-  
Friday, 9AM-4PM or  
mailed to:**

**Operation Stand Down  
RI  
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**Gift Cards are always needed and accepted at Operation Stand Down RI. See below for a list of accepted gift card donations.**

## **GIFT CARD DONATIONS**

DONATIONS TO BENEFIT LOCAL VETERAN FAMILIES IN NEED

### **Accepted Gift Cards:**

- \* Walmart
- \* Target
- \* Job Lot
- \* Gas Stations
- \* Stop & Shop
- \* Price Rite
- \* Visa / MasterCard Cards
- \* Kohl's / Old Navy / Burlington
- \* CVS / Rite Aid
- \* Market Basket

Donations can be dropped off from Monday-Friday, 9AM-4PM or delivered to:

**Operation Stand Down RI**  
1010 Hartford Avenue  
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Please call Amanda with any questions at  
401-383-4730



# Misc. Volunteer Opportunities



OSDRI has several other volunteer opportunities that come up throughout the year.

Some of these opportunities include:

- Spring clean-up
- Power washing veteran housing
- Painting
- Raking
- Misc. building projects
- Event set-up/breakdown
- File organization in the main office
- and more!

To be alerted of any potential volunteer opportunities please sign up to become an official OSDRI volunteer by filling out the form under the volunteer section of our website: [www.osdri.org](http://www.osdri.org)

# SIGN UP TO BECOME AN OFFICIAL VOLUNTEER TODAY

Please go to:

<https://osdri.charityproud.org/WebForm/Index/941?formCode=fe612399-f508-446a-94b4-86ca6ec259d9> to sign up to become an Operation Stand Down RI volunteer.

You can also visit our website [www.osdri.org](http://www.osdri.org) and click on the volunteer section and fill out the form on there.

If you have any questions call Amanda Dean at 401-383-4730 or e-mail at [adean@osdri.org](mailto:adean@osdri.org)

**COUNT ME IN**