



## Share of McLean Furniture Program

### Intro

Share's furniture program is seeking volunteers to help deliver donated furniture on Saturdays. Our recipients are the underserved who may have moved from shelters or are elderly or disabled and can't afford to buy furniture. These folks are appreciative of the respectful help we provide.



We have a driver and two “helpers” in our truck, with occasionally an extra team member following in their car. Helpers should be able to carry one end of a sofa or dresser up a flight of stairs. Younger family members are welcome to help with lighter items. Participants are eligible for community service hours. The program takes about 5 hours on a Saturday, from 9 – 2 pm.

### Typical day

The team meets at 9 am on Saturday morning at St. Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. The truck is parked in the parking lot between the rectory and the school. Our team of an experienced driver and two helpers works from a schedule prepared beforehand by our volunteer scheduler. This schedule provides a planned route for the day of pickups and deliveries of gently used furniture.

The team works together to load and unload furniture, make calls to donors and clients to confirm arrival 30 minutes beforehand and navigate to each scheduled stop. The team packs the truck and secures the furniture with ropes to prevent damage while driving. We provide donors with receipts for tax purposes. Most importantly, we are a service organization. It is important that we treat everyone – donors and recipients – with respect and dignity. That is our greatest gift to the community: the care with which we carry out our mission of service.

Occasionally we are offered furniture that is inappropriate for our clients or is in such poor condition that we would be embarrassed to deliver it. In such situations, we would reject those items. Some items are too bulky or heavy to deliver to our clients' apartments. The team will consider these items on a case-by-case basis. Generally, our clients need basic furniture items such as beds, dressers, tables and chairs.

If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact Randy Glantz at the number below.

Sign up to volunteer using [SignUpGenius](#). To arrange a trial ride-along, contact Randy Glantz, [randy@shareofmclean.org](mailto:randy@shareofmclean.org), 703.297.7299