

School on Wheels of Massachusetts seeks volunteer tutors for children impacted by homelessness in New Bedford, other communities

Can you spare a couple of hours a week to influence the future of a child impacted by homelessness? School on Wheels of Massachusetts (SOWMA) is seeking one-on-one after school tutors to work with children in grades K-12 starting in January 2016. Tutors are needed at shelters, hotels, and schools in Brockton, Fall River, New Bedford, Norwell, Randolph, Stoughton and Weymouth. People who speak Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian Creole, or Cape Verdean Creole are invited to volunteer.

Each SOWMA tutor is matched with a student for one or two hours a week. Tutors work with students on homework and school projects. Tutoring sessions are designed to fill in the layers of learning that may be missing due to frequent moves and school absences. Every SOWMA tutor is expected to serve as a mentor and positive role model. Teens and adults aged 18 and older are needed. No prior experience is required. High school students may tutor with a parent or other adult they know.

SOWMA volunteers must attend a 3-hour Tutor Training before beginning to volunteer. Tutor Trainings will be held in January in the following places on the noted days and times:

- Monday, January 4, 2016 5:30-8:30PM SOWMA Office 100 Laurel St., Suite 121 E. Bridgewater, MA
- Tuesday, January 5, 2016 5:30-8:30PM St. Helen's Parish Hall 383 Washington St. Norwell, MA

•Wednesday, January 6, 2016 5:30-8:30 pm SOWMA Office 100 Laurel St., Suite 121 E.Bridgewater, MA

•Thursday, January 7, 2016 5:30-8:30 pm Harbour House 713 Shawmut Ave. New Bedford, MA

To register for an upcoming Tutor Training or for more information about becoming a SOWMA volunteer, visit www.sowma.org or contact Operations Director Robin Gilbert at robin@sowma.org, or 508-587-9091.

ABOUT SCHOOL ON WHEELS OF MASSACHUSETTS

School on Wheels of Massachusetts (SOWMA) is the only organization in Massachusetts providing one-on-one afterschool tutoring, new backpacks and school supplies, and educational advocacy and support to children impacted by homelessness in multiple locations. SOWMA is dedicated to providing academic support and one-on-one mentoring so every child can reach his or her full potential.
