

Week in the Life of a Maggie's Place AmeriCorps



MONDAY:

10am: Training at the Family Success Center
12pm: Monday Meeting with your house team
4pm-6pm: Prep for community night/take personal time
6pm: Community Night with the whole house
8:30pm-9pm: Clean Kitchen

TUESDAY:

9am-4pm: On duty, respond to emails, make homemade decorations for an upcoming birthday, organize the craft closet
4pm-7pm: Personal time
7pm-?: Urgent care visit with a mom
Come home, do your chore and go to sleep!

WEDNESDAY:

9am-12pm: Position work
12pm-3pm: Personal time
3pm-5pm: Contact meeting
5pm-7:30pm: Drive moms to Support Group
You can head to the day off house, if everything is taken care of at your house!

THURSDAY:

Day Off!
Engage in what keeps you well!
Explore Phoenix. Go on a hike. Go to Trivia with other AmeriCorps. Watch Netflix. Sleep at the day off house(Palma.)

FRIDAY:

9am-4pm: On duty, spend time in community space, prep a bedroom and a welcome basket for a new mom moving in tonight
4pm-6pm: Pick up donations from Maggie's Thrift, do your chore, welcome new mom!
6pm-9pm: Personal time

SATURDAY:

10am-12pm: Serve Saturday!
12pm-1pm: Fill donation requests
1pm-4pm: Personal time
4pm-Overnight: On duty; make dinner, and watch a movie in community space, spend time with moms and babies

SUNDAY:

10am-4pm: shift off
4pm-5:30pm: Walmart grocery trip!
5:30pm-9pm: Spend time with community, clean out refrigerator, prep for Monday



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TUESDAY: ON DUTY 9AM-4PM

9am: Unload the dishwasher, check the office voicemails, and see if any volunteers signed up to come to the house today.



10am: A mom asks you to hold her baby so she can get ready for the day. Multitask by snuggling and answering emails, then time for some tummy time!



11am: Ding dong! The Waste Not truck is here dropping off food donations. Hop on the truck to pick out some groceries for the house.



12pm: Make some lunch and chat with a mom about how her daycare tour went today.

1pm: Your teammate leaves to go grocery shopping for the community and realizes the car won't start. Time to help her jump the car! Whether it is unclogging the bathtub drain or jumping cars, each task is essential in order to keep the home functioning.



1:30pm: A new mom is moving in this week! Reset the door code, craft a welcome sign, and ensure her room is ready for her.



4pm: You aren't on duty anymore. Hand off the duty phone to your teammate and fill her in on anything she needs to know.

4:30pm-7:30pm: Drive moms to class at the Family Success Center. From 5pm-7pm while the moms are at class, you take some personal time to go on a walk and call a friend until class is done.



7:30pm: Drive home and do your chore. Today it is sweep and mop the kitchen floor, thankfully you've got a helper!



8pm: Check in with your teammates to see if they need anything before you take the rest of your personal time and unwind for the night.

***There is no such thing as a typical day at Maggie's Place! Some days you are constantly on the go and your schedule and service will look different than you anticipated; while other days are quieter and everything goes as expected. AmeriCorps members thrive when they embrace the ever changing needs of each day.**



Frequently Asked Questions



Can I apply if I'm not a US citizen?

AmeriCorps members must be US citizens or permanent legal residents.

Does Maggie's Place offer relocation assistance?

AmeriCorps members are responsible for costs associated with travel to and from their placement in Arizona. However, once you arrive in Arizona, we will pick you up from the airport and Maggie's Place provides housing, utilities and food at no cost to you.

Can I have another job while at Maggie's Place?

A year or summer of service at Maggie's Place is extremely immersive and AmeriCorps members will not have the time or flexibility needed to hold another job while serving at Maggie's Place. This also applies to any other commitment, like school or online classes.

Are there medical considerations for service?

In order to meet the demands of an immersive service experience, AmeriCorps members are expected to be able to operate well under stress, and should take into consideration mental and physical health needs or challenges when applying for service at Maggie's Place; existing conditions should be well managed in order to allow the member to thrive during their service experience. Members are expected to remain up to date on all recommended vaccinations.

Is Maggie's Place a religious organization?

Maggie's Place is not a religious organization. Maggie's Place is 501(c)3 nonprofit organization committed to serving mothers – upholding dignity, providing support for those experiencing barriers to thriving, and building an inclusive, trauma-informed community. Being founded in the spirit of Catholic social teaching, our core values of love, hospitality, community, and excellence derive from these principles. As we have grown over the years, we have remained true to our core values and mission, while proactively seeking to be a community that welcomes and integrates moms, staff and AmeriCorps members from all faith traditions and walks of life around our common purpose.

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Where will I live?

You will live in a house alongside moms, babies and other AmeriCorps members. We have 5 maternity homes located across Phoenix, Glendale, Mesa and Tempe. Each of our homes houses between 4-7 moms, their babies, and 2-5 AmeriCorps members.

What does the home look like?

We operate out of single family homes. Each house has its own character, but they all have corps bedrooms, mom bedrooms, a kitchen, family room, office and plenty of rocking chairs!

Where will I sleep?

AmeriCorps members share rooms and bunk beds with other AmeriCorps members. You may share a room with up to 3 other AmeriCorps members. Moms share rooms with other moms.

What about meals?

Each home has a grocery budget that is used to purchase groceries that are shared between everyone in the community on a weekly basis. There is always plenty of food accessible. If you prefer to buy your own personal food rather than share community food, you can do so with personal money. Additionally, AmeriCorps members qualify to receive EBT to aid with food costs. There are not set meal times and moms and AmeriCorps are responsible for preparing their own meals, except on Monday Community Nights!

What is Community Night?

Every Monday night the entire home spends intentional time together. Community Night includes: eating dinner, a house meeting, celebrating our wins of the week, and participating in a program or activity together.

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Do AmeriCorps members receive days off?

Of course! AmeriCorps members receive one 26 hour shift off from 7am-9am the following day and either another full day or 9am-4pm shift off each week. In order to provide a space for rest and self care, Maggie's Place provides a day off house(Palma) that is separate from the home where you work at to be used during your time off. Since Maggie's Place is an operational home with an AmeriCorps present 24/7, days off occur throughout the week and you will occasionally have a weekend day off, but that is not the norm.

Do I get holidays off?

Maggie's Place homes do not close for the holidays, so AmeriCorps members do not get traditional holidays off. We are often the primary support and community for the moms that live with us and we enjoy celebrating together as a community! We ask all first-year AmeriCorps to stay for Christmas, and then take time off at either Thanksgiving or Easter as well as other holidays important to the member utilizing their 24 vacation days.

Can my family and friends visit me?

Yes! AmeriCorps often invite family and friends to visit and share in their experiences of life at Maggie's Place. While AmeriCorps members are expected to immerse themselves into the community at Maggie's Place, we also recognize that keeping in touch with family and friends is important and necessary to overall wellness.

What will Maggie's Place provide?

Maggie's Place provides housing, food, transportation for work, and health insurance at no cost to you. You receive a monthly living stipend of \$1,466.66 and will receive a Segal Educational Award upon completion of your service term. The Segal Education Award can be used toward past or future educational expenses. In addition, AmeriCorps members receive: ongoing training and support, access to counseling, and biannual retreats allowing you to grow personally and develop transferable skills for the future. A full list of benefits is available upon request.

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Do I need to have a driver's license?

It is not a requirement; however, we prioritize applicants that have their driver's license and are at least 21 years old so they can drive a Maggie's Place vehicle. A large portion of the AmeriCorps role involves safely driving Maggie's Place vehicles with passengers so AmeriCorps members should be confident drivers prior to service. If you are not over 21 with a driver's license, you will need to utilize public transportation to travel around the area. Maggie's Place will provide you with a Valley Metro pass.

*Summer members may be younger than 21, but can only drive Maggie's Place vehicles if they are 21 and older.

Should I bring my own car?

If you have one, we recommend bringing it for your personal use! For any work transportation needs Maggie's Place vehicles are always provided. And if you are 21 or older you will typically have access to use a Maggie's Place vehicle on your day off to travel within 25 miles of the home. However, we all share Maggie's Place vehicles, so if you want to explore more areas of Arizona and the Southwest during your free time, it is nice to have the freedom and flexibility of having your own car to use!

How do I handle my college loans?

Forbearance or deferment is available for most federally guaranteed student loans. Contact your lender for more information. Maggie's Place is happy to provide any forms or letters required to prove your status as a full-time service member.

I have more questions! Who can I talk to?

We are happy to answer any and all questions about this unique service opportunity! Reach out at americorps@maggiesplace.org.