

1. What is your name?

Kasra Chehrazi

2. What is your age range?

18-24

3. What is your work status?

Student

4. What inspired you to become a volunteer at SCFM?

I wanted to give back to the community that has housed me for the last three years.

5. How long have you been volunteering at the food closet, and what roles have you served in?

I have been volunteering at the food closet for the last month and a half, serving as a food distributor and shelfer. During this time I've had the opportunity to direct cars, talk to community members, and give people the food that they need.

6. What is your favorite part about volunteering at the SCFM?

My favorite part about volunteering at SCFM is seeing the smile on people's faces as they drive away after we fill up their cars. I especially love seeing the children get overjoyed when we give them an extra soda or a cookie!

7. In what ways have you seen the SCFM make a positive impact in the community?

I've seen SCFM help a lot of individuals seeking refuge from turmoil in their home countries.

8. What are some of the biggest challenges you've faced as a volunteer at the food closet, and how have you overcome them?

I haven't really experienced many big challenges at the food closet. The way April has everything set up is very efficient and minimizes our difficulties.

9. How has volunteering at the SCFM affected your faith and worldview?

Volunteering at Sunrise Christian Food Ministry has shown that those that I expect to come to a food closet are not necessarily the ones that do. I've seen people from all walks of life come to SCFM and it came as a surprise to me initially. Now that I've been volunteering for a while, I feel as though I'm less likely to make assumptions about people when meeting them for the first time.

10. What advice would you give to someone who is interested in volunteering at a food closet for the first time?

My advice would be to not be afraid, and don't make assumptions. The work being done at these food closets is highly fulfilling, knowing that you are helping individuals who have nowhere else to turn to.

11. What message would you like to share with people who are considering donating to or volunteering at the SCFM?

This organization is run very well and has a ton of dedicated members willing to use their own time to help others. Your money will not be wasted if donated to SCFM and will certainly be used to help those in need. Thank you in advance for considering us!

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