

# volunteer opportunities

## **Outdoor Learning Environment**

- We're changing the face of our outdoor play space. We want to provide this urban setting with a touch of nature. By offering opportunities for children to interact with natural materials we are providing them with experiences that they may not have otherwise. The change of environment is going to need a big group to do all the work that needs to be done in this transformation.
- Our outdoor play space is transforming into an outdoor classroom. It's a natural play space, full of grass, trees, stumps, stones, and plants. We need helpers to make sure we can keep up with the growth and change of seasons, and ensure that our Children's Center friends always have a beautiful, well-kept space to explore!

## **Art and Story Hour**

- This new component of Ready to Learn and Grow offers meaningful programming to children living within our shelter. We need a group of volunteers to put furniture and equipment together so that we can begin implementing this program.
- This program requires six hours of volunteer work each week. We need several individuals to help facilitate art and literacy activities with children ranging in age from birth to 17 years.

## **Classroom Volunteers**

- Volunteers share their talents in many different ways, including: being a guest reader, helping with craft projects, showing the kids a special talent or instrument, or helping the teachers lead a learning center activity. Your positive presence can make all the difference!

## **Music/Movement Activities**

- One hour session of music fun, come explore a music experience and make some noise with the Children's Center! We encourage the use of your unique talents as individuals or as a group. We welcome any experience you are willing to share with our children!

## **Food Prep**

- The YWCA Children's Center provides breakfast, lunch, and a snack for our program participants. Volunteers can assist the Food Service Coordinator with the prep of the meals, as well as creation of fun and new menu items.

## Transportation

- The YWCA Children's Center provides transportation for Children participating in our RLG and GSRP programs. We need 30 hours of volunteer work each week.

## Parent's Night Out

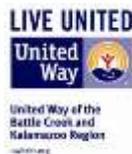
- Parents are able to enjoy a night out together while volunteers and Children's Center staff care for their children at the YWCA.

## Gym Time Volunteers

- Facilitate gym play with the children in large or small groups while teachers use the time to plan for their classrooms. Provide opportunities for game play, large motor development, and exposure to exercise made fun!

## General

- Help with playground maintenance or toy repair
- Assist with parent and classroom bulletin boards
- Translate newsletter or written materials into other languages
- Gather or make materials for classroom projects
- Make phone calls for special activity reminders
- Copy, fold, sort, staple materials
- Record a story for use in the classroom
- Support in gathering information updates
- Parent Education Nights: volunteers to help facilitate the evening
- Facilitate a Clothing Drive to help families that are in need
- Organize storage spaces



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