

Change a life... VOLUNTEER!

What is a UMCH volunteer?

Volunteers are individuals and groups that help in the work of our child caring services. It is through these efforts that our agency is able to improve the services provided to children. As sponsors and volunteers come into direct contact with the United Methodist Children's Home, our programs become more alive, meaningful and life-changing.

Why we need your help

One of the greatest values of working with volunteers is the opportunity for youth to experience a different kind of treatment and meaningful relationships with adults at their own pace. They have the opportunity to see themselves in the eyes of people who are there simply because they care. We believe that volunteers are an essential part to enriching the overall caring program.



What can I do to help?

There are many ways to help! We're flexible to work with your schedule and the interests and skills you can share with our young people. Below are several of our ongoing opportunities, but our needs are always changing. Tell us what you'd like to do, and we may have a place for you!

Tutor: Most of our students need guidance and encouragement mastering basic study and academic skills. Offering your time and talent to help a youth with reading, math, social studies or science can change the course of that student's life.

Activity Leader: Share your area of expertise with an individual or a group of our residents. This could be anything from pottery, music lessons, dance, sports, acting or painting to knitting, fashion, hair styling or animal-assisted therapy. This can be one time or a series of activities.

Cottage Friend: Be a role model for a cottage group by teaching and developing a personal relationship with each child. Participate in the youth's everyday activities and schedule of the household. Commit to two to four hours weekly.

Big Brother/Big Sister & Visiting Family: Many of our children have little to no contact with their biological families. They need a special individual or family to be their "own." These special people choose to be Big Brothers, Big Sisters or Visiting Families. All are asked to be a family role model and make a long-term commitment for one weekend visit per month.

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What can I do to help? (continued)

Professional Service: We are always in need of professional personnel who are willing to volunteer their specific skills, including doctors, dentists, psychologists, psychiatrists, barbers/hair stylists, lawyers, teachers, plumbers, electricians, etc.

For volunteer work groups:

- *grounds/landscaping maintenance
- *painting in cottages and around campus
- *and more... just ask!

Occasional Volunteer Needs:

- *mural painters
- *seasonal mailings/administrative helpers
- *special events volunteers
- *and more... just ask!



Becoming a Volunteer

Age and application requirements vary by the volunteer opportunity. To begin the process, all applicants (except work groups) must submit a basic application packet. All areas of the application and accompanying forms must be completed, including a minimum of four references.



All of this information is required for us to keep our status as a licensed child caring and child placing agency.

Ready to get started? Contact the Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@umchildrenshome.org or 404.327.5832 with any questions or for more information.

**You
can
make
a
difference!**



The mission of the United Methodist Children's Home is to provide redemptive, healing services that bring meaningful change to the lives of children and families. Grounded by scripture and the tradition of the church, we seek to bring the wholeness of God's love to persons through Christ.

The United Methodist Children's Home is an equal opportunity employer and provider.



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