



small steps nurturing center

Small Steps Volunteer Opportunities

Dear Friend of Small Steps:

Thank you for your interest in being part of the Small Steps Volunteer Family! We've compiled a list of opportunities that address a multitude of ways to enrich the life experiences of our students, contribute to our Small Steps families' well being or lighten the load of our teachers and staff. Your special talent or skill is always welcomed so please talk with Retta Bravo (rbravo@ssnc.org) or Verna Noack (vnoack@ssnc.org) about other ways you would like to contribute. We appreciate your interest and concern and we're excited about working with you at Small Steps!

Be A Buddy At Small Steps

Special friend who comes regularly (usually weekly) to play and visit with a designated student

Time required: 2 ½ hour training in SET for Life program, 1 hour weekly

Requirements: Background check, fingerprints, loving heart and willingness to "lose" at games.

Partnering with a Small Steps Family

- + Remembering them in prayer
- + Sending cards on special occasions
- + Contributing to family outings
- + Gift certificates for household use
- + Responding in family specific ways

Arts Program Assistants

Assist Drama, Dance or Art Leaders

1 hour weekly

Story Time Readers

8 AM -9 AM Monday thru Thursday morning

11Am - 12:30 PM Monday thru Thursday

Time required: 30 minutes to 1 hour

Field Trips

Buddy with children on field trips for safety and maximize experience

Time required: "On Call" 3-4 hours during school day



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Special Event Volunteers

Golf Tournament, Clay Shoot, Wine Classic
Registration, Set Up, Scoring, Program Aide

Time Required: $\frac{1}{2}$ to All day of event

Christmas

Facilitate allocation and distribution of gifts, Gift wrapping

Assist or sponsor holiday party

Time required: 3 hrs. To 1 week once a year

Easter

Serve refreshments, prepare goody bags, help with photography, set up and clean up

Time required: 3 hours Once a year

Graduation

Set up and decorate reception hall, serve refreshments, make graduates and families feel special

Time required: 3 hours Once a year

Create an Event

(Idea: "Back to School"

Collect Jeans and Capris and cute shirts for students

In preparation for school)

Time Required: You're in charge, Once a year

Small Steps Birthday Cake Fund

Contribute to providing a Birthday Cake for each Small Steps Student

Time Required: 5 minutes to write a check

Field Trip Underwriter

Help with costs of Field trips for Small Steps Students

=Entrance fees, field trip shirts, trip related book for the library

Special Projects

Landscaping, gardening, mulching playgrounds and flower beds, Cleaning and maintenance projects

Time Required: Week night or Week end 3 to 6 hours



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Thursday Night Family Support Meetings

Prepare a simple meal for 10 to 15 people

Assist child care workers with reading books, playing games with the children, join in Bible Study

Time Required: 1-2 hours a week

Special Education Partners

Partner with families in the special education process

Through advocacy, education and legal support

Time required: Variable. Training required.

Administrative Opportunities

Filing, Computer support, Mailings, Assembling literature, Updating files

Time Required: Flexible, Possible 2 hour block of time

Professional Opportunities

Counseling, Legal, Medical

Assisting our families in each of these areas is an ongoing need

Time Required: "on call", case specific

Marketing/ Public Relations

Use your professional knowledge to assist Small Steps in garnering media attention

Teacher Appreciation

Sponsor a meal, snack or special treat for 10 to 15 teachers and staff

Time required: 1 -2 hours Once or twice a year