

Frequently Asked Questions ~ Residential Program Volunteers

CAN MY CHILD JOIN ME IN VOLUNTEERING?

ANSWER: Unfortunately because of the nature of the work we do, no one under the age of 21 may directly volunteer with our residents.

EXCEPTION: During the Holiday period we do allow mature 16 year olds and parents to help log, sort and wrap gifts.

CAN I VOLUNTEER FOR A COUPLE MONTHS ?

ANSWER: The children that are in our program typically have a long history of abuse and neglect from the adults in their lives. Our program is successful because we work with each child to build trust and healthy relationships with the adults who have contact. To do this takes time. We ask a minimum commitment of one year to be a program volunteer. Other volunteer opportunities are available that do not require such long term commitment.

CAN I VISIT ONCE IN AWHILE WHEN MY SCHEDULE IS FREE?

ANSWER: No, the children in our care require stability and consistency. Therefore volunteers are asked to commit to a specific day and time each week. Minimum is 2 hrs. per week.

CAN I DO MY COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS HERE?

ANSWER: No one with any type of criminal background is allowed to be on our campus. There may be opportunities for students to complete community service hours for school and/or programs. Projects and opportunities vary, and are based on the needs of the Sacramento Children's Home and our programs.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO WORK WITH THE KIDS?

ANSWER: Volunteers who would like to work directly with the children must be at least 21 years old, have a clean criminal record, be fingerprinted, and must submit a TB screen. SCH will pay for the TB test, and fingerprints. In addition, volunteers working with our children must commit to volunteering for at least one year.

The Sacramento Children's Home encourages youth to support the Home and its program through community service projects, which typically happen outside of our campus.

If you have any questions or would like more information on becoming a volunteer, please contact Judy Schefer, Volunteer Coordinator, at (916) 452-3982 or judy.schefer@kidshome.org