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Volunteer Opportunities

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SCH Programs

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A program volunteer works directly with one of our programs. Some volunteers prefer to work directly with our children playing board games, reading or simply giving individual time to a child. Some have a special skill to share or a hobby to teach a small group of children on a weekly basis.

To be a program volunteer, you must be at least 21 years old, have a clean criminal background and be able to commit to a regular schedule for a minimum of one year. Please contact Judy Schefer at 916.452.3981.

SCH Special Friends

Imagine what it must be like to have no adult to call your own. No grown up who can spend time just with you...reading, playing games or just talking about your day. The staff at the Sacramento Children's Home goes out of their way to make each child feel special, but at

times, it's just not enough. Our residents know that staff are paid to be there, and staff members almost always supervise several children at a time.

Having a mentor or Special Friend gives one of our residential children that special someone. You are there because you want to be—you want to give that child a positive relationship with a caring adult. You want your child to have a role model, a confidant, a head start in life.

Special Friends work with younger children, usually between the ages of 7 and 14. Mentors work with children age 15 or older. Once paired with your friend, you'll visit during group activities as you get to know each other. Once a relationship begins, you'll spend time together at least an hour a week. At first, your visits will be on the grounds of SCH. Later, you'll be able to take your friend out for activities like a visit to the zoo, a River Cats game or a movie.

Special Friends serve as valuable role models and play a significant part in rebuilding self-esteem, trust of others and a sense of personal self-worth in children damaged by abuse. To be a



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INDIRECT OPPORTUNITIES

Holiday

You can make a child's wish come true. The Sacramento Children's Home Holiday Giving program provides a stocking, a gift and a basket of food for more than 1,800 local children. Volunteers help in a variety of ways during this time of the year. For more information, please contact Judy Schefer at 916.452.3981 or judy.schefer@kidshome.org

Group

Community volunteers are made up of local organizations and businesses that want to help as a group. These volunteers periodically undertake service projects to provide support to the Sacramento Children's Home. It could be helping with a special event, sprucing up the playground or paint a cottage.

Through your gifts of time and talent, you help create a nurturing environment and many warm memories for our children and families. To be a Community volunteer, you must be at least 21 years old and have a clean criminal background.

Physical Plant List – Please call for current needs.

Events

From celebrity sporting events to small parties, many wonderful groups support the Sacramento Children's Home with fundraisers and special events.

Occasionally, the organizers ask for volunteers to help with registration, crowd control, passing out goodie bags and other tasks before and during the event.

A Special Event volunteer helps at events when needed—sometimes it's glamorous, sometimes it's not! All volunteers represent the Sacramento Children's Home to the event organizers and attendees. We ask for personable people who can speak about our agency with confidence and knowledge.



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Crisis Nurseries

- **CHILDCARE VOLUNTEERS:** Interact with children and provide them with a safe and nurturing environment. Volunteers must be 18 years of age and submit to fingerprinting and a background check.

- **COMMUNITY RELATIONS VOLUNTEERS:** Provide information to the community by the distribution of brochures, posters and flyers at a variety of community events.

- **FRIENDS OF THE CRISIS NURSERIES:** Ensure community support for the agency through fundraising events and a community educational program.

- **ADMINISTRATIVE VOLUNTEERS:** Support the office staff with a variety of administrative tasks.

- **GROUP OPPORTUNITIES:** Provide your members a hands-on activity to help at the nursery.
- **"MY BAGS":** Do you like to sew? The Crisis Nursery gives a personal "My Bag" to each child when he/she leaves the Nursery. Each drawstring bag, approximately 24 x 18 inches, holds a child's blanket, a new book, a teddy bear and personal hygiene items.