



2017 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Contribute your time and make a difference in a child's life! Please read below for full descriptions of volunteer opportunities throughout the year at Rainbow Days. **ALL VOLUNTEERS that have interaction with children must complete a VOLUNTEER APPLICATION, and pass a CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK.** Additionally, certain volunteer placements require a volunteer interview with program staff, orientation and/or drug screening before placement, which is indicated below. Please visit our website: <http://rainbowdays.org/more-ways-to-help/volunteer/> to submit your application!

To sign up as a volunteer or for more information, please click [here](#) for a list of upcoming volunteer and donation opportunities, or you may contact **Wendi McMullen** at wendim@rainbowdays.org or (214) 217-3811.

DECEMBER

SATURDAY WITH SANTA

This is a festive celebration in December for homeless families residing in shelters in the Dallas area. Families can enjoy refreshments, games, a movie, and a visit with Santa. All attendees receive a stocking filled with gifts and treats!

Event Set-Up: *Excellent Group/Team Volunteer Opportunity!* Assist staff in transporting event supplies and materials from Rainbow Days offices and storage site to event location the day before. Organize/stage stocking fulfillment center areas. Active placement involving bending and lifting. Volunteers with access to trucks, SUVs or other large vehicles are welcomed. *Not a direct-service opportunity. Time Commitment: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Single day commitment.*

Toy Sort: *Excellent Group/Team Volunteer Opportunity!* Assist staff in organizing and **sorting toys** into age appropriate categories and identifying gender to prepare for the event. *Time Commitment: 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Single day commitment.*

Bus Captains: Assist Rainbow Days staff in serving as a bus chaperone on buses to/from the shelters, collect family information for Christmas stocking orders and assist Ambassadors in loading supplies on buses prior to departure. Volunteer interview, criminal background check and drug test required. Once cleared to serve as a Bus Captain, volunteers are authorized to serve in this capacity for other events for a one-year period. *Time Commitment: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Single day commitment.*

Ambassadors: *Excellent Group/Team Volunteer Opportunity!* Greet children and families as they arrive at the event, and fill family orders for Christmas stockings. Assist Bus Captains in loading stockings on the buses at the end of the event. Assist with clean-up and loading once buses have departed. *Time Commitment: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Single day commitment.*

Stocking Fulfillment Center: **Excellent Group/Team Volunteer Opportunity!** Work with Ambassadors to fill stocking orders for the children attending the event. Fast-paced, active placement involving bending and lifting. Inventory and pack remaining stockings once all orders are filled. Assist with clean-up and loading once buses have departed. *Time Commitment: 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Single day commitment.*

Lunch Service: **Excellent Group/Team Volunteer Opportunity!** Support and serve lunch for all attendees and volunteers. Work in conjunction with the Program Director regarding dietary requirements and headcount. Criminal background check required. *Time Commitment: 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Single or multiple day commitment welcomed.*

Lunch Attendants: **Excellent Group/Team Volunteer Opportunity!** Assist Lunch Service volunteers by collecting meal tickets, distributing food, maintaining dessert and beverage stations, and picking up used plates and other trash. Responsible for wiping down all tables at the conclusion of event, as well as any necessary break-down and loading of equipment. Fast-paced, active placement involving bending and lifting. Onsite orientation and criminal background check required. *Time Commitment: 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Single day commitment.*

Child Care Helpers: Assist the parent(s) of baby and toddler siblings throughout the event. In some instances, staff and manage designated baby/toddler play area. Orientation and criminal background check required. Assist with clean-up and loading once buses have departed. *Time Commitment: 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Single day commitment.*

Carnival Games: **Excellent Group/Team Volunteer Opportunity!** Plan, set-up and host a carnival game for children, or manage one of the Rainbow Days' games. Requires purchasing enough small prizes for all children (Program Director can provide child-safe, inexpensive options, and quantities needed.) Break-down and clean-up of game area at the conclusion of event. Orientation and criminal background check required. *Time Commitment: 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Single day commitment.*

Craft Station Helpers: **Excellent Group/Team Volunteer Opportunity!** Plan, set-up and oversee an age-appropriate craft with the children, or select and oversee one of the Rainbow Days' craft ideas. Break-down and clean-up of craft area at the conclusion of event. Orientation and criminal background check required. *Time Commitment: 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Single day commitment.*

Face Painters: **Excellent Group/Team Volunteer Opportunity!** Using Rainbow Days' face paint, set-up and manage face painting booth. Break-down and clean-up of face painting area at the conclusion of event. Orientation and criminal background check required. *Time Commitment: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Single day commitment.*

Karaoke Station Assistants: Assist karaoke vendor with set-up/break-down of area. Recruit and encourage participants, generate excitement, be prepared to sing Christmas carol or two. Orientation and criminal background check required. *Time Commitment: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Single day commitment*

Santa's Helper: Manage and supervise families and children as they line up to visit Santa. Facilitate speedy movement of line. Ensure Santa has breaks as needed, holding the line while they wait. Orientation and criminal background check required. *Time Commitment: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Single day commitment*

Photo Booth Assistants: Assist photo booth vendor with set-up/break-down of area. Recruit and encourage participants, facilitate speedy and organized movement of line. Orientation and criminal background check required. *Time Commitment: 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Single day commitment*

Event Clean-Up: *Excellent Group/Team Volunteer Opportunity!* Assist staff in breaking down carnival games, and transporting supplies and materials from event site to Rainbow Days offices and storage site after event has ended. Active placement involving bending and lifting. Volunteers with access to trucks, SUVs or other large vehicles are welcomed. *Not a direct-service opportunity. Time Commitment: 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Single day commitment. Note: if background check completed, this shift may be combined with earlier direct-service event shift.*

Volunteer Pool: Be available to assist in any capacity, helping cover shift for volunteers that cancel unexpectedly, or help in high-volume areas as needed. Orientation and criminal background check required. *Time Commitment: 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Single day commitment.*

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

BAKED GOODIES: Several Dates – June, July and August

Do you love baking? Consider baking a dozen or so cupcakes, cookies or preparing snack bags filled with trail mix for a special treat for children at camp. Please see below for the specific needs, dates and sign up!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES BY TIME COMMITMENT

1.5 hours – 4 Hours	<p>Baby and Toddler Playtime Helpers (Kids' University and Camp Bravo) Party Planners (Kids' University & Camp Bravo!) Playtime Mentors (All camps) Baked Goodies (All camps and BTS)</p>
5 – 8 Hours	<p>Child Care Helpers (Back to School) Set-Up (All camps and Back to School) Clean-Up (All camps and Back to School) Graduation Gown Cleaning (Kids' University) Bus Ambassadors (Back-to-School) Uniform/Backpack Fulfillment Center (Back-to-School) Lunch & Refreshment Attendants (Back-to-School) Carnival Games (Back-to-School) Face Painters (Back-to-School) Craft Station Helpers (Back-to-School) Karaoke Station Helpers (Back-to-School) Photo Booth Assistants (Back-to-School) Event Support (Back-to-School)</p>
All Day or Multi-Day	<p>Class Instructors (All camps) Camp Mentors (All camps) Bus Chaperones (All camps) Craft Coordinators (All camps) Swim Coaches (Outdoor Adventure Camp) Bus Captains (Back-to-School)</p>

**For questions or to sign up to Volunteer, Please contact:
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