

## Group Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer Project	Description of Project
<b>Maintenance Projects</b>	<p><b>Landscaping</b> Volunteers provide assistance with large landscaped areas which need regular maintenance. The maintenance includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weeding</li> <li>• Planting</li> <li>• Mulching</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Playground</b> Volunteers provide maintenance to the children's playground on an annual basis. The projects include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sealant applied to wood for weather protection</li> <li>• Mulching</li> <li>• Weeding/General Cleaning</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Building Cleaning (Outdoors)</b> Volunteer groups clean the outside of the building several times a year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Power Washing the outside walls of the building</li> <li>• Cleaning the siding and brick</li> <li>• Curbs and sidewalks need to be swept</li> </ul>
<b>Environmental Services/Materials Mgmt Projects</b>	<p><b>Patios/Patio Furniture</b> Volunteer groups clean the patios and patio furniture; this is scheduled several times a year.</p>
	<p><b>Window Cleaning</b> Volunteers wash/clean windows (inside and outside); scheduled on a regular basis.</p>
	<p><b>Washing Vehicles</b> Volunteers wash and vacuum the KCPCC vans which are used to transport children to and from outings/field trips.</p>
	<p><b>Organization Project</b> Volunteer groups help with sorting and organizing donations housed in our warehouse.</p>
	<p><b>Toy Cleaning/Sanitizing Project</b> Volunteers clean and sanitize the toys in the gym that are utilized by the Cornerstone Program and other departments during special events. Volunteers will need to bring their own cleaning/sanitizing supplies. This will be scheduled on a regular basis every few months.</p>
<b>Development Projects</b>	<p><b>Special Events</b> Volunteer groups assist by helping with events that take place throughout the year.</p>

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<b>Childkind Center Projects</b>	<p><b>Birthday Party Project</b>            One expense that our Childkind Center program incurs each year is for the children's birthdays. They have about 2 to 5 birthdays per month and each birthday needs the following: cake, gift Wrap, gift Bags</p> <p>Volunteer groups organize drives &amp; collections for birthday "necessities" (maybe gift cards to Kroger and ValuMarket for Cakes as well as various rolls of wrapping paper, tissue paper and gift bags.) Some groups take it a step further; they purchase gifts for our teenagers. Following is a list of the birthday items that we can always use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Makeup and nail polish</li> <li>• Sunglasses</li> <li>• Personal CD players</li> <li>• Purses</li> <li>• Jewelry (any kind for the girls)</li> <li>• Art sets</li> <li>• Video games</li> <li>• G, PG, and PG-13 movies</li> <li>• Gift cards to Wal-Mart and Target</li> <li>• \$25 Visa gift cards (there is a high demand for these among our teenagers)</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Holiday Parties – Valentine's Day, Halloween and Christmas</b>            Volunteer groups plan and/or provide assistance for the children's holiday parties. The volunteer group will work with the Child Development Specialist to determine the specific needs and scheduling per party. (This type of project requires advanced planning.)</p>
	<p><b>Activities/Outings for Children</b>            Volunteer groups with special skills/services provide specific activities for the children such as cook-outs, parties, education/skills building activity, exercise/physical education activity, gardening project, cooking projects, yoga, etc. Specifics regarding the project are coordinated with our Child Development Specialist.</p>
<b>Kosair Charities Pediatric Convalescent Center Projects (Minimum Age for Volunteers–13 yrs old)</b>	<p><b>Parties for Children</b>            Volunteer groups provide &amp; assist children who are medically fragile with various activities.</p>
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	<p><b>Organization Project</b>            Volunteer groups help with sorting CD/VCR tapes and straightening/sorting books.</p>

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<b>Holiday Projects</b>	<p><b>Decorating (mid/late Nov. for putting up and late Dec./early Jan. for taking down)</b>            Volunteer groups assist with holiday decorating throughout the building. This includes setting up and decorating Christmas trees, setting out decorations, hanging garland and ribbon, hanging wreaths, etc.</p>
	<p><b>Gift Wrapping (mid December)</b>            Volunteer groups assist with gift wrapping the children's presents. Supplies are provided, however volunteers are welcome to bring their own if they prefer.</p>
	<p><b>Easter Basket Project (March/April)</b>            Volunteer groups assist by providing Easter baskets for the children. A list of suggestions (including the number children and the ages) is provided to group.</p> <p><b>Christmas Stocking Project (November/December)</b>            Volunteer groups assist by providing Christmas stockings for the children. A list of suggestions (including the number children and the ages) is provided to group.</p>
<b>Donation Drive/Collection Projects</b>	<p>Volunteer groups assist by organizing donation drives for specific items that are utilized by our children/clients. A list of items is provided to group. This is a great project for families with young children who are not yet old enough to volunteer with our program. It is also a great project for large school/church groups who are not able to volunteer with one project due to the group's size.</p>
<b>Meal Prep Project</b>	<p>Volunteer groups assist with preparing or providing the meal for the clients of our Cornerstone Program. Cornerstone Program is a peer support group that gives clients an opportunity to discuss issues they are facing in their daily lives. By providing dinner and childcare during this group hour, we make it convenient for clients to attend each week.</p> <p>The clients in our program are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• age 18-24</li> <li>• single, pregnant or parenting</li> <li>• in a high-risk category due to being below the poverty level</li> <li>• many have mental health issues and/or learning disabilities</li> <li>• many have experienced abuse (verbal, physical or sexual) in their past or present relationships or family of origin</li> <li>• some are former foster youth</li> <li>• all are working towards completing educational goals (GED, diploma, post-secondary degree or certificate)</li> </ul> <p>Cornerstone is held every Tuesday evening from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The meal prepping takes place from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Specific details for this assignment include: plan, prepare and deliver a hot cooked meal (or food that may be easily prepared or heated on-site); meal needs to serve 75 to 100 clients and their children; volunteers may stay and serve the meal (if another volunteer group is not scheduled to do so.)</p>