



## **Central Region Group Volunteer Descriptions**

### **“Just for Me” Bags**

Every day more than a dozen children across Arizona come into foster care. Most leave behind all of their possessions when they are suddenly and unexpectedly removed from their homes. They wake up in a strange bed, in a home with people they did not know and in a situation not of their own making. "Just for Me" bags are provided to Arizona's Children licensing workers to give to their families when a new child comes into care. "Just for Me" bags include essential items for infants and children. We need your help to continue to provide "Just for Me" bags for all of the children who come into the care of Arizona's Children families. Groups can hold drives for "Just for Me" bag items and/or "stuff" bags with supplies. Maximum volunteers: 12

### **Volunteer Drives**

Volunteers are needed to set up various drives at your workplace, organization, or school to benefit children. Drives include "Just for Me" Bags Items, Hygiene Products, School Supply, Toys and Books, Safety Items, "Gifts of Hope" Annual Holiday Drive.

### **Program Support**

To further the success of our more than 40 program and services, Arizona's Children Association is seeking group volunteers to help with Program Support in various areas. Projects might include assembling packets, creating Life Book pages, organizing and cleaning playrooms, completing informational binders. Maximum volunteers: 12

### **Recreation Assistant**

The Golden Gate Community Center provides services to more than 6,000 children, families, and adults through a comprehensive array of services for all ages. Volunteer with the Recreation Program-allowing for children ages 7-14 to have a safe and fun environment for after-school and summer activities. Play sports, create art, cook food, have fun all while making a difference in the lives of kids! Program runs M-W, F 3:30pm-6:00pm; TH 1:30pm-6:00pm. Summers: M-F 10am-6pm. Golden Gate is located at 39<sup>th</sup> Ave and McDowell in Phoenix. Maximum volunteers: 10

### **“Gifts of Hope” Annual Holiday Drive**

We invite you to take the time to bring your organization, office or family together to celebrate the holidays with a "Gift of Hope" to children and families who need your help. Three unique ways to get involved: support an entire family, sponsor a child, or conduct a toy drive.

### **Pulliam Faith Based Liaison**

Youth who turn 18 and "age out" of foster care are often at a disadvantage ~ lacking the support that most young adults receive from their families. We need leaders from Faith-Based groups to help develop a program with in their faith community for youth who are "aging out" of foster care! Through connecting youth who are aging out of foster care with faith-based groups, we hope to encourage long-term relationships and support networks that will increase the youth's potential for success in transitioning into adulthood and the community. We'll provide the resources and support you need ~ you just need to provide the commitment to helping youth in your community!

### **Facilities Support**

A basic part of keeping children and families safe is providing them with a safe environment for both learning and playing. Arizona's Children Association is constantly striving to make our facilities the best they can be. If your group loves to help landscape and paint, works in maintenance or are just weekend handymen, we need your talents! This placement provides a unique opportunity to immediately see the difference your contribution is making in the lives of children and families. Projects might include landscaping, painting, and beautification projects.

### **Get Creative!**

If your group has a special talent or area of expertise you feel would be an asset to the children and families of Arizona's Children Association, we will gladly discuss how your group can help out! We firmly believe volunteering should be fun for everyone involved, and this is your chance to do something your group loves while helping others.

**These opportunities plus more are available! For more information contact Leah Stegman  
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