



## **GROUP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

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### **Adult American Life and Language (ALL) Tutors**

**# of Volunteers Needed:** 5 to 8

**Dates Needed:** Classes are in session when the Memphis City Schools are in Session (August to May); Current classes are Thursday mornings from 9am to 12:00. We will be adding Tuesday mornings as volunteer help allows.

**Requirements:** Complete Volunteer Application (online); Attend Group Orientation to be arranged with Asha's Refuge Volunteer Coordinator or Executive Director

**Details:** Volunteers will be sitting beside an adult student to give one on one basic levels of English Communication, Speaking, Phonics and Writing skills help. There is a lead teacher that you will be following. Lessons are already provided to you by the lead teacher.

### **Preschool/Kindergarten Readiness Tutors for American Life and Language (ALL) Class**

**# of Volunteers Needed:** 2

**Dates Needed:** Classes are in session when the Memphis City Schools are in Session (August to May); Current classes are Thursday mornings from 9am to 12:00. We will be adding Tuesday mornings as volunteer help allows.

**Requirements:** Complete Volunteer Application (online); Pass Background Check; Take Brief online Safety Course; Attend Group Orientation to be arranged with Asha's Refuge Volunteer Coordinator or Executive Director

**Details:** Volunteers will be sitting beside a preschool child age 3-5 years old to offer one on one early learning levels of English communication, vocabulary tutoring while promoting Kindergarten readiness skills. There is a lead teacher that you will be following. Encouragement through play time is a large part of our early learning program. You will help to ensure the safety of each child while their parent is in our adult learning program.

### **Adopt A Refugee Family / Mentoring Young Adults**

**# of Volunteers Needed:** Good for Small Groups such as a Church group, MOPs group or a Club (5-20)

**Dates Needed:** This is an ongoing need. Small groups can volunteer at any time.

**Requirements:** Complete Volunteer Application (online); Pass Background check; Attend Group Orientation to be arranged with Asha's Refuge Volunteer Coordinator or Executive Director; We ask for a 6 month commitment to families unless a small group plans to host a one-time educational outing or project together such as a visit to the museum or a day of painting.

*1 Corinthians 13:8 "Love never fails."*

**Details:** Refugee families and young adults need American Friends to mentor them and encourage them as they learn our American culture, good English communication skills, job skills, etc. Small groups will assist refugees with various ongoing needs such as collecting household items: kitchen items, bathroom items, bedroom items; toiletries and cleaning supplies. Groups will meet with their prospective refugee family and agree to mentor them by including them in social group opportunities such as going to see a movie together, going to the park, going to a museum, going to church together, taking them to the grocery store or doing various hobbies and projects together. (Sewing, fishing, cooking, hiking, painting, working on small machines, making jewelry, etc.) Groups that can teach refugee family members a job skill is a big benefit to adult refugees. Refugees need mentorship through lots of encouragement and quality time spent together.

## **Job Skills Trainers**

**# of Volunteers Needed:** 4-6

**Dates Needed:** This is an ongoing need. Small groups can volunteer at any time.

**Requirements:** Complete Volunteer Application (online); Pass Background check; Attend Group Orientation to be arranged with Asha's Refuge Volunteer Coordinator or Executive Director; Basic Computer Skills Trainers will need to please bring their own lap tops to allow refugee clients to sit and learn how to complete applications while trainers assist them. These laptops can also be used to help refugees learn how to search the internet for jobs or educational needs.

**Details:** Work with clients to teach them a job skill – cleaning, landscaping, basic computer skills, sewing; headship micro businesses etc.; complete online job applications; coach and prepare clients for a job interview. Groups that can teach refugee family members a job skill is a big benefit to adult refugees. Refugees need job training through mentorship and lots of encouragement. Many of our clients do not have any job skills. Transportation for the refugee client to you who will be teaching the job skill may be needed.

## **Media / Photographer & Content Writers**

**# of Volunteers Needed:** 4-8

**Dates Needed:** This is an ongoing need. Small groups can volunteer at any time.

**Requirements:** Complete Volunteer Application (online); Understand and Complete Confidentiality Policy; Attend Group Orientation to be arranged with Asha's Refuge Volunteer Coordinator or Executive Director; All media (photography, video and written content) is required to be donated and becomes the official property of Asha's Refuge; all media may not be shared, copied or reproduced without our written consent. All video or photography equipment needed must be provided by volunteer. Asha's Refuge is not responsible for any lost or damaged video or photography equipment.

**Details:** Media Photographer/Videographer will help us capture each client with a photograph working with writers to help share client stories. This effort will help us to better meet the needs of our clients and raise awareness for our cause. This project may be used to help us with our online presence via our website and social media. Writers will connect to our clients and help us share their stories to better understand their skills and hobbies and meet their needs.

## **Special Projects / Fundraisers**

**# of Volunteers Needed:** 6-15

**Dates Needed:** We currently have no special project volunteer needs. (Two of our annual projects are: School Supplies and Backpack Sorting in August and Cookies for a Cause (Sorting and packaging cookies) in December. We will occasionally have days where we need people to help sort donations, spruce up our preschool playground area and mow grass, paint classrooms, collect supplies or work with us on fundraising events.

**Requirements:** Complete Volunteer Application (online); sometimes there is a need to attend group Orientation to be arranged with Asha's Refuge Volunteer Coordinator or Executive Director (this will depend on the project).

**Details:** From time to time we will have special projects and fundraising events that we will need additional volunteer help with. We will occasionally have days where we need people to help sort donations, spruce up our preschool playground area and mow grass, paint classrooms, collect supplies or work with us on fundraising events. These projects change based on what our current needs may be.