



# Volunteers Needed

## Next Door Volunteer Opportunities

When you give of your time, we can continue to help so many children in need.

### Books for Kids Read with Me

Create a rewarding bond by reading one-on-one or to a small group of children ages 2-5. This boosts their literacy skills and their appreciation for books. Individual or a group opportunity:  
Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 11:00 am

### Books for Kids Library Volunteer/Book Drives

Library volunteers unpack, sort, clean, repair and label donated books. If you are unable to volunteer on-site but still want to support us, please host a book drive. Books collected are distributed by our Giving Library to children who may not have books of their own.

### Classroom Volunteers

We are looking for fun, patient and reliable individuals to engage babies and children in learning and nurturing activities including art, teaching games, reading, songs, physical play, rocking babies to sleep, and bottle feeding. This includes help with meals and snacks.  
Year-round 9:00 am - 3:30 pm.

### Home Base Socializations

Volunteers assist Parent Educators to provide creative learning experiences for families with small children: Art activities, reading, playing games and sometimes field trips. Held at Capitol Dr. every other Thursday and Friday from 10:30 am - 1:00 pm.

### Mobile Library Events

Volunteers help to distribute books from our mobile library and assist children with craft activities. This is a fun and engaging opportunity to help get more books into the homes of children. Dates and locations vary, time is from 2:30-5:30.

### Learning Gardens

The Next Door gardens at the 29th St. and Capitol Dr. locations need volunteers during the entire gardening season. In mid-November we put the raised beds to "rest" by raking leaves, pulling up dried plants and turning the compost. In the spring-early summer we prepare beds and plant. Throughout the summer, weeding is done, as well as harvesting.

### Next Door Holiday Giving Program

This is a great opportunity for organizations, groups, families or individuals to bring the magic of the holidays to children and families. Sponsors provide gifts to our enrolled children and/or to a family. Volunteers help us receive, sort, wrap and label gifts for distribution. This opportunity takes place between mid-October and mid-December.

### Walk for Children

Our premier annual event, takes place in May. The Walk for Children is a fun and easy way to support Next Door programming, children and families. This family walk attracts about 1,000 participants annually. Volunteers are needed for registration, set-up, break-down, parking, children's activities, food prep and serving.

### Special Volunteer Projects

As-needed for individuals or groups: Mailings, cleaning, painting, crafts and special events.

For more information, please contact Martina Stevens, Volunteer Coordinator,  
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