



A Safe Haven for Children in Crisis

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VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

There are a number of ways to get involved at Watson Children's Shelter. Please understand that because of the trauma frequently experienced by the children before they arrive at Watson Children's Shelter, we maintain professional staff who are educated and experienced in child related programs and who complete required annual training hours. Therefore, we do not have volunteers in direct care positions. Although we allow volunteers to interact with the children, we limit this in order to maintain a familiar, comfortable homelike atmosphere, decreasing a high number of new faces.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this application so we can get to know you better!

General Information

Date _____

Name _____ Nickname _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Mailing address _____
(Street) (City, State) (Zip)

Home phone _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Preferred method of contact: Home phone Cell phone Email

Mail Any

Are you: Employed A student Retired

Other _____

Place of Employment (optional) _____

Person to contact in case of an emergency _____ Relation _____

Phone number(s) _____

Education

Highest level completed High school GED Some College
 B.A./B.S. Masters PhD

Other formal education/training _____

Volunteer Experience (List your three most recent, or most rewarding, volunteering experiences)

Organization _____ Name of supervisor _____

Length of commitment _____ Type of volunteer work _____

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Please list your community affiliations (group, club, service organizations): _____

How did you learn about Watson Children's Shelter?

www.watsonchildrensshelter.org Facebook United Way Radio
 Referred by: _____ Newspaper Brochure TV
 Attended a special event Billboard Other _____

Why do you want to volunteer at Watson Children's Shelter? _____

Areas of Interest

What kind of volunteering environment would you most enjoy?

- Direct contact with the public Behind the scenes shelter work Either

Which best suits your working style?

- Structured, pre-organized projects Less structured projects, with room for creativity
 Either

Below are some examples of volunteer opportunities. Check those that interest you.

- Clerical work/reception/development
 Window washing
 Weeding/gardening/landscape maintenance
 Holiday mailing – late October/Early November
 WCS Women’s Guild – meets quarterly to discuss and work on projects to benefit Watson’s
 Bicycle repair services – once a year in early Spring
 Bike for Shelter – annual WCS fundraising event the Saturday of Mother’s Day weekend
 Special Event Promotion (hanging posters, distributing brochures, etc.) *vehicle required*
 Other Special Events (setup, host, cleanup)
 Recycling – sort and prepare recyclables once-twice/month
 Host Open Houses/give Shelter tours to public *training required*
 Kitchen manager assistance – grocery shopping, pantry inventory/organization
 Professional services (repair and maintenance, painting, window washing, landscaping, etc)

Specifically _____

- Tutoring (a minimum six-month commitment)
 Group craft instruction – *projects require special approval from Watson Children’s Shelter Staff*

must be 18 years of age to work with children

Availability

I am interested in volunteering...

- Once
 Occasionally - Please contact me when you need help...
 Weekly Biweekly Monthly
 Seasonally _____ For special events/projects
 On a regular basis for...
 A week or two 3 months 6 months 9 months (school year)
 Summer Indefinitely Other, please specify _____

Additional Information

Are you a member of a service group or club that would come in as a group to volunteer?

Yes No

If you answered yes to the previous question, please provide some additional information:

Group name: _____

Type of group: Youth Group Adult Group Other: _____

Number of members: _____

Group contact person: _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Does your employment participate in the Volunteer Incentive Program? Yes No Don't know

How can we help you make your volunteering experience a positive one? _____

Is there anything that you'd like to share about yourself that we have not covered? _____

Do you have any questions for us? _____

Confidentiality Policy

All personnel share responsibility to protect and assure the confidentiality of information about other personnel, children, and families associated with the corporation. Therefore, all employees and volunteers of the Watson Children's Shelter are prohibited from accessing any information or files, or revealing any sensitive information with any other person, without the authorization of the Executive Director. Personnel are expected to comply with this policy in their own behavior and to advocate for compliance by others.

Please sign below, indicating that you have read, understand and agree to comply with our confidentiality policy.

Volunteer Signature _____ Date _____