

Make-A-Wish Foundation® of East Tennessee

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Make-A-Wish Foundation® of East Tennessee encourages maximum involvement of volunteers with its programs, activities, and operations. Volunteers not only supplement the salaried staff; they bring creativity and vitality that is necessary for the growth of the organization. The following is a brief description of the many ways you can become involved with our organization. Please consider your skills, goals, and motivation for volunteering when deciding which of these positions might best suit your needs. And remember EVERYONE IS A WISH GRANTER, donors and volunteers alike (no matter what the position)!

◆ ***WISH VOLUNTEER***

The role of the Wish Volunteer is to make the dreams of our wish children come true through creativity and imagination. The Wish Volunteers visit the family and interview the wish child in-groups of two. The objective is to determine the child's wish and explain our required paperwork. This position requires excellent people skills, sensitivity, and dependability. Wish Volunteers also work hard to get as many goods and services related to the wish donated.

◆ ***FUNDRAISING-SPECIAL PROJECTS***

Volunteers are needed to participate on various Fundraising Committees as well as on the day of the events. Committee volunteers help secure sponsors and serve on various sub-committees (i.e. Publicity committee, program committee, ad committee, etc.)

◆ ***EXTERNAL FUNDRAISING***

In addition to our "in house" special events, Make-A-Wish relies on External Events to make wishes come true. This volunteer opportunity allows you the autonomy to manage an event with the support of the Make-A-Wish staff. These events are planned at the behest of the community clubs, places of employment, or peer groups. Each event provides an opportunity for our volunteers to have a great time while making a much needed contribution of time and effort on behalf of Make-A-Wish.

◆ ***OFFICE SUPPORT***

In this capacity, volunteers assist with all the workings of the office during normal business hours. The support would include word processing, data input, special projects, answering phones, bulk mailings, etc. Working in the office allows the volunteers to become involved in every aspect of Make-A-Wish, as well as get to know our staff and Board of Directors. We do ask that our office volunteers choose consistent time that they will volunteer.

◆ ***COMMUNICATIONS***

We are always looking for volunteers with a knack for writing, public speaking and graphic design to participate on our Newsletter and Speakers Bureau Committee. Our Newsletter Committee assists with writing articles and helps in the choosing of the pictures being placed in the newsletter. The members of the Speaker's Bureau are trained to speak on behalf of Make-A-Wish at External Fundraising Events, Combined Federal Campaign Kick-Offs, and other requested speaking events.