

Help the healing process at the medical clinic.

Volunteers with a medical background (either nurses or physician assistants) are needed to assist in the CAC Medical Clinic. The Medical Clinic operates one morning per week. Volunteers assist the pediatrician, prepare the child for the medical exam and offer support to the child and parent during the examination.

MISCELLANEOUS OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers can assist the Center in other areas through:

- serving on the Board of Directors
- providing technical assistance and expertise with our computers
- helping with our newsletter
- maintaining our facility and grounds
- donating items from our wish list
- representing the Center at health fairs
- sponsoring an event for the Center
- recruiting donors to the Center
- creating opportunities not yet listed

The Advocacy Center is the healing place for abused children. Your participation will help the healing begin. For additional information on the Volunteer Program of the Children's Advocacy Center of Northwest Cook County, call (847) 885-0100.



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



To help fight the senseless tragedy of child abuse and participate in the healing, contact:



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A HEALING PLACE FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

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ABOUT OUR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are used throughout the entire operation of the Children's Advocacy Center of Northwest Cook County. Our volunteers come from all walks of life and reflect the diversity of the forty-two communities the Center serves. With the help of our many volunteers, the CAC is able to carry out our mission of intervening on behalf of children and families facing the aftermath of child sexual abuse.

Volunteer activities range from direct service opportunities to helping with special events and projects—all of which support the vital work of the Center. We encourage them to commit as much time to the program as they can afford.

Those interested in volunteering receive personal and complete in-depth training, and agree to a background check conducted through the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. Training is held twice per year. For more information about our volunteer program, please call the Center at (847) 885-0100.

GROUP VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

Help us manage our building's character & "Adopt-A-Room" at the Center.

Groups are invited to give a "face lift" to a room or an area of the Center that may need redecorating, refurbishing or simply repainting. The goal of the "Adopt-A-Room" project is that the end result reflects a safe, welcoming, child-friendly and culturally diverse atmosphere. Businesses and groups choosing to participate in this volunteer project will work closely with staff to

create a warm and inviting environment in which the work of the Center is conducted.

Conduct a "Drive" to benefit the Center.

The Center is in constant need of many of the products commonly found around the home. Groups are invited to collect school supplies, office supplies, paper products and nutritious snacks. These items, used throughout the year, benefit the children and the staff of the Center.

Spread happiness with the holiday project.

Groups and businesses are invited to help the CAC with our Annual Holiday Party. Groups can: 1) collect gifts to fulfill client wish lists, 2) wrap gifts prior to our Holiday Party which is held in December, 3) lead activities with the children during the party, 4) participate in the set-up and clean-up before and after the party, and 5) cater the event. This is a wonderful opportunity to make a contribution during the giving season.

Host a "Big Bash" on our behalf.

Groups and businesses can volunteer time and energy either by hosting a special event to benefit the Center or through contributing time to help the Center hold a special event. For example, in the fall, volunteers are needed for our annual dinner/dance and auction where they may serve as planners and/or workers during the event. Other events may be held throughout the year, therefore group volunteer recruitment occurs on an as-needed basis.

INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Lend a hand in our office.

Volunteers are needed to provide clerical support during the day Monday-Friday. This support may include answering phones, light typing, data entry, operating the copy machine, faxing documents, filing, providing office organization, shredding and assisting with bulk mailings. Ideally, our volunteers serving as administrative assistants, will fill a four hour slot on a weekly basis.

Directly serve the children.

Volunteers are needed to work directly with the children in several areas. As CAC offers weekly support groups, volunteers are needed to assist by facilitating an activity group for children who accompany their parents to group. Volunteers also are needed to provide supportive, nurturing and fun activities for children. Ideally, volunteers will work in teams of two.

On Saturdays, volunteers are needed to be with children while their parents are meeting with our bilingual counselor. They will provide a welcoming atmosphere and will be available to interact with the children and families as needed. (Clients will be primarily Hispanic. However, non-Hispanic volunteers are welcome.)

At times, volunteers are needed to be with child survivors or with siblings of survivors while the parents are meeting with direct service staff. They will provide age-appropriate activities for the child client. These volunteers are scheduled on an as-needed basis during the week—either daytime or early evening hours.