



The Children's Center Volunteer Overview

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at The Children's Center. Here are some points of interest about our Center.

The Children's Center provides affordable, high quality early education for children ranging in age from 6 weeks to 6 years. The after school program along with summer camp is available for children up to 8 years old. The Center is open from 6:30 am to 6:00 pm 5 days a week. Breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack are provided at no extra cost.

The Children's Center is a 501-c-3 non-profit organization. We are governed by a Board of Trustees. The staff consists of over 20 teachers and 7 administrative staff.

The funding comes from many sources.

- Tuition is paid by the parents, based on a sliding scale that considers income and household size.
- ABC revenue. Children from very low income families can have their tuition paid by this State of South Carolina program.
- Some Food costs are reimbursed through a partner USDA food program.
- Children from rural South Carolina counties may be eligible to participate in the First Steps 4K programs, a PreK program.
- Grants are provided by community organizations such as United Way of the Lowcountry, The Bargain Box, Heritage Classic Foundation, St. Francis Thrift Shop, The Church Mouse, Hargray Caring Coins, Long Cove Foundation, Wexford Foundation, Berkeley Hall Charitable Fund, Palmetto Electric Trust, Hilton Head Realtors Association, Rotary, St. Andrew by the Sea UMC, Church of the Palms UMC, WAHHI, Kappa Kappa Gamma, The Ward Foundation, Moss Creek Charitable Fund, The Church Mouse, and The Breedlove Foundation, along with many private individuals.
- Fundraising events are orchestrated the Board of Directors and in partnership with area businesses and organizations.

Because The Children's Center is a licensed childcare facility by the State of South Carolina, the staff and volunteers must follow state guidelines.

- Every volunteer must go through a background check
- Staff to child ratios must be followed. Classroom volunteers are in addition to the paid staff and cannot be a substitute for a teacher.
- Breakfast, lunch and snacks must meet state guidelines.

- In case of emergency, always allow the teacher to take the lead in handling the situation.

Confidentiality is a requirement and what goes on at The Children's Center stays at The Children's Center.

Volunteer Responsibilities-

The day and time you choose to volunteer is flexible, but please do let Tymeshia or Jody know at least a day ahead of when you will be at the Center.

Please be on time for your shift. If you must miss a shift, please let Jody or Tymeshia know as soon as possible so a substitute can be found. (843.681.2739 or info@thechildrensc.org)

Our volunteers are our best advocates! Please be familiar with all that we do at The Children's Center so that you can share information to others.

When working in the classrooms please be as patient as possible with our little students. They come from diverse backgrounds and abilities. Every child has their own gifts along with their own challenges!