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Volunteer Opportunities

Reach Out and Read is supported by the work of thousands of volunteers nationwide. Volunteer today, and help to make a difference in the lives of children in your community!

Prescribe a Book. Change a Life.

- **Book Drive:** Volunteers of all ages can host a new or gently-used book drive through their own personal networks, community groups, or businesses. Reach Out and Read children receive new books during checkups, and gently-used books are given to an older sibling, provided at a sick visit, or simply help to build a child's home library. Since the book drive can last days, weeks, or even months, this is a great long-term volunteer option.
- **Virtual Book Drive:** You can also host a book drive online. Deep discounts from publishers, as well as our innovative bulk purchasing program, enable Reach Out and Read to buy books at more than half off of standard retail pricing, allowing your gift to benefit more children. The Virtual Book Drive is a terrific way to introduce your organization to Reach Out and Read and easily make a meaningful impact to the 4 million children and families we serve annually.

To learn more, contact the Development Team at fundraising@reachoutandread.org.

Engage with your local sites.

- **Adopt-a-site:** Your organization can “adopt” a site in need. Volunteers can help make a waiting room more “literacy-rich” by donating new bookcases and child-sized furniture, parenting magazines, or bulletin boards and other displays. Volunteers can also build storage areas for Reach Out and Read books or provide new or gently-used books. Additionally, they can create murals or photographs with literary themes. Through a sustained commitment to one site, you can impact a local community and learn more about the Reach Out and Read program in action.
- **Volunteer Readers:** Volunteer readers provide a positive reading experience for children in waiting rooms, as well as model reading aloud for parents. This is a rewarding opportunity for small groups and individuals who would like to become involved on a weekly basis. Not all clinics can accommodate volunteer readers, so please keep in mind that the need for volunteers varies at each Reach Out and Read program site. Some sites require background checks and volunteer orientations and/or have age limits for volunteers.
- **Local Projects:** Volunteers can also participate in various projects determined by local Reach Out and Read staff. Examples of activities include sorting and packaging books or delivering books to a site. Individual volunteers or groups can greatly contribute to local programs by performing essential behind-the-scenes work.

How to Apply: Use the interactive map on our website (www.reachoutandread.org/resource-center/find-a-program/) to find a Reach Out and Read program in your community. When you fill out the online form, your inquiry will be sent to the program site(s) you have identified. Due to the busy nature of many of our programs, and depending on their capacity to integrate volunteers into their program, it may take some time to hear back. Thank you for your interest in volunteering with Reach Out and Read!

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