

Volunteer Opportunities Through Future Ready Collier Partner Organizations

Boys & Girls Club of Collier County

Contact: Maddy at 239-325-1700

Opportunity: Group Volunteering

Our group volunteer projects are ideal for corporate team-building experiences outside the office. Connect your employees with opportunities to improve their community.

Opportunity: Individual Volunteers

Individual volunteers lend a hand to help facilitate programs and activities that enrich the lives of our Club members.

Champions For Learning

Contact: Kristin Peras, Director of Community Engagement at kperas@championsforlearning.org or 239-263-5783

Opportunity: Mentoring

Help a high-school student stay on track for personal and professional success by becoming a mentor. Mentors are excellent listeners and trusted advocates, not tutors. Meet with your mentee over lunch on school grounds, at Champions For Learning office at least 15 times within one academic year. Currently, mentor sessions are only taking place virtually through a monitored video format or in-person at the Champions For Learning office. Seasonal residents welcome!

Opportunity: College and Career Coach

Have an interest or skill you'd like to share with high-school students? Volunteers work with our staff to facilitate a workshop as part of our College & Career Preparation Program curriculum. From resume building to networking skills, test prep, etiquette, or career exploration – we'd love to utilize your skill set! Additionally, we also seek volunteers to provide feedback to student drafts of resumes and personal statements.

Opportunity: Student Selection Committee

The Selection Committee is a selected group of individuals who read, review, and score the submitted student essays for scholarships and/or acceptance into one of our programs. Scholarship values vary and are open to students across Collier County from public and charter schools.

Child's Path

Contact: info@childspath.org or call 239-643-3908

Opportunity: Virtual Story Time

Child's Path understands the impact that reading has on the future academic success of the children we serve, ages 1 to 5. We also appreciate the benefit that virtual volunteers can provide to our early learning teachers and the children at our early childhood education centers during COVID-19. We are looking for volunteers to partner with a classroom and host a virtual story time to help inspire an upcoming generation of readers. Volunteers can host virtual story times on a weekly or monthly basis, depending on availability.

Collier County Public Schools

Contact: Kathy Macri MacriKa@collierschools.com and Danielle Reynolds reynod@collierschools.com

Opportunity: Classroom Volunteer

The classroom volunteer provides teacher reinforcement by assisting with tasks in many different categories, clerical work, arts and crafts, reading groups, room clean up and organization. As a classroom volunteer you allow the teacher more professional time to spend with their class and/or individual students (Level 1 and Level 2).

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Collier County Public Schools (continued)

Opportunity: Special Enrichment Resource Speaker

The special enrichment resource speaker is someone who speaks to classes or groups on topics related to occupations or community interest. Based on their background they can share their experiences and knowledge with students and staff. These visitors may be businessmen, medical professionals, lawyers and public safety workers (Resource Speaker acknowledgment letter required).

Opportunity: Entrepreneurship

In this opportunity you will be able to assist students as they go through the Entrepreneurship process in various ways. A Team or Student Mentor works regularly with individual or small group of students to design and implement business projects. A School Champion works regularly with classroom teacher to secure business mentors and speakers. A Coach works with the class to serve as an expert on a variety of topics, including business and marketing, based on the preferred area.

Community Foundation of Collier County

Contact: Laura Bidireanu, Director of Education/Scholarships at LBidireanu@cfcollier.org or (239) 307-4515.

Opportunity: Scholarship Evaluator

Each spring, CFCC receives hundreds of applications from Collier County students for scholarships based on a wide range of criteria, including academic merit, community service, and resilience. We invite technologically-savvy individuals to make a tangible impact on Collier County's future leaders by reading and evaluating scholarship applications!

Scholarship volunteers will attend a virtual training session in January. Scholarship readings are completed virtually through a secure online portal, so you can contribute from the comfort of your own home and at your own pace. While completion time for reviews varies from reader to reader, most volunteers find that completing an online reading takes approximately 30 min. - 1 hr. per application. Virtual reading events for the 2021-2022 selection cycle will begin in February and conclude in April. Additional virtual evaluations may be added depending on volume of applications received.

Early Learning Coalition of SWFL

Contact: LiteracyBuddies@elcofswfl.org or call 239-935-6186

Opportunity: Literacy Buddies

Each school year, the Early Learning Coalition sponsors the Literacy Buddy Program which provides children with books to take home and share with their families. The program also encourages them to express themselves through correspondence with their adult buddy. Children come to school better prepared to learn when they interact with adults who regularly read, write and talk with them.

Girl Scouts of Gulf Coast Florida

Contact: Dawn Pike, Community Manager at dawnp@gsgcf.org or 239-776-0508

Opportunity: Troop Leader

Guide a group of girls in the Girl Scout Program. Work with other adults to ensure the safety of girls and business of the troop is supported while the girls develop confidence and character and work to make the world a better place.

Opportunity: Troop Co-Leader

Mentor a group of girls. Work in partnership with troop leader to ensure the safety and business of the troop is supporting policy and that the girls develop confidence and character as they experience Girl Scout program.

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Grace Place For Children & Families

Contact: Chrissie Missal, Annual Giving Manager at chrissie@graceplacenaples.org or 239-255-7238

Opportunity: Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry needs your help on Fridays! Volunteers help with unpacking and sorting food, distribution and assisting our clients as needed. This is a great opportunity to come with a friend or a group and volunteer together! Several shifts available to volunteer 9am – 12pm, 11:30am-2:30pm and 2:30pm – 5:30pm. Are you bilingual? Help us at the computer registering clients and checking clients in from 12:30-5pm. Opportunities to volunteer on Tuesdays and Wednesday mornings from 9am – 12pm are also available to help organize the food pantry.

Opportunity: Bright Beginnings

Volunteer in our Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Education classrooms with our one-, two-, three-, and four-year-olds. Assist in the classroom alongside a teacher providing support from 10am – 12pm once or twice a week Monday – Friday.

Guadalupe Center

Contact: Anita Herrera, Community Outreach & Engagement Coordinator at aherrera@Guadalupecenter.org or 239-657-7711

Opportunity: Tutor Corps Mentor

Mentor a college-bound Immokalee High School student enrolled in Guadalupe Center's Tutor Corps Program. Offer advice, support, and a listening ear; communication is mainly by text, phone and email; time commitment depends on the mentor's and the student's schedules. Required events organized by Guadalupe Center include a mentor/mentee/ parent dinner at iTech in Immokalee in November or January, a cultural event in Naples in February, and a beach picnic in the spring in Naples or Marco Island. Mentor handbook provide upon request.

Opportunity: Be a Big Buddy for a Day

Accompany 2nd graders from Guadalupe Center's After-school Program through a variety of outdoor activity stations at Hideaway Beach, Marco Island; 10am-3pm; Date TBD each year.

Opportunity: Guadalupe Center Resale Shop Volunteer

Duties include cashier, customer service, pricing of art, housewares, clothing and linens, sorting items, staging displays; strong volunteers are needed for moving items into the showrooms and accepting furniture donations. The Shop is located in North Naples, 12980 Tamiami Tr., south of Wiggins Pass Road. Hours: Mon.-Fri. 10am—5pm and Sat. 10am—4pm

Literacy Volunteers of Collier County

Contact: Veronica Pavon-Baker, Director of Adult Programs at vpavonbaker@collierliteracy.org or 239-262-4448

Opportunity: Children & Parents Reading Together

Trained tutors teach the parents of 4 and 5-year old Head Start preschool children how to read books to their children in Collier County Public Schools. Then the children join the class for literacy activities with their parent. The purposes of this program are to instill a love of reading when shared between parent and child; empower parents to be involved in their children's education; and to improve the English skills of the children and their parents. Three eight-week sessions are held during the school year. Volunteers may choose one, two, or all three sessions. The classes are held in the afternoon.

Opportunity: Families Learning English

Volunteer tutors teach the parents of elementary school children English while their children are in school. The parents may need to take young children with them to these classes. Other volunteers care for the toddlers, teaching them English while playing age-appropriate games to engage them in learning. Benefits of this program include introducing the toddlers to the education environment and improving their English skills. Improving the English of school-age children's parents helps these parents attain better employment, participate in their child's education, and become a vital member of their community.

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Literacy Volunteers of Collier County (continued)

Opportunity: ESOL Tutoring/Classes, Math Tutoring, and Citizenship Preparation for Parents of K-12 Children & Residents of Collier County

Literacy Volunteers of Collier County (LVCC) provides an array of educational programs, and tutoring services to Collier residents 16 years or older. Trained tutors teach individuals to improve their language skills following the Florida Department of Education Adult ESOL Curriculum Framework. The Citizenship Preparation Course is a six-week program offered throughout the year to help individuals achieve their goal of becoming US citizens. The Math Tutoring program is available free of charge to all CCPS students 16 years and older. We also offer the Workplace Literacy Program working with local businesses to help their employees perform better in their jobs. Courses are customized to meet the needs of the specific businesses and employees. We provide opportunities for parents to be involved in their children's education; and to improve the English skills. The class/ tutor sessions schedule is flexible based on the needs of the students.

New Horizons

Contact: Charlotte Nal, Volunteer Coordinator at charlotte@newhorizonsofswfl.org or 239-948-4146

Opportunity: After-School Tutoring and Mentoring

New Horizons is a faith based local nonprofit dedicated to helping at-risk students in grades K-12 who are growing up in an environment of poverty, academic failure and hopelessness. Become a blessing to at-risk students at one of New Horizons' 13 Super Kids Club and Super Teen locations. At these after-school tutoring and mentoring programs, you can change a life and help us to empower tomorrow's generation today. You work with 2 students at a time whichever day of the week works best for you for 2 hours.

The Immokalee Foundation

Contact: Amber Barr, Program Services Director at amber/barr@immokaleefoundation.org or 239-657-2461

Opportunity: Mentoring

Our middle school and high school students benefit from the guidance and support of caring, compassionate adults who meet with their mentee for one hour per week. Meetings are held at The Immokalee Foundation office, Immokalee Middle School, and Immokalee High School or through e-mentoring (virtual platform). A background check and fingerprints are required.

Opportunity: Career Development

Guest speakers are needed for our career panels and professional development workshops. Volunteers can also host a career panel/job shadowing day at their place of employment.

Wellfit Girls

Contact: Brooke Spencer, Executive Director at Brooke@wellfitgirls.org or 239-333-9502

Opportunity: Volunteer Coordinator

The mission of a volunteer coordinator is to ensure Wellfit Girls has enough volunteers to fulfill its service mission. To meet that goal, the volunteer coordinator performs a variety of duties including recruitment, training, volunteer management and training.

Opportunity: Volunteer Fitness Trainer

The Volunteer Fitness Trainer develops, implements, and supervises all participants in a program's fitness enhancement program, preparing them for the ultimate adventure at the culmination of their program.

Opportunity: Volunteer Program Facilitator

Volunteer Program Facilitators receive training to powerfully deliver the Wellfit Girls curriculum and support in all aspects of programming for participants.