

# Volunteer Opportunities Through Future Ready Collier Partner Organizations

## Boys & Girls Club of Collier County

**Contact:** Pamela Caruso at pcaruso@bgccc.org or 239-325-1714

### Opportunity: Several

Boys & Girls Club believes in the value that volunteers add to the well-being and development of their members. Volunteers serve as role models, influencing their members and helping them achieve their mission: To enable all young people, especially those who need us the most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. Volunteering at Boys & Girls Club of Collier County gives you the opportunity to build relationships with members. In as little as one or two hours per week, you can provide critical support to our members, counselors, teachers and staff. Opportunities include: Tutors, Reading Coaches, Mentors, Teaching Assistants, Athletic Coaches, Stem Assistants, Technology Coaches, and more!

## Career Exploring™

**Contact:** James Giles, Exploring Executive at JamesG@scouting.org or 239-207-5366

### Opportunity: Volunteer in a Post

Are you passionate about your industry, business, or career? Do you want to connect young people with opportunities to better themselves? Becoming an Exploring volunteer is both easy and rewarding. You can schedule your role to meet your own needs while making a big impact.

Volunteers are trained, background checked, and provided the tools required to be successful in their role as an Exploring volunteer. Possible roles in Exploring include: Volunteer in an existing Exploring Post, Help Start a Post in your industry, Coordinate participation in community event(s), School liaison, Coordinate "super activities" by posts, Liaison with posts to insure proper support, and Exploring Officers' Association.

## Champions For Learning

**Contact:** Rachel Welch, Community Engagement Coordinator at rwelch@championsforlearning.org or 239-263-5784

### Opportunity: Mentor

As a mentor, you will be matched with an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student or 11<sup>th</sup> grade student based on gender, similar interest, and mentor location preferences. A mentor must meet an average of two sessions per month or a minimum of 16 sessions per school year. CFL does ask for a one-year commitment, but would prefer for a mentor to be with the student up until high school graduation. Opportunities available October-April.

### Opportunity: College and Career Coach

Help provide students with college and career readiness support, assistance with college/scholarship applications and FAFSA forms, ACT/SAT test prep, financial literacy, career exploration, and more! Opportunities available all year-round (Monday-Thursday).

### Opportunity: Financial Aid Volunteer

Help students and families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Appropriate training is offered, as well as staff support the day of the event. Opportunities available August-March.

### Opportunity: Conversation Leader

Every year, Champions For Learning hosts two Roundtables, where each table has a conversation leader that helps to facilitate the productive discussion. CFL is always looking for volunteers who would have this interest in learning how to lead those table conversations. Opportunities available in the Spring.

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## Collier Child Care Resources, Inc.

**Contact:** Alicia Browner at [aliciab@collierchildcare.org](mailto:aliciab@collierchildcare.org) or 239-643-3908

### Opportunity: On-Site Programs

The CCCR child development centers welcome the care and attention of qualified volunteers. They are eagerly looking for book readers, baby rockers, playground clean-up, building maintenance, and more!

### Opportunity: Board Member of Advisory Board Member

CCCR only has a few slots left to fill for this very important role in the development of CCCR's future. If you're passionate about early education and the educational future of Collier County, they'd love to hear from you.

## Collier County Public Schools

**Contact:** Jennifer Lanza, Volunteer Coordinator at [LanzaJ1@collierschools.com](mailto:LanzaJ1@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).

### 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.

## Early Learning Coalition of SWFL

**Contact:** [LiteracyBuddies@elcofswfl.org](mailto: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.

## Fun Time Early Childhood Academy

**Contact:** Leslie Turner, Director of Education at [LTurner@funtimeacademy.org](mailto:LTurner@funtimeacademy.org) or 239-261-8284

### Opportunity: Skills-based Educational Experiences Delivery System (SEEDS)

Volunteer to work with a child one on one to enhance their literacy skills. Sessions are focused on oral language development and usage. Fun Time provides volunteers with a bag each week that includes books and materials for you to use during your session along with pre-planned activities. Opportunities are available between November and April each year.

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## Girl Scouts of Gulf Coast Florida

**Contact:** Dawn Pike, Community Specialist 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.

## Golisano Children's Museum of Naples [C'mon]

**Contact:** Ann Johnston at 239-260-1718 or go to [www.cmon.org/volunteer](http://www.cmon.org/volunteer)

### Opportunity: Floor or Library Volunteer

Interact with visitors, family and children. Assist with education/learning with interactive exhibits. Help prepare materials for educational programs. During regular C'mon hours.

## Grace Place For Children & Families

**Contact:** Chrissie Guzman, Volunteer Experience Manager at [chrissie@graceplacenaples.org](mailto:chrissie@graceplacenaples.org) or 239-234-2467

Learn about more opportunities to volunteer at [www.graceplacenaples.org/volunteer/](http://www.graceplacenaples.org/volunteer/)

### Opportunity: Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Program

Assist in our one, two, three or four-year old classrooms. Drive the small bus to pick up moms and children for classes. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday mornings (times vary), at Grace Place.

### Opportunity: Academy of Leaders K-12 After-School Program

Assist with homework, reading partners, math or mentoring. Assist in the computer lab, wellness activities or academic lessons. Provide a special lesson in art, music, gardening, science, hobbies or special interests. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, afternoon (times vary).

## Greater Naples YMCA

**Contact:** Joanna Rivera, Payroll Coordinator/HR Generalist at [jrivera@greaternaplesymca.org](mailto:jrivera@greaternaplesymca.org) or 239-963-3764

### Opportunity: Youth Sports Coach

The Y needs volunteers to help coach youth sports. You'll volunteer with the Sports Director, helping kids learn how to play and enjoy sports. As a coach, you'll have the opportunity to be a role model as you help kids develop self-confidence while teaching sportsmanship and the fundamentals of the sport.

### Opportunity: Mentors and Tutors

Through creative activities and guided homework sessions, you can help a child develop the skills they need to succeed in school and in life. Volunteers provide one-on-one mentoring and tutoring for students.

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## Guadalupe Center

**Contact:** Kelly Hammer, Director of Community Engagement at [khammer@guadalupecenter.org](mailto:khammer@guadalupecenter.org) or 239-657-7158

### Opportunity: Tutor Corps Mentor

Each year our 20-25 new college-bound Tutor Corps students are paired with an adult mentor. After completing a fingerprint and background check, adults are paired with an Immokalee High School 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grader. Mentors guide students with advice, support, and a listening ear; Communication is mainly by text, phone and email. Time commitment depends on the schedule of the mentor and the mentee, what they would like to do and how involved they would like to be. Required events are a mentor/mentee/ parent dinner in Immokalee, a cultural event and a picnic event; both in the spring and held in Naples and Marco Island. A mentor handbook is available at [Guadalupecenter.org](http://Guadalupecenter.org)

### Opportunity: Volunteer at Large

Volunteer in the classrooms, the library at our Early Childhood Education Center, or in the after-school classrooms in Immokalee public schools, or collect back to school supplies, shoes and Christmas gifts throughout the year. Occasional clerical help is needed in both the Naples and Immokalee administrative offices.

## Literacy Volunteers of Collier County

**Contact:** Cindy Dehnart, Director of Family Programs at [cdehnart@collierliteracy.org](mailto:cdehnart@collierliteracy.org) or 239-262-4448 ext 303

### 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.

## Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA)

**Contact:** Ana Neuhauser, Program Coordinator at [ana@rcma.org](mailto:ana@rcma.org) or 239-658-3600

### Opportunity: Engaging, reading and talking with children at RCMA Childcare Centers

During the first three years of a child's life, 85 percent of brain development occurs. Studies reveal there is as much as a 30 million word gap among poor children entering kindergarten when compared to those who come from more affluent circumstances. Volunteers are needed to augment RCMA's teachers by increasing the levels of stimulating interaction between children and adults.

### Opportunity: Reading activities with K-3rd grade students at Immokalee Community School

Reading is fundamental for students to reach academic success. We are confident all our students can succeed, although some require the extra time and attention to help them build their confidence and skill. Our reading volunteers work one-on-one with students to help our struggling students build vocabulary and reading comprehension.