

Volunteer Information - Faith on the Spectrum

At Faith on the Spectrum, we believe that volunteers are at the heart of our mission to create inclusive communities for individuals with autism and other disabilities. Volunteers are essential in helping us provide supportive, faith-based spaces where all individuals can thrive. Below are the different volunteer roles, their responsibilities, and how you can get involved.

1. Buddy Volunteers (Working with Children & Families)

Buddy Volunteers play a critical role in ensuring that every participant feels seen, supported, and included during church services, activities, and events. Volunteers in this role will work one-on-one with children or adults with autism and other disabilities, offering support, guidance, and companionship.

Requirements for Buddy Volunteers:

- Must undergo background checks and clearances (required for anyone working directly with children).
- Must be patient, understanding, and compassionate.
- Previous experience with special needs children is helpful but not required. Training will be provided.

Next Steps:

- Complete the volunteer application form on the website.
- Attend an orientation and training session.
- Start supporting individuals and making a difference!

Contact us at inclusivefaith@faithonthespectrum.org to get involved or ask any questions.

2. Sensory Room Volunteers

Sensory Room Volunteers ensure that the sensory spaces are welcoming, safe, and well-maintained for individuals who need a calming environment. These rooms are designed to provide support for sensory processing needs, and volunteers will help assist those using the space.

Responsibilities:

- Maintain sensory rooms, ensuring they are clean and stocked with sensory-friendly materials.
- Support individuals in using the sensory rooms, ensuring their safety and comfort.
- Assist with the development of new sensory tools and activities.

Skills Needed:

- Organizational skills to maintain a neat and accessible environment.
- Patience and compassion when working with individuals who need sensory support.
- Creativity in contributing to new sensory activities.

Next Steps:

- Complete the volunteer application form.
- Attend an orientation session to learn about the sensory rooms and tools.
- Begin volunteering in sensory spaces!

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3. General Volunteers (Various Tasks)

General Volunteers assist with a variety of tasks that support the nonprofit's overall mission. This includes helping with event setup, community outreach, administrative work, or assisting with fundraising efforts.

Responsibilities:

- Event setup and breakdown.
- Administrative and office support.
- Community outreach and fundraising tasks.
- Managing materials for programs and events.

Skills Needed:

- Organizational skills for setting up and managing events.
- Strong communication skills for outreach and community engagement.
- Teamwork and flexibility.

Next Steps:

- Complete the volunteer application form.
- Specify the areas you're interested in.
- Start contributing to meaningful community efforts!

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4. Building and Maintaining Sensory Rooms

Sensory room volunteers help build, design, and maintain sensory-friendly spaces that support individuals' sensory processing needs. Volunteers with construction, design, and DIY skills are especially valuable for this role.

Responsibilities:

- Build and set up sensory equipment (e.g., sensory walls, furniture).
- Design calming environments (e.g., lighting, colors, textures).
- Develop sensory tools (e.g., noise-canceling headphones, tactile toys).

Skills Needed:

- DIY, carpentry, or basic construction skills.
- Design skills to create calming environments.
- Problem-solving abilities for space optimization.

Next Steps:

- Complete the volunteer application form.
- Join a team to begin working on building and designing sensory spaces.
- Help create environments that empower individuals with sensory needs.

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To Become a Volunteer:

1. Complete the volunteer application form.
2. Select the roles you're interested in.
3. Participate in orientation and training.
4. Receive necessary background checks and clearances.
5. Start making a difference!

For more information or to sign up, contact us at inclusivefaith@faithonthespectrum.org. Thank you for your interest in supporting Faith on the Spectrum. Your involvement helps us create a more inclusive and welcoming community for individuals of all abilities.