

# Volunteer Resources

## *Supporting People with Disabilities*

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### **Center for Independent Futures** (743 Main, Evanston)

Center for Independent Futures is an organization dedicated to helping individuals with disabilities live more full and independent lives. Volunteer to assist with mailings, fundraising events, and participant activities. Contact Megan Madigan at [mmadigan@independentfutures.com](mailto:mmadigan@independentfutures.com) for information. Visit the website: [www.independentfutures.com](http://www.independentfutures.com)

### **Evanston American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) VIP Program** (King Arts School, east of McCormick Blvd.)

Volunteer VIP Buddies provide individualized assistance and encouragement to soccer players (5-10 years old) with physical and mental disabilities. Seasons are fall & spring. Find out more about becoming an AYSO Youth Volunteer by visiting <http://www.evanstonsoccer.org/>.

### **Evanston Community, Advocacy, Support, and Education, CASE** (1940 Sherman Ave, Suite A)

CASE serves families with students receiving special education services at ETHS and District 65. Reach out to get connected to volunteer opportunities that provide meaningful experiences. Interested should email [mail@evanstoncase.org](mailto:mail@evanstoncase.org). Visit the website: <http://evanstoncase.org/>

### **Have Dreams** (2020 Dempster, Evanston)

#### **Mondays, Wednesdays, 4:30-6:30pm**

Provide support to individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders in the Social Buddies Program. Volunteers must be between the ages of 12 and 17. Contact Dana Fenceroy at 847-905-0702 or [dlabrose@havedreams.org](mailto:dlabrose@havedreams.org) to sign up. To volunteer, visit <http://havedreams.org/> and fill out the Volunteer application.

### **Misericordia** (6300 N Ridge Ave, Chicago)

Misericordia offers a community of care that maximizes the potential of individuals with developmental and physical disabilities. Volunteers should be able to commit to an ongoing shift. Contact Theresa Rooney for information at [theresar@misericordia.com](mailto:theresar@misericordia.com) or 773-273-4161. Visit the website: [www.misericordia.com](http://www.misericordia.com)

### **Our Place of New Trier** (1020 Forest Ave, Wilmette)

#### **Monday-Friday, 12-3:30pm or 3:30-5pm; Saturdays 6-9pm**

Help staff manage programs for adults and teens with developmental delays, including working hands-on with participants during programs, working one-on-one with a participant, and creating a fun atmosphere to be in. Contact Nicole Seidlitz at [nschaefer@ourplaceofnewtrier.org](mailto:nschaefer@ourplaceofnewtrier.org) or 847-512-4661. Visit the website: [www.ourplaceofnewtrier.org/](http://www.ourplaceofnewtrier.org/)

### **Wildkit Therapeutic Theatre Workshop (WTTW) -- ETHS Club**

#### **Thursdays, rotating periods**

Participate in theatre games and activities to help develop the social skills of special education peers. This position may involve additional planning with staff leaders and speaking in front of small groups. Contact Channing Akinrinade at [akinrinadec@eths.k12.il.us](mailto:akinrinadec@eths.k12.il.us) or 847-424-7065 for more details.

## Additional Information

### **ETHS Community Service--Volunteer Opportunities**

On our website, find current volunteer opportunities and a database of organizations that seek student volunteers: [http://www.eths.k12.il.us/community/community\\_service1.aspx](http://www.eths.k12.il.us/community/community_service1.aspx).

### **NU--ETHS Partnership Office**

Kristen Perkins--NU/ETHS partnership liaison. Can assist students and connect them with NU programs, offices, and departments in any area of interest, especially the sciences: [perkinsk@eths.k12.il.us](mailto:perkinsk@eths.k12.il.us).

### **Volunteer Evanston**

The mission of Volunteer Evanston is to connect volunteers to opportunities in Evanston and assist local organizations that serve the Evanston community: [www.volunteerevanston.org](http://www.volunteerevanston.org).

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