

FAMILIES FORWARD

Family Volunteer Opportunities

Families are at the heart of what we do and a large part of our community. We would love to work with your family and see the value in introducing children to helping their community from a young age. Please see below for an overview of our family programs.

Family Volunteer Nights

Frequency

- Occur on a monthly to bi-monthly basis
- Evenings, Monday – Thursday from 5:00 – 7:00pm

Activities

Each Family Volunteer Night has a similar structure, but with unique activities that are relevant to the current happenings at Families Forward.

- Light food and drinks are provided at each event.
- An introduction to our mission and what we do as an organization.
- Followed by a rotation of activities that may include:
 - Helping in the food pantry
 - Assisting with our Seasonal Programs (Back-to-School, Thanksgiving & Holiday Wish)
 - A craft or coloring activity to be distributed to our families

Requirements

- Families need to register prior to attending.
- Ages 3+ are welcome with adult supervision (this is a family activity!).
- New volunteers will need to complete a waiver upon arrival; one for each family member.

NEXT STEPS

Upcoming Family Volunteer Nights will be posted to our website. If you would like to be added to our email list, to receive information about upcoming events, please email us at: volunteer@families-forward.org.

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Additional Opportunities

Families with children ages 10 years and older, we understand that you may like to volunteer with us as an individual family unit and truly appreciate you getting your family involved!

Due to the nature of the work we do, we need to schedule your family in advance to ensure we can provide a positive and fulfilling experience for you. We may not be able to accommodate every request, but will try our best to work with you and your family's schedule.

If you are hoping to get involved with our seasonal programs (Back-to-School, Thanksgiving and/or Holiday Wish), please re-direct to our 'Seasonal Programs' information page for next steps.

Requirements

- Families need to schedule their shift with one of our team members prior to coming to volunteer.
- Ages 10-13 years are welcome with adult supervision.
- Ages 14-17 years can volunteer on their own in our food pantry and help with Seasonal Programs.
- Ability to bend and lift items such as bags of food, backpacks, etc.
- New volunteers will need to complete a waiver upon arrival; one for each family member.

NEXT STEPS

If you feel that this opportunity is the best fit for your family, please reach out to volunteer@families-forward.org; we will follow up with you and may schedule a call to learn more about what you are looking for.