Volunteer Program

"Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves."

-James Matthew Barrie

A.

Continuous volunteers are needed in the group homes! Do you want to make a difference in the life of one of EHCA's residents? You could: read to a resident, accompany a resident on a walk, play games with a resident, or help a resident do some basic household chores, such as folding laundry. If you have a few hours every week to become someone's friend, one of the residents would like to meet you!

Other continuous volunteers may help with community-based programs, such as MOVE, depending on the interest of the volunteer. Activities working with program participants vary.

Here are the steps to take to become a continuous volunteer:

1. Call Emily at 454-1534 X 157. Share your volunteer wishes, and which home (or program) is most convenient for you.
2. Complete and return the volunteer application that is mailed to you before your volunteer hours begin.
3. After discussion with the home's program specialist to find the right fit for you, you will "try out" being a volunteer to see if you like it.
4. After 20 hours of service, you will need to provide EHCA with Act 33 and Act 34 clearances and be FBI fingerprinted before continuing volunteering with residents or program participants.
5. At this point, you may be asked to attend a training/orientation with other EHCA volunteers or new employees.

B.

Do you want to volunteer but cannot commit to being a continuous volunteer? Or would you like to continually volunteer but have another skill to offer that does not involve directly interacting with residents or participants? We have other opportunities available!

Here are just some examples of how volunteers can get involved at EHCA:

- Committee work (Public Relations, Community Relations, Ways & Means, Spring Swing)
- Event volunteerism (Agency Picnic, Annual Dinner, Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community, Spring Swing)
- Speaking engagements and media representation
- Community outreach projects and information deliveries
- Agency skating parties, held monthly nine months out of the year
- Landscaping, including fall clean-up, planting and maintenance, and snow shoveling/removal
- And more!

Call Emily at 454-1534 X 157 for more information about these great volunteer opportunities!