**Volunteer Opportunity Description**

**Title: HCFC Buddy**

**Purpose/Objective**: to positively relate to a child and role model appropriate adult/child relationships. Develop trust and a feeling of love and support around a child/children.

**Location**: on-campus

**Key Responsibilities**: Be a positive role model, spend one-on-one or group time with a child/children (with Family Teacher presence and support), positively interacting with the children. Reporting any concerns or problems to the on-duty Family Teacher or the Community Engagement Manager at their earliest convenience.

**Impact/Goal**: To help a child/children learn appropriate boundaries in relationships; modeling positive social interactions. To help a child/children build self-esteem and self confidence, feel safe and cared for, and feel more secure in their forward trajectory.

**Qualifications**: a love for children of all ages, a positive outlook and ability to communicate well. Cultural competency and awareness of biases.

**Time Commitment**: Dependent on a volunteers availability ranging from several times a week to once a month.

**Training/Support Provided**: Family Teachers will always be present to provide assistance as needed. All on campus volunteers are required to attend Orientation which provides background in the operation of our homes as well as interaction models used with the children.

**Benefits**: Increased self-confidence in the child, development of social skills, development of personal interaction skills and genuine relationship building. Volunteer gains experience working with youth, builds cultural competency and serves a great need within our community.

**Supervisor:** Family Teacher or Penny Wright, Community Engagement Manager

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