**Volunteer Job Description**

**Title: Mentor**

**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. Be available to the specific child the mentor is paired with even after that child has left Hope Center for Children.

**Location**: HCFC campus/off-campus with limits

**Key Responsibilities**: Be a positive role model, spending one-on-one time with a specific child. Provide a high-quality, enduring relationship which has the potential to lead to a range of positive outcomes for the mentee. Mentor will report any concerns or problems to the on-duty Family Teacher, the Community Engagement Manager or the Director of Fostering Great Ideas (FGI) (partnership agency) 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. Walk with a child through their life to a point that a mentee feels able to move forward on their own.

**Qualifications**: a love for children of all ages, a positive outlook and ability to communicate well. Cultural competency and awareness of biases. Willingness to participate in additional training through Fostering Great Ideas and complete all necessary background checks and testing.

**Time Commitment**: A minimum of two interactions a month is required. These can be in person or through calls, video chats etc.

**Training/Support Provided**: HCFC orientation and training, background checks, fingerprinting. FGI training, background checks and screening. Mentors interact individually and alone at times, with their mentee but HCFC and FGI resources are always available to provide support.

**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 on site or Penny Wright, Community Engagement Manager

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