OUR HOUSE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

Our Club, Our Community

The Our Club out-of-school program is a great resource for residents of Our House and families with school-age children. Every year, we provide approximately 200 students from kindergarten-12th grade a safe, consistent, and comfortable place to learn and grow. The Children’s Center is located on the Our House campus at 302 E Roosevelt Rd.
The Role of a Mentor

As a Mentor you will be working directly with our youth clients to help them achieve their goals.

Description of Tasks
A Mentor is an individual who wants to have a positive impact on a young adult’s life. He or she is a trusted person who is caring and provides support. As a mentor, you will have the privilege to present a wide array of opportunities to the youth (mentee). As a mentor you will use the mentor, mentee, & parent agreement as an ongoing guideline for your partnership.

Qualities
- Caring and encouraging
- Active listener
- Flexible, open, and approachable
- Dependable and enthusiastic
- Nonjudgmental attitude
- Committed
- Resourceful

Responsibilities
- Attend mentor orientation
- Make a commitment of a minimum of 1 year
- Meet in-person with mentee for at least 8 hours a month. Additional contact each month by phone or e-mail is also allowed, as needed.
- Focus attention on the mentor, mentee, & parent agreement.
- Participate in occasional community service activities.
- Communicate twice a month with Our House Mentorship VISTA for data collection and monitoring purposes.
- Attend program ceremonies, including a kickoff event, Family Fun Nights, Holiday ceremonies, and a match celebration at the end of the program year.
- Provide all needed data for program evaluation, including an exit survey.
Eligibility requirements

- Must be over 18 years of age
- Must complete an application
- Attend an interview session
- Pass criminal record and child abuse registry checks
- Satisfactory employment and personal reference checks
- Must have reliable transportation
- Must go through Orientation
- Must Be Vaccinated Against Covid-19

Benefits

- Guiding youth towards achieving their education and career goals, while gaining a new friend
- Experience the fulfillment of watching your mentee grow, develop skills, and gain confidence
- Become a part of a new network of change agents
- Learn more about your community and its diversity and its future
- If you are interested in pursuing a degree or career in teaching or early childhood development, volunteering with us can help you build your resume with hands on experience.
- Explore career options in the non-profit field, and gain experience working with youth who have experienced crisis, trauma, and/or transition.
- Volunteer hours can be certified and are kept in our records, should you ever need a volunteer reference.
- Connect with Our House’s network of volunteers, donors, and community supporters.
- Personal fulfillment knowing you are making a difference in a child’s life!
- Connect with Our House’s Career center and vast resources we have available to the community.
Volunteer Times

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<td>Monday - Friday</td>
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<td><strong>Out-of-School Day/Summer Program</strong></td>
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*Additional days and times may be available after the mentorship agreement is completed. Ex: weekends and time at school"*

Training and Support

All Our House volunteers receive a tour around the Our House campus, and they get training on the aspects of their volunteer role. All Children’s Center volunteers must undergo a background check (typically taking around 2 weeks to process), a Child Maltreatment Check, and a volunteer orientation (lasting around 1 hour). They also receive support, advice, and guidance from the Children’s Programs VISTA and Children’s Center team.

Application Procedure

1. Application Form
   a. Includes check with NSOPW (registered sex offender list)
2. Informal Interview and orientation with Mentorship Program VISTA
3. Child Maltreatment Check and Criminal Record check
   a. If you have lived outside of Arkansas in the last 5 years, FBI Record check is required

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