

Breanna's
Gift



AN ARTS PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN WITH
CANCER & OTHER SERIOUS ILLNESSES

VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION

Artist-Teacher Assistant

About us: Breanna's Gift is a nonprofit organization offering an arts program for children with cancer and other serious illnesses. Our mission is to bring smiles to the faces of sick children through the magic of the arts.

About program volunteers: We are looking for volunteers who have worked with children and have a gentle, nurturing style of interacting with people. An ability to be flexible and patient is a definite plus. Volunteers assist our artist-teachers during classes; a background in the arts would be helpful but is not required. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age.

Where and how might you be volunteering: Currently our classes are held at Ronald McDonald House Upper Midwest and Children's Minnesota on both St. Paul and Minneapolis campuses. This position was created to help our artist-teachers as they work with children and their families. Volunteers assisting with classes give everyone the opportunity to work one-on-one with kids and teachers the flexibility to focus on the overall presentation of the project. Our dance classes vary and include such styles as jazz, tap, ballet, hip hop and flamenco. Our arts classes are full of variety. We've had classes in puppet making, drawing, music, sculpture, bookmaking, painting, weaving, origami and more. We like to provide as much class variety as possible.

Time commitment: Our arts program is ongoing throughout the year. The time commitment varies according to each volunteer's availability. A minimum of 2 classes (about 6 hours total) a month are requested. Our classes are currently taught on:

- * Wednesday afternoons at Children's Minnesota in Minneapolis
- * Thursday afternoons at Ronald McDonald House
- * Friday afternoons at Children's Minnesota in St. Paul.

How to get started: If you are interested in applying to volunteer in our program, you will need to complete an Artist-Teacher Assistant Application. Part of the application process includes background and reference checks. As a Breanna's Gift program volunteer, you will work with teachers before and during the classes so you are familiar with the projects being taught. This volunteer training is ongoing as volunteers work with different artists from all disciplines. You will also be provided with information about working with children and their families with regard to special needs and confidentiality.

Training: Children's Minnesota requires that Breanna's Gift staff participate in their volunteer training program to learn about working with children in a hospital setting. This includes:

- * completion of an online application
- * a background check
- * required immunizations must be verified and current
- * one online training session.

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