



JOB DESCRIPTION

Artist-Teacher

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

About you: Are you an artist interested in sharing your creativity and passion for the arts with hospitalized children and those living in home-away-from-home environments? If you have taught dance, music, visual and performing arts, this might be the right fit for you. Because the children we work with are seriously ill and have special needs, we are looking for artists who have a gentle, nurturing style of interacting with people and can be flexible and patient.

Where and what might you be teaching: Currently our classes are held at Ronald McDonald House Upper Midwest and Children's Minnesota on both St. Paul and Minneapolis campuses. 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. As an artist-teacher with Breanna's Gift, you will plan your own classes following guidelines as to what materials can be safely brought into a hospital environment.

Time commitment: Our arts program is ongoing throughout the year. The time commitment varies according to each artist's availability. A minimum of 2 classes (approximately 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 work in our program, please complete and submit an *Artist-Teacher Application*. As part of the application process you will also need to fill out authorization forms for background and reference checks. Once you have been hired to teach in the program, you will learn the procedures for teaching at each location served by volunteering with current artist-teachers at all locations. Once the training period is completed, you will be a paid contract artist-teacher with Breanna's Gift. During volunteer training, information will be provided about working with children and their families with regard to their 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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