

Intergenerational Mentorship Program Volunteer

Purpose of Position:

- To provide elementary students with the opportunity to learn new skills and hobbies, to participate in a mentoring relationship, and to benefit from the wisdom of an older adult.

Qualifications:

1. Willingness to pass along knowledge of a particular skill or hobby to a younger generation
2. Interest in spending time with children
3. Ability to communicate ideas and explain concepts in an understandable way
4. Patient, friendly, reliable, and punctual
5. Willingness to participate in training programs (as required)
6. Willingness to obtain a Vulnerable Sector Check
7. Willingness to sign an oath of confidentiality
8. Must be at least 55 years of age or older

Roles and Responsibilities:

1. To identify (either independently or in collaboration with your supervisor) a project, hobby, or skill that could be taught to elementary school students
2. To assist with project preparation prior to the start of the program
3. To welcome the students at the beginning of each session and help them feel at ease
4. To lead or assist in leading students as they complete their projects
5. To encourage positive and edifying discussion with the students
6. To promote student growth in areas such as confidence and self-esteem
7. To attend volunteer meetings and training sessions

Orientation and Training:

1. Initial orientation to agency and program
2. On the job training provided
3. Additional training workshops are offered as needs and opportunities are identified

Benefits:

- Provide students with the opportunity to learn new skills
- Increase social opportunities
- Sense of purpose in helping others
- Formal and ongoing recognition