

## **Volunteer Opportunity Descriptions**

### **Fundango Volunteer (Direct Service)**

Direct service Fundango volunteers are perhaps our most utilized volunteer position. Each bi-monthly Fundango requires a minimum of 15 volunteers and often more depending on the number of kids. The opportunities within direct service are varied, a volunteer can lead age groups with children aged 0-17 or run a station that has been planned and coordinated for them by a member of the creative crew. These volunteers lead groups of no more than 8 children with another adult group leader and often a Teen Helper, through stations. Volunteers are expected to keep kids on track in a loving way and help keep them safe but are never asked to discipline. As a volunteer who works directly with children and families, our hope is that you will have an opportunity to get to know each child and create positive adult-child relationships with them at each Fundango. Our purpose at Kids at Heart is to treat each child like a VIP at Fundango and help advocate for them outside of Fundango to increase awareness of foster and adoptive children and families' needs.

### **Teen Helper**

Teen Helpers function as direct service Fundango volunteers, offering a much needed and valued support to adult volunteers through helping with individual groups or aiding a station leader. We encourage teens from ages 11-16 to volunteer with their parent(s) and teens ages 16 and up to volunteer with or without their parent(s).

### **The Creative Crew**

Every Fundango has a theme, snack, games and other countless activities. If one of your strengths is creativity we have just the group for you. The Creative Crew meets once every three months to plan themes for upcoming Fundangos and some of the members have the responsibility of coordinating an area of Fundango such as, crafts, snack or games.

### **Technical Assistance**

Sadly, while many of us at Kids at Heart are passionate about children and generally capable of using a computer we occasionally lack some skill in the technical department. If you are interested in updating and maintaining our website, contact databases or doing other needed independent projects then we would love to have you aboard!

### **Board of Directors**

Like every non-profit, we are always looking for passionate and qualified board members. If you have a talent for organizing, completing projects in your own time and a love of foster and adoptive children we would love to invite you to become a board member. We are always looking for those that are interested in fund-raising, have professional contacts or are just interested in taking on a leadership position within the organization.

### **Monetary or In-Kind Donations**

If you called to help foster and adoptive children, but don't feel you have the capacity, time or energy to help with direct service or planning, we are always gratefully accepting donations. Monetary donations are always appreciated and tax-deductible (we even qualify for the Child Care Tax Credit, call for more information). If however you would like to donate time shopping for supplies or giving gifts of toys, crayons, play-doh and other necessary items we are happy and grateful to receive them. Please call for more information on currently needed items or fill out our enclosed donation form and either mail or deliver your valued donation.

### **Create your own volunteer opportunity**

Never an organization to turn away a volunteer, if you don't see something above that suits your talents and needs, please don't hesitate to contact me so that we can determine a way you can help Kids at Heart that will match your strengths and help you to grow as an individual and a valued volunteer.