

Volunteer/Support Interest Form

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After complete, return this form to Wendy Alvarado, Programs Outreach/Project Director. If you have questions, feel free to contact Wendy directly at 562.595.8111 ext. 231 or Outreach@BayfrontYFS.org.

The Support Volunteer Opportunities at Bayfront Youth & Family Services are areas of service that do not require Department of Justice, FBI, or Community Care Licensing clearances. Please examine the brief descriptions below in order to identify the area of service you are interested in. Check the box(es) next to the opportunity or opportunities you are interested in (don't be afraid to check multiple!).

Administrative Support Program

All positions in this category require a minimum six (6) month commitment.

- Administrative Volunteer:** This opportunity involves clerical work and any general office assistance at our Corporate/Administrative Offices.
- Special Events Volunteer:** This entails working on any of the special events or fundraising events we coordinate. Volunteers may participate by assembling goody bags, helping to facilitate or setup an outreach/fundraising event.
- Media Volunteer:** Help mobilize and get the word out about our programs and services through all social media outlets, or create a special video project. This position entails performing awareness campaigns and call to actions on behalf of the organization. This entails a minimum level of a 6 month service commitment.
- Training Volunteer:** Have an expertise or insight that might be useful or insightful to our programming staff? Would like to facilitate a cultural diversity presentation? Involvement includes: researching training topics, creating content, organizing training materials/calendar, help plan, host, and/or speak at a training event.
- Environmental Steward:** This is an opportunity for an individual, group, and/or business to create and streamline recycling efforts and the reduction of our carbon footprint.
- Parent Support Volunteer:** Assists with parent programs, trainings, and activities. Help our parents succeed and enact as a community support partner! Volunteers will be trained and given the necessary provisions.
- Community Resource Quest:** A community resource quest entails having one or more groups seek out resources, support, and/or donations available for needy children and families living within a ten mile radius of our Long Beach locations. A resource may be a soup kitchen, food bank, clothing bank (donated or free clothing), free parenting classes, locations offering free tutoring, an automotive garage willing to donate \$500-\$1,000 worth of automotive services monthly to a needy single parent or family, etc. Sometimes groups use the internet and phone books to seek out these resources. Other times, groups look to family, friends, and businesses willing to create or be a new resource.

Community Service Projects

Time commitments vary depending on the project.

- Holiday Gift Donations:** Volunteers are needed to help fulfill child and family Christmas/holiday wishes. Volunteers may consider having other people they know or groups help them fulfill wishes. Typically, volunteers go to a store front (Wal-Mart, Target, Toys R Us) or mall and solicit others to fulfill a child's or family's wish.
- Build-a-Bike Program:** Volunteers help by soliciting donations or support to purchase bikes at a low cost and build them for children and young adults who need freedom of mobility. We partner with Together We Rise for this vital resource.
- Clothing Drive Program:** Many children come to Bayfront with nothing more than the clothing on their backs. Schools and groups participate by hosting a special month long drive of new or gently worn clothing.
- Backpacks:** Each August, we are in need of fully stocked backpacks for our children and teens. Bayfront will give you a list, which has the necessary information volunteers need to start collecting backpacks.
- Childcare Volunteer Kits:** This is an opportunity to supply games, books and toys to the Outpatient Program. These items would be for a diverse age range and serve to educate and entertain youth in the childcare program while their families are receiving vital services. Childcare kits average \$25 per kit.

Corporate/Group/Individual Giving Opportunities

There are multiple opportunities for companies, groups or individuals to get involved in volunteering, financially, and in tangible ways.

- In-Kind Donations:** An important area of volunteering is through in-kind donations and drives. From household items to school supplies to holiday giving opportunities. In-kind donations give our kids and families a sense of normalcy in their everyday lives that may not otherwise be enjoyed due to monetary restrictions.
- Adopt-a-Teen:** This is a monthly program that is as easy as a direct deposit. Adopt-a-Teen offers an opportunity to give financially, supporting a youth and their needs on a regular basis.
- Activity Sponsor:** Experiencing an outing is a great way for our kids to feel "normal" and be introduced to an activity they have never experienced before. Whether it is a full day at Angel's Stadium with snacks and a t-shirt, a day at a water park, or sponsoring a day at the beach (including food, games, and prizes). Activity sponsors are financially responsible for the activity they choose to support.
- Quarterly Celebrations/Recreation Nights:** This is an opportunity for an individual, group, and/or business to plan and facilitate a portion of a Celebration/Recreation Night or the entire celebration for a group or groups of our children and/or families in crisis. This entails a minimum financial commitment of \$100, but may cost at least \$20 per Bayfront child or teen.
- Parent Resource Center (PRC):** This is an opportunity to help furnish supplies for our Parent Resource Center. This would consist of books and other necessary supplies to ensure our parents have the necessary and informational resources to meet the individualized needs of children in their care.

As a direct service volunteer, you'll have the opportunity to work directly with Bayfront's at-risk youth, from 5 to 18 years of age, on a regular basis. All direct service volunteers must be at least 18 years old and go through a clearance process, which will require Department of Justice, FBI, and Community Care Licensing clearances. Our Volunteer Orientation will go into greater detail regarding these direct service volunteer opportunities.

Direct Volunteer Service Opportunities

Minimum commitments are listed in each service description.

- Childcare:** Volunteers will be trained to care for our children during one hour training. The minimum commitment level: six months.

- Tutoring:** One-on-one tutoring helps Bayfront students improve their academic performance and achieve their educational goals through an individualized tutor/student relationship. Tutors assist youth in most subject areas including mathematics, science, social sciences, and language arts. This type of tutoring requires a minimum commitment level: once per week for one school calendar year.

- Mentoring:** Mentors provide Bayfront at-risk youth with a personal relationship which will enhance the development of new interests, aid in educational and independent living practices, and assist the youth in learning to give and receive through a healthy relationship. This program allows you to pursue a one-on-one relationship with a young person in need of community connections. Minimum commitment level: twice a month, one year.

- Healthy Cooking:** These volunteers engage the youth and family of Bayfront Youth & Family Services through cooking and nutrition education. Minimum commitment level: once a month for six months.

- Program Event Volunteer:** This entails working on any of the special program events held for our youth and families. Volunteers may participate in event planning, coordination, and outreach; event set-up and breakdown; and assembling goody bags. The minimum commitment level: six months.

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Bayfront Youth & Family Services

"Changing Lives is What We Do!"

Interest/Support Application

General Information:

Please complete all sections.

Name: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr. _____
First Middle Last

Today's Date: _____ Birthdate (optional): _____

Phone Numbers: _____ (Cell) _____ (Home)
_____ (Work) May we call you at work? Yes No

Best Times to Reach You: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

How did you find out about Bayfront? Where you referred by someone in particular?

Are you an individual or will you be serving with a group? Individual Group Both

Name of group(s): _____

Is there anything not listed in the opportunities above that you would like to provide for Bayfront?

Yes No If yes, please explain: _____

I certify that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date