

Make a Difference!
Volunteer Opportunities 2021

Getting INVOLVED

Individuals, families and businesses involved with Kids With Courage have big hearts. Caring people donate their valuable time, their expertise, important skills, and share their helpful connections. Our volunteers are incredibly important assets that are essential to fulfilling its mission. Our volunteers believe as we do that children are the world's most important people, which is why we take such care in creating important programs that matter directly in lives. Kids With Courage always needs caring, enthusiastic, new people to help us accomplish our goals. People often ask how they can help. They too want to enrich the lives of the brave kids battling Type 1 diabetes. We have many opportunities available. Choose from—a simple contribution, take on a volunteer project or a volunteer position. Some are virtual, some are not and you have options to give just a little time, or organize your own fundraiser. 2020 brought about a lot of change and adjustments to the important work we do. Several new virtual volunteering opportunities are available and listed below.

VOLUNTEER PROJECT: Care Cards. Virtual

GREETING CARD MAKERS VOLUNTEERS/DONATIONS NEEDED



Can you help make greeting cards? Kids of all ages battling Type 1 diabetes need encouragement. For support, included in every 'Brave Box' we give to newly diagnosed patients we send cards of concern. (*Feel Better, Thinking of You, etc.*) Caring, meaningful cards and notes can be made by individuals of all ages, families, friends, clubs, various groups—corporate, civic, school, faith-based, etc., anyone wanting to make a direct impact in someone's life. Taking action in this simple and low cost way can have a huge impact directly in the lives of children and families at a most difficult time. Email: courage@kidswithcourage.org and request detailed description of project.

VOLUNTEER PROJECT: MASKING UP. Virtual

MASK MAKING VOLUNTEERS/DONATIONS NEEDED



Can you help sew masks? Or, do you know someone who can? There's a need and we would love your help.

Scientists say we should wear masks to control the spread of COVID-19, cities are mandating them, and they're likely going to be needed for long time. With that said, Kids With Courage wants to ensure the health, safety and well-being of those we serve, our vulnerable kids battling Type 1 diabetes. Giving them a mask in their Brave Box is a great idea and what we're doing. If you can't sew, seeking donations of masks for kids from places like Old Navy, Target, or mask makers anywhere would be helpful too. Email: courage@kidswithcourage.org and request detailed description of project.

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS: Some are virtual, some are not.

Do you have talent and skills in any of these areas that you are willing to donate your time and expertise to?

Courage Ambassador: Share our mission. Educate communities about Type 1. Assist in these special projects. As needed.

Social Media Manager: Create and execute a social media campaign and strategy including content and implementation to build our brand. Develop media relations plan and distribute press releases as needed.

Cost Reduction Specialist: It's an on-going process to raise the charitable capital that our children need. Money is raised through individual gifts, memorial and honorarium programs, fundraising events, business/corporate gifts and sponsorships and grants. Kids With Courage also relies on in-kind contributions to lessen the cost of goods and services. 2020 brought many challenges as we couldn't raise much needed dollars. While we've always been budget conscious, and spend hard to come by donation dollars with care we need to cut costs even more. Responsibilities would include negotiating current costs, researching lower priced items without sacrificing quality and develop relationships with potential suppliers to get in kind donations.

Program Assistant: Assist on various projects such as online research, follow-ups, telephone work, etc. Work from your home/office with flexible schedule.

Sponsorship Assistant: Assist in promotion of our various fundraising campaigns. Responsibilities would include researching and contacting businesses and other organizations by sending emails and letters in addition to following up to obtain sponsorships. Work from your home/office with flexible schedule.

Special Projects Assistant: Assist in special projects, event and/or activity. As needed.

Those who have wood working skills can help us make our wooden 'Brave Boxes' from plywood.

Grant Researcher/Writer: Be our grant writer or assist in researching grant funding opportunities and draft grant applications. Use the web to find new sources of potential income for Kids With Courage. Work from your home/office with flexible schedule.

Board Service: Assist in governing our special organization and help it become all that it can be. As needed.

Delivery Driver: Deliver 'Brave Boxes' to hospitals as needed. This does require a commitment, as is not flexible.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

- **DONATE.** Monetary gifts can be made: Online through our website; by Phone or Mail using the 'Donation Form' downloaded from website.
- **HONORARY AND SPECIAL OCCASION GIFTS.** A perfect way to honor special people on special occasions, such as birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, holidays, or promotions. Provide your loved one with a beautiful gift – the knowledge that someone's life has been enriched by a donation made in their honor. A lovely, heartfelt, special certificate honoring your recipient, acknowledging you and your gift amount will be beautifully wrapped and sent to your honoree from KWC.
- **MEMORIAL DONATION.** A gift of honor. What would be better at this difficult time? A lovely, heartfelt special certificate honoring your recipient, acknowledging you and your gift amount will be beautifully wrapped and sent to your honorees family from Kids With Courage.
- **WORKPLACE GIVING. MATCHING GIFTS.** Does your company have a matching gift program? Some companies match their employees' donations dollar-for-dollar, helping the Foundation to accomplish even more with your generous donations.
- **FUND A SCHOLARSHIP.** KWC provides educational scholarships to Kansas and Missouri students who battle Type 1 diabetes. These Type 1 Champions Scholarships recognize brave students who have chosen to not let T1D stand in their way. Funding and naming a scholarship brings encouragement, hope, strength and joy to the life of a T1 student. Leaving a legacy in this way and honoring someone you love is a beautiful gift. \$250 and up.
- **PLANNED GIVING.** Include Kids With Courage in your will. Including KWC as a beneficiary or in your will is a wonderful way to give and leave a legacy. Let us know if you have KWC as part of your estate plans so we can thank you and welcome you to our Special Planned Giving Circle.
- **PLAN AN EVENT OR HOST YOUR OWN FUNDRAISER.** You may not realize this, but volunteering your time to help us puts you in an elite group of remarkable people. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, only about 28.8% of the population, age 16 or over, volunteers any of their time to helping others. Our hosts are extra special heroes to us, and we call them "Hosts With Heart" because they realize our foundation has limited human resources, and requires donations to exist and fulfill its mission.
- **CHILDREN'S FUNDRAISER.** Be a Kid For Courage volunteer. It allows children to be involved in helping other kids and learning about giving back. Having your child experience first hand doing for the benefit of others is fun for kids and parents enjoy the wonderful side effect of instilling a sense of giving. They do it all – organize, raise funds and manage their program with support from parent or teacher advisors. This hands on experience allows them to see first hand how they can impact the lives of others. An opportunity to have lots of fun, and enhance their own personal character development. As a Kid For Courage volunteer, you can partner with Kids With Courage and coordinate a fund-raiser at your school, church or within your group.

Want to help?

Contact us. Email: courage@kidswithcourage.org Phone: 816.547.8376