

Activity Program Volunteer – Book Club n' Crafts

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Organization: Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) Toronto Location: RMHC Toronto House, 240 McCaul Street (onsite) Position Type: Volunteer Commitment: Weekly shift for a minimum of 6 months

About Us:

Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) Toronto is a place to call home for families with seriously ill children undergoing treatment. We encompass a House for 81 families in downtown Toronto and seven Family Rooms in hospitals across the Greater Toronto Area and in Sudbury. We strive to provide a sense of normalcy for our families during a chaotic and traumatic time and provide a variety of programs and services to support the whole family.

What's in it for you:

This is an opportunity to gain knowledge and experience in the world of family-centered care, to gain a deeper understanding of the issues faced by families with a sick child, and to know at the end of each shift that you have made a difference in the lives of our families.

Why we want you:

Are you ready to spark your creativity and imagination through children's literature and by engaging in creative arts experiences? If you enjoy reading children's stories and bringing out your inner artist, please read on!

We are looking for someone who enjoys all things children's literature and being creative to support crafting projects with children and their families. Book Club n' Crafts is a drop-in program that provides children with the opportunity to listen to a story and then create a craft based on the book. You will support children and their families as they engage in unique, imaginative, and exciting literacy and creative experiences.

Key Responsibilities:

- Facilitate the Book Club n' Crafts drop-in program, combining storytelling and creative arts.
- Lead reading sessions, capturing the imagination of children through captivating stories.
- Guide and assist children and their families in crafting projects inspired by the stories.
- Provide support and encouragement to children as they participate in crafting projects.
- Demonstrate enthusiasm for children's literature and artistic endeavors.
- Contribute to the planning and organization of unique and imaginative experiences.

Skills and Qualifications:

- 1-2 years of experience in a professional setting working with children and/or youth.
- Strong interpersonal skills for positive interactions with children and team members.
- Flexibility and adaptability to handle varied daily experiences.
- Clear and effective communication skills, both verbal and non-verbal.
- Knowledge of child development and age-appropriate activities.
- Commitment to creating a safe and inclusive environment.
- Organizational and time-management skills for handling tasks and activities effectively.

Commitment:

We need you every Sunday from 12:30pm-2:00pm for a minimum of 6 months.

Why:

We need people who are reliable, responsible, and well-mannered. We need to create an environment of support through continuity, consistency, and familiarity for our families. This is especially important to the children in our House. They will remember you because of your warmth and friendliness, and they and their parents will look forward to seeing you again.

Requirements:

- Applicants must be older than the age of 18.
- Completion of satisfactory reference check and a satisfactory Vulnerable Sector Check.

Interested?

If you answered 'yes' to the above questions, please click the 'apply now' button via the link below, and we can get the ball rolling. http://www.rmhctoronto.ca/How-to-Help/Volunteer/Current-Openings.aspx

Anything else?

Your orientation and training will be provided by the People & Culture team and the Program Coordinator.

Got questions?

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