

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT WHY ME

Volunteers are the lifeline of our organization. There are many ways that you can be a part of our organization in a volunteer capacity. If you've got the time, and you are as enthusiastic about helping our kids and their families as we are, here are some opportunities for you to show your support and become part of the Why Me Volunteer Team.

Patient Transportation (Local Only)

Patient transportation is an occasional need here at Why Me. At times, our children and families need assistance getting to and from local hospitals, clinic, or doctor appointments. As a Why Me volunteer acting in this capacity, you would be asked to provide transportation on an as need basis. A Why Me staff member would contact you in advance to determine availability and to assist with scheduling. Directions and any pertinent information would be provided at the time of scheduling. For this volunteer opportunity, you are required to have a valid driver's license. If using your own vehicle, you assume all risk of driving under your personal automobile insurance policy.

Fund Raising Events

Fundraising Events are wonderful occasions that help benefit our Why Me families and children. We have many events that take place throughout the year: Hiking for the Kids, "You Gotta Have Heart" Dinner Dance and Auction, "Go For the Green" Golf Tournament, and Vintners Premier Wine and Food Tasting, are just a few of these exciting events that require volunteer participation. Volunteer opportunities for these events include, but are not limited to:

Flyer Distribution	Raffle Sales
Ticket Sales	Silent and Live Auction Runner
Event Set Up	Course Monitor
Registration	Clean Up/ Breakdown

Each event has unique needs and volunteer positions. Our event coordinator(s) will determine the volunteer needs prior to each event. Volunteers will then be advised through the event coordinator and Volunteer Coordinator as to their assigned tasks and responsibilities. Training is provided as required.

Family Fun Events

Family Fun Events are parties and events that are held specifically for our Why Me Children and their families. We hold a number of these events throughout the year and each requires some volunteer assistance. The Halloween Party and the Holiday Party are the largest of the events, however, the Easter Egg Hunt, Tornadoes Baseball Game Adventure and some spur of the moment fun activities also provide lots of smiles for our children and their families. Volunteer opportunities at these events are tasks such as:

Registration	Food Assistants
Arts and Crafts Assistants	Characters in Costume
Holiday Elves	Amateur Photographers
Set Up/ Clean Up	

Office Support

Our Why Me offices are located at 1152 Pleasant Street within Sherry's House. There are a variety of opportunities for volunteers to assist our staff in an administrative capacity. Some of the areas that we often look for volunteer support are:

- Phone coverage
- Mailings
- Photo copy and shredding projects
- Basic filing
- Donation solicitation and follow up phone contact for in-kind donations
- Logging of in-kind donations

Those volunteers who choose to assist in the capacity of office support will be trained on a project-by-project basis by the staff member requiring the assistance, or by the Volunteer Coordinator.

Errand Runner

There are various occasions when we have a need for someone to help us with day-to-day errands. We may need to pick up a raffle item from a local donor, post event flyers in area businesses, or simply just do a number of small, simple errands in a small driving radius. In addition we need volunteers at the holidays that are willing to deliver meals and care packages to our families. For our errand running tasks, our office staff will work directly with those who would like to assist in these tasks to provide schedules, directions and support. Again, a valid driver's license is required; you assume all driving risk under your personal insurance policy when using your personal vehicle.

Housekeeping

Sherry's House is an eight bedroom home with a number of common living areas, an activity center, and a teen game room. As such, housekeeping is one of our constant needs. Why Me is always seeking volunteers in this area who are willing to help out on a consistent basis with the day-to-day cleaning tasks such as:

- Dusting
- Vacuuming
- Sweeping
- Cleaning Windows
- Emptying trash cans
- Changing/ Making beds
- Stocking towels, soaps, shampoo's, etc. in bedrooms and bathrooms

A staff member will provide our housekeeping staff with the necessary cleaners, gloves, tools, etc. to be able to perform these tasks efficiently. And we are always available to answer questions and provide additional direction.

Meal Assistance

Are you someone who enjoys cooking or baking? What better gift of time and talent to share with our families and children than a home-cooked meal. In the area of meal

assistance, we look to volunteers to cook or bake for our families who are staying with us at Sherry's House, as well as for those local Why Me families who may be spending many hours at the hospital. Imagine how wonderful to receive a home cooked meal when you have been eating hospital food for days or weeks at a time. After a very long day at clinic, our families can be drained. It is such a help and welcomed treat for our moms and dads to be able to simply heat up a precooked meal made with love by one of our Volunteer Team members.

Some meal suggestions are: Lasagna
Baked macaroni and cheese
Baked Ziti
Chicken dishes
Shepherd's Pie
American Chop Suey
Or ANY of your family favorites

Here at Sherry's House, we do have a freezer to store a number of meals at a time. Simply label and package your dinner accordingly and we will take it from there.

Bakers - We will also often call on volunteers who are willing to bake to provide goodies for our events and for the families residing with us during treatment. Volunteers can provide baked goods on a regular basis, or we will also call on you as needed for events and outings.

Childcare Assistance

Why Me has many opportunities in the area of childcare assistance. For our families staying here at Sherry's House, moms and dads often need help with the children and their siblings so that they can accomplish simple household chores. In addition, we also require childcare assistance at some of our Support Group meetings and events. On occasion, we also have a need for emergency childcare assistance due to unforeseen circumstances.

Volunteers who choose to focus their time and talents in this capacity can either schedule to come in a regular basis, or can be placed on an on call listing. In all cases, for those volunteers providing childcare, we simply ask that you provide love and care to these precious children entrusted to your care. Have fun! be a kid again yourself

Other Suggestions

You can be an active member of the Why Me Volunteer Team in many ways. Think outside the box and bring your suggestions to our attention. We welcome new ideas and look to volunteers who want to get involved in new and creative ways. If your schedule is crazy and you want to do something outside the normal volunteer scope to help our kids and their families, hold a fundraiser! Here are some basic ideas, but the possibilities are limitless.

Yard sale	Penny Drive
Bake sale	Can collection
Car wash	Wish List item drive
Flower sale	Funny Hat Day
Lemonade Stand	

Our kids are our mission! ..let's work together to brighten their day!