

Volunteer Activity Descriptions

In-Office Projects

These projects include preparing mass mailings, updating our databases, filing newspaper articles, copying and folding brochures, and other clerical tasks. Volunteers interested in updating our databases must have basic computer skills and experience working with databases.

Computer Support

Prevent Child Abuse Wisconsin needs volunteers with excellent computer skills and knowledge who are available to answer questions and/or provide technical assistance to us. This may include helping us with our website, answering questions about particular software, or helping with other questions/needs as they arise.

Research

Our Program Coordinator is looking for a volunteer who is interested in investigating and determining the research underpinning for two child abuse prevention programs: Circle of Parents and Protective Behaviors. Volunteers are asked to help obtain hard copies of relevant research articles (e.g., make copies at an appropriate library) and do literature searches online and email the results to the Program Coordinator. This is a great opportunity for a university student who is looking for a way to get some research experience.

Graphic Design

PCAW is looking for volunteers with experience in graphic design to help give our brochures a distinct, uniform, and professional look. Volunteers may also be invited to help design the flyers, t-shirts, etc. for our fundraising/special events.

Publicity

The aim of PCAW is to spread our prevention efforts across the state. We are looking for volunteers with publicity experience to help get the word out about our organization. Volunteers interested in publicity may also be invited to help publicize our fundraisers and special events.

Fundraising/Special Events

Throughout the year PCAW is involved in various fundraisers or special events. Volunteer opportunities associated with these activities include helping plan and publicize the event, as well as, attending the event to help with set up, registration, distribution, clean-up, etc. Or perhaps you're interested in hosting a PCAW fundraiser or special event in your area. Some examples of fundraisers that other volunteers have hosted include penny campaigns, walk-a-thons, and craft/bake sales. If you have an idea please let us know; we may be able to help you make your idea a reality.

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Borders Gift Wrap

The Borders Holiday Gift Wrap takes place each year during the months of November and December. Borders Books and Music in Madison asks local non-profits to gather volunteers to wrap gifts for their customers. On the selected days that we have volunteers, tips gathered from wrapping gifts will benefit Prevent Child Abuse Wisconsin. This is a wonderful opportunity to build public awareness of the work of Prevent Child Abuse Wisconsin. For this event we need volunteers to sign up for 2-4 hour gift-wrapping shifts. Borders Books and Music is located at 3750 University Avenue.

Spoke Out Event

The Spoke Out to Prevent Child Abuse is a family bike ride around Lake Monona or walk along Wingra Creek that takes place each May. The event begins and ends at Olin Park Shelter where there is food, entertainment and prizes. Proceeds of this event benefit Prevent Child Abuse Wisconsin. For this event we need volunteers to: help organize and publicize the event, raise pledges and ride at the event, help with set-up and registration, distribute prizes, and clean-up.

Spanish Translation

PCAW is working on translating many of our brochures into Spanish. Volunteer opportunities for this activity include translating brochures and proof reading brochures translated by other volunteers. Volunteers interested in this activity must have excellent Spanish skills. Translation volunteers will be asked to translate a sample paragraph before being assigned larger translation projects.

Banner Project

PCAW is looking for volunteers with sewing skills to put together quilts from our Banner Project squares. These squares were made by survivors of incest and child sexual assault as part of their healing process. The squares are then sewn together into quilts by our volunteers and are made available for display to interested organizations.

Thank You Cards

Young volunteers are needed to create thank you cards for PCAW donors. This activity is perfect for anyone working with children. These thank you cards, hand-made by children across the state, are used to show our gratitude to people making donations to PCAW. We have heard from many people that they truly appreciate this personal touch and especially enjoy knowing that the cards are made by children. Detailed instructions will be provided to anyone interested in this activity.

Short Notice Projects

There are times when we need immediate help with a last-minute project. These projects often include mailings or event preparation. Volunteers are needed who can help out with little advance notice. Volunteers may be notified only one to two days prior to when they are needed. This is an ideal activity for people with flexible schedules.