



## **Volunteer Opportunities**

### **Power Lunch Mentoring Program**

Volunteers meet once a week for 30-60 minutes with an assigned student at a local public school. Mentors pick the day of the week, while the time is determined by the student's lunch period. Mentors read with students and engage in discussion to encourage academic achievement and positive behaviors. DCPS background check required.

### **Parent Coaches**

Coaches host a monthly support group with parents to discuss useful strategies for improving children's academic achievement and social emotional development. They also provide individualized support to an assigned parent through monthly contact.

### **Food Pantry**

Volunteers staff food distributions and help to stock pantry items. Distributions take place on the third Tuesday of each month during the academic year. On distribution days, volunteers serve in two shifts: 11:00am – 1:00pm and 2:30pm – 4:00pm. Location is Woodland Acres Elementary School (328 North Bowlan Street).

### **Summer Lunch Program**

Volunteers serve free lunches to children each weekday during the summer. Volunteer hours are 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. and volunteers can serve as often as desired. This is a great opportunity for teens. Location is Oak Hammock Apartments (500 Acme Street). DCPS background check required.

### **Youth Sports & Fitness**

Volunteers conduct sports camps, clinics, and teams for children and youth. Current and future offerings include basketball, flag football, softball, swimming, tennis, martial arts, cheerleading, and dance.

### **Building & Grounds Rehabilitation**

Licensed contractors and/or skilled laborers aid with the rehabilitation of the Woodland Acres I.M.P.A.C.T. Dream Center (465 Acme Street).

### **Financial Literacy, Employment, and Small Business Coaching**

Coaches mentor community residents regarding financial literacy, career development, and small business development. Training will be provided.

### **Community Small Group Leaders and Hosts**

Leaders facilitate 8-12 weekly discussions on Christian principles and other topics in a small group setting. Hosts provide a hospitable setting for meetings in a home or public space. Curriculum options and training will be provided.

### **Meal Hosts**

Individuals, families, and groups are needed to prepare and serve meals and refreshments for selected community meetings and support groups. Meal hosting usually takes place in evenings or on weekends and includes setup, cleanup, and serving, as well as providing the food. Volunteers select a date that fits their schedule.

### **Child Care**

Provide volunteer child care to enable parents to participate in support groups, small groups, and career development activities. Background check required.

### **Photography and Media**

Photograph events for social media, electronic newsletters, and other purposes. Create social media posts and newsletter highlights.

### **Adopt-a-School**

Coordinate an annual school supply giveaway and otherwise support the 14 public schools in Arlington.

### **General Volunteers**

Assist with miscellaneous critical tasks such as setting up/breaking down events, clerical tasks, phone calls, general labor, etc.

### **Steering Committee & Workgroups**

The Arlington 20/20 Steering Committee meets monthly (excluding summers) to receive partner reports and track progress toward the goals of the initiative's 20-point plan. Workgroups meet monthly to discuss and implement strategies related to community empowerment, economic development, family strengthening, housing development, and workforce development. Steering Committee meetings are on Thursdays during lunchtime, while workgroups meet during evenings or weekends. While all volunteers are welcomed, Arlington residents as well as professionals with expertise in the following fields are especially needed to help advance the initiative's goals:

- Early childhood education
- Health care
- Commercial & residential development
- Case management
- Community organizing
- Fundraising/grantwriting
- Municipal government
- Demographics & research

## **Next Steps to Become an Arlington 20/20 Volunteer**

- 1) Complete Volunteer Application at [arlington2020jax.org](http://arlington2020jax.org).
- 2) Attend Volunteer Orientation (see [arlington2020jax.org](http://arlington2020jax.org) for dates).