

Volunteer Opportunities at Stepping Stones Center

Stepping Stones Center
5650 Given Rd., Cincinnati, 45243

Stepping Stones at Camp Allyn
1414 Lake Allyn Rd., Batavia, 45103

Contact the Volunteer Office, 513-831-4660 ext 27

Forms and information on web at www.steppingstonescenter.org

Interact with Children



Preschool – From reading a story to assisting a child in the pool, playing in the gym or coaching the ABCs, our youngest participants need extra support in the preschool setting. Preschool is open Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm at the Batavia site ONLY. Extra paperwork, required by the State of Ohio, is required to volunteer in this program.

Saturday Kids Club – This program for children 6 to 16 includes swimming, arts & crafts, sports & games, outdoor play, and seasonally themed activities. Volunteers assist throughout the day. Saturday Kids Club runs 9 am to 3 pm on the first and third Saturday of the month during the school year. Volunteers must be at least 13 years old. Kids Club meets at the Given Road site.

Respite Weekends at Camp Allyn – Respite weekends provide a fun-filled weekend for children as well as a much needed break for busy families and caregivers. Activities include cooking, sports & games, arts & crafts, creative expressions, camp fires, movie nights, dances and more! Volunteers are paired with participants to assist throughout the weekend. Respite for adults and children run twice a month from 10 am – 8 pm Saturday and 10 am – 3 pm Sunday. Volunteers for respites must be at least 15 years old.

Summer Day Camp – Day camps at Stepping Stones Center- Given Road and at Camp Allyn in Batavia serve school age children from mid June through mid August. Activities include arts and crafts, swimming, fishing, games, songs and nature activities. More than 600 volunteers participate each summer. Volunteers must be 13 or going into 8th grade or older. We require a minimum commitment of 30 hours, however, volunteers may register for extended days or the whole camp season. Camp runs 9 am to 3 pm Monday through Friday. Training provided.

Interact with Adults



Adult Services – This program is designed to promote independence among individuals with disabilities who are 18 and older. Volunteers may assist with swimming, aerobics, cooking, or teaching and practicing daily living skills. Adult programs run 9 am to 3 pm Monday through Friday at Given Road and Batavia sites.

Respite Weekends at Camp Allyn – Adult respite weekends offer mini vacations for adults with disabilities and a much needed break for busy families. Activities include cooking, sports & games, arts & crafts, creative expressions, camp fires, movies, dances and more. Volunteers support staff while being paired with a participant. Respite for adults and children run twice a month from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Saturday and 10a.m. – 3 p.m. Sunday. Volunteers for respites must be at least 15 years old.



Aquatics Program

Every program uses the Olympic-sized warm-water pool during the day and with all those people in the pool, extra hands are always helpful. Times vary depending on program. The warm-water pool is at Stepping Stones Center- Given Road. (Pool also is available for community use with fitness classes and open swim times.)



Landscaping/Grounds

No program is the best that it can be without a beautiful area to exist in. Volunteers plant flowers, build walls, create garden areas, cut brush, paint day camp shelters and program areas, clean windows and generally lend a hand. Corporate groups, church groups and individuals can volunteer. This type of work usually can be scheduled at the volunteer's convenience at our Given Road and Batavia sites.



Join Flying Pig Team

First Weekend in May. Runners or walkers can help raise money and interact with participants as part of the Flying Pig Marathon weekend. Serious runners can join the Stepping Stones Flying Pig Team and run in the marathon. Recreational runners and walkers can join participants as a buddy in the Hope & Possibilities 5-K run, raising pledges and supporting Stepping Stones Center at a day of fun and exercise.



Office/Events

Extra hands are needed to compile packets for camp and respite registration in spring and fall, and to Help represent Stepping Stones during school fairs and other events. Volunteers can help with mailings and preparations for fund-raising events throughout the year.