Spring Volunteer Opportunities for Future Fund Members & Families

**Abilene Zoo**

ZooStock (Spring Break) is coming up soon at the Abilene Zoo. We are excited about this groovy event and hope you will join us.

We need your help to provide our guests with the best possible experience. Volunteers are needed each day March 6 through March 15. Please be at least 15 years of age, or bring along an adult.

We have three shifts each day 8:30 AM - Noon, Noon - 3:30 & 3:30 - 7 PM. We are in need of volunteers to:

- help direct the line of guests at the entrance
- Provide guests with information at an "Information Station"
- Bounce House Attendant

**Big Country CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates)**

Our 4th Annual Superhero 5k Fun Run is Saturday, May 2nd at ACU and we need volunteers for the following areas:

- Constructing a small “start/finish line” for our children’s Chase the Villain race – can be done on a weekend or evening... whatever works for the team! Needs to be completed by Sun April 26
- Folding volunteer shirts & matching to lanyards – Mon April 27 – Big Country CASA Offices – any time during work hours
- Stuffing Runners bags – Thurs April 30, 7pm (Location to be determined)
- Runner early pick up – Fri May 1, 3 – 7pm (location to be determined)
- Race Day volunteers – Sat May 2, 8 - 11am:
  - Registration
  - Kids area
  - Kids Chase the Villain Run
  - Race route safety volunteers
  - Water station
  - Food station
  - Tear down
- Create a “Future Fund Team” to run/walk the race
Camp Able

We have two special therapeutic riding events this spring with many children. Here is a brief description:

- **Thursday, April 16 - Morning - Region 14’s Wild West Sensory Day** - in the past, there have been between 100 and 150 special needs children from schools in Region 14. The invitations go out to classes that have one or more visually impaired children. Most classes are life-skills classes. The event is located at Trails End (Renee’s place), and there are usually about 6-8 activities, of which one is a short horse ride.
  - We always need volunteers for everything from preparing helmets between rides, fitting helmets on riders, helping riders mount, leading, side walking, troubleshooting, etc.
- **Wednesday, April 22 - Morning - Clyde Pre-K Day** - this is the first time for this group to come, and they are planning to have a similar format as the Region 14 WWSD.

We are also planning to have schools on Tuesday mornings (starting 3/24) and Friday mornings (starting 3/21), and could plan on having FF volunteers come then as well.

Junior Achievement

The program is called JA in a Day and will be held at Lee elementary on May 19th all day. We are looking for a total of 23 volunteers.

**What to expect:**

- Each volunteer will be teaching one class all day. This means that all volunteers will be on campus from 8am to about 3pm with the same students and teachers.
- Depending on the grade the volunteer is teaching, curriculum will be provided and training prior to the event will be available. Training is not required for repeat volunteers but anybody new will need to sit in on our 1-hour training to gather logins, rules, and paperwork needed for the program.
- There will be a break or two during the day while the kids go to recess or PE along with a lunch. JA provides snacks, drinks, and caters in a lunch for all our volunteers.
The Christian Service Center has many volunteer opportunities for Future Fund members to consider.

- **Operation Blue Jean Program** - 4 volunteers will work in the OBJ Room sorting, folding and hanging new clothing items (children’s socks, underwear, blue jeans, and middle school standardized dress polo style shirts and khaki pants).
  - Potential dates/times:
    - Thursday, June 18th, 2:00 – 4:00 pm
    - Thursday, June 25th, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

- **Feeding the Hungry Program/Food Pantry** – 4 volunteers will work in the CSC Food Pantry to help unload groceries which arrive from the Food Bank and other grocery stores and then the volunteers will assist in sorting and stocking items on the shelves in the pantry.
  - Potential dates/times:
    - Monday, June 15th, 9:00 am – 11:00 am
    - Monday, June 22nd, 9:00 am – 11:00 am

- **Receiving Room** – 4 to 6 volunteers will work in the Receiving Room collecting donations which arrive during their work shift; volunteers will greet donors, give out receipts for donations, carry donations into Receiving Room and help sort and manage donations as they arrive.
  - Potential dates/times:
    - Saturday, June 6th, 9:00 am – noon

**Interested in a volunteer opportunity? Let us know!**

Contact Jasmine McCabe-Gossett and jasminemg@cfabilene.org or 325-676-3883 to let her know which volunteer opportunity you’re interested in, and she’ll connect you to the organization of your choice.