



Together we CAN stop child abuse and neglect.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES 2018 – 2019

CANbassador: Serve as a champion of CAN Council’s mission by representing our organization at collaborative community and outreach events, hosting facility tours, and being a CAN contact in your personal and professional network. CANbassadors are “Friend-Raisers” that will help grow awareness and attract new involvement in our organization.

CASA: Become a powerful advocate in a child’s life. Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) are highly-trained volunteers serving as the voice for children who are in the court system due to abuse or neglect. In-house training and courtroom observation is required. The CAN Council provides a nationally-accredited training to CASA volunteers, who will then be appointed by a family court judge to serve as a voice for the child. Requirements state that you must be 21 years of age, pass an extensive background check, and have the flexibility in your schedule to advocate for the children you are assigned to. Once sworn in by court, volunteers average 20 hours per month advocating for a single child or sibling group.

Special Event Planning Committee Members: Volunteers play a key and active role on the committees of our annual fundraising events (including *Baby Academy*, *The Brain Game*, *Dine & Unwind*, *Ducky Derby & Family Fun Fest*, *Mardi Gras Auction*, and *Superhero Hockey Night*). Attend regularly scheduled meetings and assist with corporate sponsorship solicitation, auction item acquisition, and marketing.

Special Event Volunteer: Special Event Volunteers take a variety of different roles that vary from day-of event set-up, guest assistance, raffle ticket sales, and clean-up. Volunteers may also choose to be involved in pre-event logistics.

Pinwheels for Prevention Committee: Volunteers will assist in the planning and coordinating of April’s *Child Abuse Prevention Month*. Attend regularly scheduled meetings (beginning in January through May), develop partnerships with businesses and schools to plant pinwheel gardens, attend collaborative community and outreach events promoting prevention month, and other campaign logistics.

Unpaid Internships: Take advantage of various opportunities to learn within our Administration team, Children’s Advocacy Center (CAC), Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program, and Child Abuse Prevention Education (CAPE) Program.

Sign-up now! For more information or to participate in any of these opportunities, contact Katie Bell, Volunteer Coordinator, at (989) 752-7226 or kbell@cancouncil.org. **Thank you for your commitment!**