



## VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION

VOLUNTEER MENTOR	
DESCRIPTION	Volunteer Mentors serve as a friend and guide to youth and young adults in foster care to help empower them to make positive life choices that enable them to make a successful transition to independent living and to maximize their full potential.
ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide friendship, support and inspiration to the young person with whom you have been matched. Be willing to share your experiences and ideas and to have a listening ear.</li> <li>• Assist young person in accomplishing <b>tangible skills</b> needed in daily living such as, cooking, budgeting, and apartment living. You may also assist with career exploration, job shadowing, and educational planning. Also assist young person in the development of <b>intangible skills</b> such as problem solving, assertiveness, self-confidence, and self-esteem.</li> <li>• Attend ongoing training sessions and/or special activities with the young person as offered.</li> <li>• Work as a team member with Boys &amp; Girls Haven staff, social worker, foster youth/young adult, and others to help a young person build a strong foundation as they enter independent living.</li> <li>• Complete any needed monthly reports.</li> <li>• Maintain a high standard of conduct reflecting a professional approach and positive attitude, shown by caring, cooperation, honesty and respect for others.</li> </ul>
QUALIFICATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be 21 years of age or older.</li> <li>• Be free from any criminal record.</li> <li>• Provide own transportation.</li> <li>• Volunteers must be emotionally stable and mature, exhibiting a sincere interest in helping youth develop to their full potential.</li> </ul>
AVAILABILITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flexible. Generally evenings and weekends, as available.</li> </ul>
TIME COMMITMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 6-9 month commitment to a young person which will include regular personal and telephone contact, as well as associated training and monthly reporting.</li> </ul>
RELATIONSHIPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>REPORTS TO:</b> Cottage Supervisor</li> <li>• <b>PARTNERS WITH:</b> Independence Readiness Program Manager, Therapist, Cottage Supervisor, Youth Counselors, Boys &amp; Girls Haven clients</li> </ul>
TRAINING REQUIRED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Volunteer Orientation (offered once a month)</li> <li>• Training will be offered to acquaint you with the program, as well as issues of foster care and young adults who have spent time in the foster care system.</li> </ul>
BENEFITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential for increased interpersonal skills.</li> <li>• Become acquainted with the foster care system.</li> <li>• Gain the satisfaction of helping a youth become a successful adult and of helping your community develop more productive citizens.</li> <li>• Participate with other community members who are interested in helping young people reach independence.</li> </ul>