



What's Happening at Abbott House

News Bites About Staff and Friends Who Help Us Meet Our Mission

"Our jobs as volunteers may be to pass out craft glue or restock the paint palettes, but the real work comes from talking to the kids. Asking someone how their day is may seem insignificant, but it is these simple actions that ensure every person feels a sense of belonging."

- Mira Zaslow, Abbott House Volunteer



Abbott House is thrilled to begin welcoming back our amazing volunteers after pausing most in-person activities for more than a year due to COVID-19. The above quote is an excerpt from a longer piece written by student volunteer Mira Zaslow, who does art projects with the unaccompanied minors in our care. During the Tuesday evening art program, children get to relax, unwind and enjoy being kids in a whimsical art space.

Other activities back in the lineup include trips to Hemlock Hills Farm, where children feed chickens and learn about sustainable farming, and weekly meditative art sessions, where they make origami, clay animations, bracelets, and even homemade paper!

Our volunteers are one of our greatest resources at Abbott House. They help kids and adults process emotions through the creative lens of a camera or the careful stroke of a paintbrush. They play basketball

and read books in Spanish. They sort toys and backpacks. They are mentors, tutors, and dedicated team members who encourage individuals in our care to thrive in some of the most challenging moments of their lives. **The true gift of a volunteer is their ability to make another human being feel that they belong – and that they matter. Our volunteer team at Abbott House is changing lives!**

However, it takes a lot of time and coordination to match passionate individuals with program needs.

Did you know that volunteers need the same kind of support and infrastructure that paid staff need? They require vetting, unique training, careful placement, onboarding, supervision, and recognition. Our volunteers are part of our team, and we want to do it right!



Please, consider an investment in Abbott House's volunteer program. Your gift will help us grow our capacity to expand programming, facilitate new partnerships, match prospective volunteers with opportunities, and organize essential activities.

Your gift today will help us do all those special little things that help make promising futures a reality.

Let's keep it going and growing!

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