

VOLUNTEER POSITION POSTING FOR WEBSITE

Bethlehem Center

Open Date: Fall 2025

VOLUNTEER POSITION TITLE: Guest Reader Volunteer	DEPARTMENT & PROGRAM AREA: Read to Lead	REPORTS TO: Education Program Manager
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BETHLEHEM CENTER MISSION

Inspired by the gospel, we build lasting relationships with Chattanooga's youth and families by encouraging spiritual growth, education, and leadership development.

SUMMARY OF VOLUNTEER ROLE:

The **Guest Reader Volunteer** will visit two after school classes, The Eggs (K-1st grade) and The Caterpillars (1st-2nd grade), to read stories aloud to the students. This volunteer will help foster a love of reading by engaging students with age-appropriate books. While reading, there is also the option to incorporate a related activity, though it is not a required part of the role. This position is ideal for someone who enjoys reading to children and wants to contribute to a positive, enriching learning experience.

ROLE RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Read age-appropriate stories aloud to The Eggs (K-1st grade) and The Caterpillars (1st-2nd grade).
- Engage students with expressive reading to capture their attention and encourage a love of books.
- Optionally lead a simple activity or discussion related to the story, enhancing the reading experience.
- Foster a positive and engaging atmosphere that encourages student participation and curiosity.
- Collaborate with afterschool staff to ensure the reading session aligns with the students' needs and interests.

DESIRED SKILLS OR EXPERIENCE:

- Experience working with young children, particularly in a group setting, and an understanding of age-appropriate communication.
- A passion for reading and the ability to bring stories to life through engaging and expressive reading techniques.
- Comfort with facilitating simple, fun activities or discussions that complement the reading experience.

SCHEDULE:

- Thursdays 4:00 to 5:00

EXPECTATIONS:

- Arrive on time and be prepared to read to the K-1st grade (The Eggs) and 1st-2nd grade (The Caterpillars) classes.
- Maintain a positive, enthusiastic, and patient attitude while reading to students.
- Follow the guidance of the afterschool staff and adjust reading or activities based on the students' needs.
- Ensure a respectful and engaging environment that encourages student participation and promotes a love of reading.

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