



## VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION

TITLE: Lunch or Dinner Buddy

DESCRIPTION: An individual matched one-on-one with a child in the Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility for weekly on-campus visits. Buddies set aside one hour each week to share a meal and participate in activities such as arts and crafts, sports, board games, or another activity the pair enjoys. Buddies provide friendship, a positive example, a listening ear, and trusted companionship. All visits occur on our main campus; off-campus visits are not permitted.

### REQUIREMENTS:

1. Minimum age requirement is twenty-one.
2. Must be Charlotte area resident for at least six months before volunteering.
3. Complete an application with references, background checks, and interviews with staff members at Alexander Youth Network.
4. Complete volunteer orientation with staff to better understand the special needs of the children, and the organization's mission and expectations.

### RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Plan and provide activities that are appropriate for the individual child.
2. Provide consistency and routine for the child while serving a positive role model and listening ear.
3. Consistently strive to balance personal needs, agency needs, and child's needs.
4. Build a relationship with the child with on-campus visits.
5. Work closely with direct care staff and Volunteer Engagement Officer to ensure a successful experience for all involved.
6. Commit to working as a member of the team and make all decisions in the best interest of the agency and the children.

### TIME COMMITMENT REQUIRED:

1. Minimum of three months duration.
2. One-hour weekly visits with the child.

Contact the Volunteer Engagement Officer at 704-227-9115 or [anieves@aynkids.org](mailto:anieves@aynkids.org) for more information.