

Volunteer Opportunities



Smart Start After-School Program

Pickle and Brown Elementary Schools

Be a Classroom Assistant – Serve as a trustworthy Christian adult assisting the Smart Start teacher in facilitating program activities, modeling the principles being taught, and contributing to a safe and healthy learning environment for the students enrolled in the Smart Start program. Smart Start provides a safe, healthy, Christian learning environment where elementary age students receive personalized attention to their academic, spiritual, and physical needs through tutoring, bible study and recreation. Smart Start meets Monday through Thursday from 3:00 to 5:30 during the school year.

Side by Side- Mentoring Program

Middle and High School (6th through 12th grades)

Be a Mentor – Serve as a mentor and a loving Christian role model in the life of a middle or high school age boy or girl. By spending one hour a week eating lunch or hanging out with a student, you can provide a safe, consistent relationship in which the middle or high schooler can learn and grow in the love of God. As a mentor you will have the opportunity to provide the acceptance and guidance that he/she so desperately needs.

Internship Opportunities

Be an Intern – Semester and year-long internship opportunities with Community New Start are available. Interns may participate in administrative tasks and assist in any of the following areas: Mentor communication, training, and coordination, Volunteer coordination, After-school program coordination and implementation, and Research/marketing.

Office Assistance

Serve as few as 2 hours per week in the Community New Start Office as an administrative volunteer. Assist with a variety of tasks including data management, word processing, editing, and communication.

Kickball

Sponsor a Game of Kickball - Groups can volunteer to facilitate a game of kickball with kids who live in the St. John neighborhood. We play the 2nd and 4th weekend of every month from 10am to noon. To sponsor, groups commit to bringing 4-10 volunteers and lunch for approximately 30 people.

Holiday Parties for Smart Start

Provide ideas, planning, supplies and/or supervision for a Smart Start holiday party. Each holiday involves a different theme, which creates the perfect opportunity to have fun and learn through crafts, stories and other volunteer led activities. We welcome groups to assist in planning prior to the party, facilitating activities during the party, or both. Holiday parties take place at Brown and Pickle Elementary Schools on varying weekdays from 3:00 – 5:30.

Servant Chefs

Provide Meals – Groups or individuals can sign up to provide and/or serve meals at community dinners sponsored by Community New Start for the families and students in the Smart Start Program. Volunteers are given a list of needed items and are invited to provide food or to come serve and interact with the families. Community dinners are outreach opportunities for the families of children who attend our after-school program and are held at Brown and Pickle Elementary Schools several times a semester, beginning at 5:30pm.

Cuddle Ministry

Donate supplies or create a Cuddle Basket for our Cuddle Ministry, which provides baskets with baby essentials to moms in St. John's with newborn babies.

- Basket items include:
- Blankets, baby outfit, and stuffed animal or toy
 - Diapers and wipes
 - Baby shampoo, baby wash, cotton balls, baby wash clothes and a hooded towel.

**For more information or to get plugged in please contact us at
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