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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH ESCAPE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

Educator Assistants: Assist educators during class sessions by compiling data, distributing forms, collecting course materials, etc. Volunteers who assist with program delivery receive special training to ensure effective and knowledgeable interaction with client families.

Volunteer Educator: Volunteer educators teach children's and parents' classes on their own. A Bachelor's degree is required to teach children's classes and a Master's degree is required to teach parent classes. Volunteer Educators complete a one-program internship and then are able to begin teaching classes.

Office Assistants: Perform general office duties such as typing and mass mailings, etc.

Parent Aides: Make a one-year commitment to work with a family identified as being at high-risk for experiencing child abuse or neglect in their homes. Parent Aides meet with their assigned families once a week. All interested persons must complete *Building Confident Families*, our core child abuse and neglect prevention course, or *Exceptional Parenting*, our child abuse prevention course for parents raising children with disabilities, during their training for this intensive volunteer placement.

Program Support Assistants: Help prepare materials used by clients in classes.

Speakers' Bureau/Fundraising: Represent ESCAPE at local school fairs, community resource events, etc., by distributing brochures about our agency and programs to the public as well as directing people to the appropriate agency contacts should they desire additional information. All interested persons must attend *Preventing Child Abuse 101*, our one-hour training course covering basic information about child abuse and ESCAPE's programs.

Translation & Editing Volunteers: Volunteers are needed to help edit curriculum in English, Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese. Volunteers can also help translate to and from Spanish, Chinese or Vietnamese.

Marathon Cheer Team: As an official charity of the Chevron Houston Marathon's 'Run for a Reason' program, ESCAPE benefits greatly from the marathon. This year's event is January 30th, 2011. Cheer teams will wear ESCAPE shirts (LearnToParent.org) and cheer for the runners and walkers on the sidelines. Anyone is welcome to sign up a team of 3-5 (or bigger if you have a whole group) for the day, or join one of our existing cheer teams. Volunteers are encouraged to be creative - bring noise makers, play music, make banners, or dress up to show your support for the race participants. They count on the enthusiasm and encouragement of the people stationed along the race route to help them push on! Volunteers also create personal donation pages on the marathon's website to help raise funds for ESCAPE's life-changing programs. Our teams have won the "BEST HOOPLA AWARD" from the Chevron Houston Marathon Committee for the past two years, and we hope to continue this tradition!! This is the perfect volunteer opportunity for your family, youth group, school club, cheerleading squad, sports team, church group or office.

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