



Happy April Volunteers,

April is a time when organizations all across the country celebrate their volunteers! Here at Candlelighters, we know that volunteer service is at the core of everything we are able to accomplish. It is through your support, hard work, skills, and demonstrations of caring that we are able to expand our programming to help more families in more ways through their cancer journey. The most recent national figures value a volunteer's time at being worth \$28.54 per hour, but for us, we consider your time and service to be priceless. Thank you for all you do!

Our Spotlight Event Is Camp Firefly Applications

If you felt called to volunteer with Candlelighters because you wanted a chance to make a difference for a kiddo, Camp Firefly is one of the best opportunities to have that experience. Our camp serves both diagnosed kiddos and their siblings from ages 7-17 with a diverse range of volunteers that come from all walks of life.



Our theme for camp this year is Under the Big Top and we are hosting it at the iconic Circus Circus. Kids will do traditional camp things like songs, games, and arts & crafts while enjoying the perks of Circus Circus such as trips to the Midway and the Adventure Dome.

We're looking for 5 more "core counselors" who will commit to the whole four days of June 15-18. These counselors will be assigned to a cabin of 10ish kids and stay with those kiddos the whole time. Many counselors describe participating in camp as a life changing experience. [To apply, follow this link.](#)

If you can't commit to the whole week, but are still interested in being a part our camp, we are looking for specialist volunteers as well. These volunteers may help with tasks such precare from 7-9, post care from 4-6, assist during counselor lunch breaks, or provide extra support for our big excursions such as the Adventure Dome. [Apply to be a specialist here.](#)



Everyday Extraordinary Breakfast

May 3rd we will be hosting our 3rd annual Everyday Extraordinary Breakfast. This is a chance for Candlelighters to celebrate families and community partners that go above and beyond to make everyday extraordinary. This year the EEB will be held at Circus Circus as a sneak peek of our amazing Under the Big Top camp.

We're looking for 4 types of volunteer positions:

- **Registration:** checking people in and greeting as they arrive.
- **Directional:** posted throughout Circus Circus to help direct guests to the location
- **Meet and Greet:** Guiding guests to their proper tables as the event starts and answering questions about the space
- **Camp Hype Man:** Each volunteer will be assigned to an easel of camp pictures and basically explain how awesome our camp is to help donors and partners feel excited. Previous experience of camp is helpful but not necessary.

Sign up available on the portal!

Save the Date: Volunteer Appreciation Lunch!

April 17-23 is Volunteer Appreciation Week and we can't wait to celebrate all of you, our wonderful volunteers. We'll be finishing the week with a Volunteer Appreciation Picnic at Exploration Peak Park with awards, food, activities, and celebrating all of you. [RSVP here if you plan to come!](#)

At the luncheon we'll be acknowledging several exceptional volunteers, including the 1st Annual Bright Light Peer Volunteer Award. This will be a volunteer chosen by YOU their peers. Have you volunteered at an event or project and were impressed by one of your fellow volunteers? Has another volunteer inspired your service? [Let them know how much they shine: nominate them here!](#)



Other Upcoming Opportunities

Hospital Goodie Bags: We are opening up the next few months of hospital goodie bags. These are bags where the supplies are purchased and assembled (and decorated) by volunteers, and our Family Services staff delivers them on our hospital rounds every two week. If interested, please contact me directly. Here are the upcoming available themes:

- May 5: May flowers
- May 19: Turtletastic
- June 2: Under the Big Top
- June 23: Beach Vacation

Bunny Hop: We urgently need two volunteers to help us hide eggs and possibly help with a small craft the morning of April 6 aka this Wednesday. Sign up is available on the portal, or you can reach out to me for more information.



Remember, when you volunteer you become someone's raisin to smile.

-Laurie

[Access the Volunteer Portal](#)

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