### **Hours**

Every volunteer hour equals one hour of paid work experience. The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) credits applicants' volunteer experience when matching and qualifying skills criteria for Appropriated Fund (APF) and Non-appropriated Fund (NAF) positions.

### **Training**

Volunteers can expect an orientation and initial training for their volunteer position. Some organizations offer more extensive training depending on the type of position.

### **Impact**

Volunteers can impact change within their communities by volunteering with a variety of the ACS programs which support Soldiers, Family members and veterans.

### **Childcare**

During your duty time as a volunteer, child care may be provided by the organization with which you volunteer. ACS offers up to 10 hours per week (per Family) of childcare for volunteers (based on availability of funds).

### **Networking**

Volunteering can help you become well known amongst civilian and military personnel in your organization thus lending greater opportunities for potential employment.

Although employment promises cannot be guaranteed as a result of volunteering, it can put you in the right place at the right time.

Volunteering is not a prerequisite for employment, but many volunteers have demonstrated their qualifying skill level while working. Documented volunteer service is an excellent way to "get your foot in the door" to a great job.



### **Volunteer Opportunities at ACS:**

**Mobilization, Deployment and Stability Support Operations** 

• FRG Center

Survivor Outreach Services Financial Readiness Program

• Army Emergency Relief

### **Employment Readiness Program**

• Professional Boutique

### **Installation Volunteer Services**

- Army Volunteer Corps
- ACS Volunteer Program

Exceptional Family Member Program Family Advocacy Program Relocation Readiness Program

- Airborne Attic/Lending Closet
- Information and Referral
- Multicultural Readiness Program

### **Soldier & Family Assistance Center**

\*Various administrative and special event opportunities available in most programs!



ACS, Installation Volunteer Services Soldier Support Center, Normandy Drive Bldg. 4-2843, 3rd Floor Fort Liberty, NC 28310

> CIV: (910) 396-8160 DSN: (910) 236-8160

www.Liberty.ArmyMWR.com/Programs/ ACS-Volunteer-Program

Operating Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Closed on all Federal Holidays

# ACS Volunteer Program





### Why volunteer at ACS?

- To help other Families
- To meet new people
- To learn about programs
- To share knowledge
- To feel needed
- For a change of pace
- To explore a career
- To be a part of a team
- To be challenged
- · To keep skills alive
- For adult time
- For fun!

Although every volunteer's motivation is different, these are just a few of the reasons why individuals choose ACS. If you can say yes to one or more of these reasons, volunteering at ACS may be the answer for you!

## Why is registration important?

It is important to be registered as a volunteer and to document your work

hours. Proper registration for installation activities, to include ACS, includes coverage for you as a volunteer in case you get injured while performing the duties outlined in your position description.

The Department of Army requires volunteers be registered and log hours for accountability purposes – it lets them see the big picture of what contributions volunteers are making at each installation and within each program.

Volunteer work is recognized as actual work experience, but it's hard to show that on a resume unless it's officially documented.

# **Be an essential Piece of the Puzzle**



Earn the following incentives as a small token of our appreciation for the time given to our Soldiers and Families!

Sign-up/Registration Packet Complete - Water Bottle

25 hours - Flashlight

50 hours - Lunch Tote

75 Hours - ACS Volunteer Mug

100 Hours - Umbrella

200 Hours - Rosewood Pen

400 Hours - Tote bag

500 Hours - Surprise!

# I want to volunteer at ACS . . . now what?

Il volunteers must be registered though the Volunteer Management Information System (VMIS). Contact the ACS Volunteer Coordinator for details or visit <a href="mailto:vmis.armyfamilywebportal.com">vmis.armyfamilywebportal.com</a> for available volunteer positions within ACS or other installation activities.

Consider what you want to do for the community and the time required to accomplish the duties outlined in the position description. Please note that all positions are FLEXIBLE! If you can't spare 8-10 hours per week but can do 4, ACS will work with you!

Consider what you may want in return from your volunteer position, such as building your knowledge base, improving skills, child care, and/or personal satisfaction for making a difference.

Complete the ACS Volunteer Orientation which includes the DD Form 2793, Volunteer Agreement Form. Please note that a background check must be conducted in order for a volunteer to work with children and youth.

Submit your hours by the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month through the web-based Volunteer Management Information System (VMIS).

Have fun, be proud and know that you are a valued member of the ACS team and the Fort Liberty community.

**YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**