

HATTIE



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**Youth
Volunteer
Program
Handbook**



Welcome to our Youth Volunteer Program at Hattie Larlham Center for Children with Disabilities. We are very happy that you have chosen to come and volunteer with our friends.

HISTORY

Our center was started in 1961 by a nurse named Hattie Larlham who wanted to help young children who had disabilities and had nowhere else to go. Many years later we have a wonderful center where we house 130 children and adults. We also have many homes in the community. Hattie Larlham dedicated her life to helping and caring for children and adults with disabilities and we would not have this wonderful home without her.

GOALS

Our goal is to help our residents make new friends and experience new opportunities and to have a fun time! Also, to help the children in the communities to become aware of the disabled population and see that they are just like us.





A few rules that we ask you to follow:

1. Please wear closed toed shoes so your feet do not get hurt.
2. Please be respectful to our friends' home and belongings.
3. Please listen to staff/adults you are working with.
4. If you are scheduled to volunteer and you are not feeling well, please have your parent/guardian call to reschedule your visit because we do not want our friends to also become ill.
5. If you need to cancel your time to volunteer, please have your parent/guardian call to reschedule your visit.
6. If you have a cell phone, please ask the volunteer staff if you may use it when you are volunteering – we want to make sure you are not distracted.
7. Please do not take any photos or videos of our friends so that we can respect their privacy.
8. If you are on social media, please do not post anything about our friends.
9. Have fun and don't be shy!!! ☺

Thank you so much for wanting to join in and make new friends. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Volunteer Department:

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