

### :: Warehouse Volunteers

Each year the central Ohio community comes together for a three-month book drive benefiting Reach Out and Read. Through the generosity of the community we receive on average 100,000 books. All book donations must be sorted and inventoried before sending out to our Primary Care Centers. We welcome civic, corporate, group and individual volunteers to help in this very important task. Please call for more details.

### :: Volunteer Sites

We have Primary Care Centers located throughout central Ohio, all of which have active Reach Out and Read Programs. Please visit the Maps and Directories Section at [NationwideChildrens.org](http://NationwideChildrens.org) for Primary Care Center locations and operating hours.

### :: Volunteer Application Process

Please note that the application process takes 4 to 6 weeks.

If you are interested, please complete the volunteer application found on our website.

Time Commitment: 60 hours or 6 months

Volunteer Training: All volunteers receive comprehensive training through:

- Family & Volunteer Services hospital volunteer orientation
- Reach Out and Read onsite training

Volunteers are asked to purchase a volunteer shirt or vest.

To learn more about the Reach Out and Read Program, please visit our website at [www.NationwideChildrens.org/reachoutandread](http://www.NationwideChildrens.org/reachoutandread)

From this site you will be able to:

- Review the volunteer job descriptions
- Complete a volunteer application
- Access our annual report



:: It takes more than medicine  
to have a healthy child.

*For more information, please contact the Reach Out and Read Volunteer Coordinator at 614-355-8619.*



**Thank you** for expressing interest in volunteering for the Reach Out and Read Program of Nationwide Children's Hospital. Our goal is to make your volunteer time with us an exciting and rewarding experience. Reach Out and Read volunteers play an important part of our healthcare team by transforming the waiting areas of our Primary Care Centers into positive learning environments.

### **:: Mission Statement**

The Reach Out and Read Program of Nationwide Children's Hospital is a pediatric literacy program dedicated to encouraging family literacy activities in the home prior to a child's entrance into the school system. Special focus is given to our low income patient population.

### **:: Available Volunteer Opportunities**

*Our centers serve a large Latino and Somali population so bilingual volunteers are always welcome.*

### **:: Volunteer Reader**

As a volunteer reader you will have the opportunity to provide a positive, nurturing experience with books at a time when children may need comforting.

#### **Volunteer readers:**

- Model reading techniques that allow parents to learn through observation.
- Introduce literacy through a thematic based curriculum which meets state standards in science, language and math.
- Read books to children while they wait to see their pediatrician.
- Encourage children and families to select books to read together while in the waiting areas.
- Offer gently used books that patients can take home.

### **:: Volunteer - Teen Volunteer**

The goal of our Volunteer program is to offer teens service learning opportunities in a healthcare setting. Teens follow the same job description as volunteer readers and music volunteers. We accept teens into the Reach Out and Read Program twice a year.

#### **Deadlines for applying are:**

April 15 – summer program

September 15 – school year program

**Volunteers must be current high school students or entering their freshman year.**

### **:: Music Volunteer**

Music volunteers engage children in literacy related activities through the use of music. Activities follow a structured approach, using song and instruments as the primary learning tools.

#### **Music volunteers:**

- Initiate theme based music activities.
- Introduce musical instruments and musical notation.
- Incorporate books and music to create a fun interactive learning environment.



### **:: Corporate & Group Volunteers:**

Giving back is important to many people, but time constraints often get in the way. We offer an opportunity conducive for corporate, educational and civic organizations. Through our corporate and group program, small groups choose a day, time and center to adopt. Members of the group then rotate volunteering each week. One person may only volunteer once every several weeks depending on how big the group is. We work closely with each group to ensure goals and expectations are met.