

# Music Volunteer Job Description

*Reach Out and Read Program at Nationwide Children's Hospital*

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**ASSIGNMENT:** Reach Out and Read

**LOCATION:** Nationwide Children's Hospital Primary Care Centers

**DAYS/HOURS:** Varies depending on location

**RESPONSIBLE TO:** Shareena Casey | (614) 355-0519  
Reach Out and Read Music Volunteer Coordinator

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## **BASIC PURPOSE:**

To make the waiting time more comfortable for children and families while at the same time providing exposure to music and reinforcing developing literacy skills. Volunteers transform the waiting area into a positive learning environment by incorporating thematic music-based activities.

## **TYPICAL DUTIES:**

- Use songs and instruments as primary learning tools
- Introduce culturally diverse instruments from around the world
- Engage children in basic musical notation
- Initiate interactive theme-based music activities
- Read books to children in the waiting area
- Offer music workbooks and reading books to parents
- Initiate music and literacy activities: simple notation comprehension, rhythmic patterns, repetition and memory retention, coloring, puzzles, simple craft projects, etc.

- Assist with maintaining waiting areas by organizing books and Reach Out and Read parental guide information
- Make reference information readily available for families such as library membership applications, local music resources, newsletters, and adult literacy information
- Encourage children and families to interact together while waiting in exam rooms

## **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Must attend hospital volunteer orientation
- Must attend Reach Out and Read orientation, which may be conducted in group or individual setting
- Willingness to interact with children in a public area
- Ability to work with children of different ages in a group setting
- Ability to work with children of culturally diverse backgrounds, many of which do not speak English



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