

Volunteer Opportunities

Find a common interest or hobby that you'd like to get involved in at Wendell Foster's Campus?

Click on the Volunteer Opportunity of choice and let us know!

(If you have more than one interest, no problem, please just choose one to start the volunteer process!)

COMMUNITY COMPANIONS

Community Companions empower individuals with developmental disabilities through evening or weekend 45-minute visits, one or two times per week to broaden common interests through conversation and participation in shared interests/hobbies to develop long-term friendships and camaraderie.

We have several individuals who are seeking to share their interests and hobbies with you!

What interests do you have in common with them?

CODE GRH: For this volunteer position, a Community Companion for individual in mid-60's who shares common interest and/or experience in any one or several of the following:

- Watching sports, especially U of L basketball
- Watching CSI shows
- Reading (newspaper, bible) aloud
- Listening to old country music
- Enjoys the outdoors and walks

CODE BW: For this volunteer position, a Community Companion for individual in early fifties that share interest and/or experience in any one or several of the following:

- Watching movies
- Sign Language (alphabet) or willingness to learn to converse
- Sense of humor
- Reading, especially mysteries, spy novels and history related books

CODE CH: For this volunteer position, a Community Companion for individual in twenties to share interest and/or experience in any one or several of the following:

- Reading adventure books (i.e. Princess Bride, Tolkien, CS Lewis books, Harry Potter, etc.)
- Continued academic education through simple quizzes and use of flashcards (materials provided)
- Engaging fun, such as acting out a sword fight from a story, or making up own stories

CODE CO: For this volunteer position, a Community Companion for individual in his early twenties that share interest and/or experience in any one or several of the following:

- mixed martial arts, a willingness to share and/or teach knowledge and skill
- playing video games
- WWE wrestling, talking about it, watching it and/or possibly attending matches
- Weight lifting workouts

CODE DP: For this volunteer position, a Community Companion for individual in early fifties that has a common interest and/or experience in any one or several of the following:

- Visit and hang out for conversation and companionship over shared interests
- Joke, laugh and cut up
- Gossip
- Help practice use of new electric wheelchair
- Talk about country music, country music stars, download and listen country music
- Enjoy a fiction or romance novel of mutual interest together

CODE JC: For this volunteer position, a Community Companion for individual in early-thirties that shares common interest and/or experience in any one or several of the following:

- Reading, magazines or books
- Animals
- Plants, especially flowers
- The outdoors, and taking walks

CODE JE: For this volunteer position, a Community Companion for individual in early twenties that share an interest and/or experience in any one or several of the following:

- Listening to Hip Hop music and/or go to Karaoke Wednesdays to sing duets, hang out
- Goofing off and telling stories, cutting up
- Using the iPad, especially Artic Pix to work with speech challenges
- Hang out and talk guy stuff, girls, etc.

CODE JR: For this volunteer position, a Community Companion for individual in early-thirties that share common interest and/or experience in any *one or several* of the following:

- Music, especially rock & roll, listening to and discussion about it, especially Van Halen, and watching music videos
- Facilitate passion and interest in cars of all types, old and new, “touring” parking lots, neighborhood car lots and/or car shows to check them out
- Watching YouTube videos of the Price is Right, or car videos at WKATC’s lab
- Support individual’s playing music, primarily on his keyboard

CODE JS: For this volunteer position, a Community Companion for individual in early fifties that share common interest and/or experience in any one or several of the following:

- Playing board games, dominoes, BINGO, Yahtzee, etc.
- Going to the movies or watching on DVD
- Watching UK basketball games or NY Mets
- Read/Watch/Talk HLN news

CODE MH: For this volunteer position, a Community Companion for individual in early twenties? that share common interest and/or experience in any one or several of the following:

- Wrestling
- Art: drawing, coloring, painting
- Walks

CODE RC: For this volunteer position, a Community Companion for individual in early thirties that share interest and/or experience in any one or several of the following:

- Music, especially country, listening to and discussion about it, and a willingness to share and/or teach knowledge and skill
- Enjoy talking about latest news and activities over a soda
- Listening to “tall tales” that are humorous – such as Garrison Keiller
- Phone conversation for a scheduled weekly check-in between visits
- iPads, understanding how to use them, etc.
- Karaoke

CODE Fitness: Evening volunteer 21 or older needed to coach and support workout of an individual who enjoys fitness activities. Workouts are two times a day, 20 minutes per workout, and include activities such as walks, Amtryke ride around campus, stationary bicycle or treadmill at Healthpark (and/or in cottage), and shoot some hoops.

GROUP ACTIVITIES

Join a small group that shares common interests and hobbies you have – birds of a feather flock together!

CODE Crafts: Develop and facilitate (with staff or independently) simple creative craft projects for 2-4 Cottage individuals who enjoy crafts, and expressing themselves through craftwork. Craft activities may include, but is not limited to, construction cut-outs, ornament or card making, small stocking gifts, cottage decorating, etc. Craft supplies, within reason, are provided with advanced notice.

CODE Read: Share your passion for reading by reading to a small group of individuals books they enjoy in the following genres: Tween/Young Girl (ex. Twilight series, books by Jane Austen or Nicholas Sparks, Lion, Witch & the Wardrobe series, Harry Potter books, etc.); adventure (ex. Princess Bride, Tolkien's books, Harry Potter series, CS Lewis); anything young adults enjoy.

CODE Karaoke: Support individuals with a passion for Karaoke!* Visit Campus Cottage to practice Karaoke songs with club members once a week or every other week, then join them at TGI Friday's** on Wednesday Karaoke nights to encourage, socialize and facilitate their involvement and fun. Cheer them on, sing along in doing duets, and have fun! **Volunteers must be 21 and older. **TGI Friday's is a smoke free bar/restaurant.*

Thank you for your consideration of sharing common interests with Wendell Foster's Campus!