

VOLUNTEER GUARDIANS:

A legal guardian is an advocate and decision maker for those who are deemed incompetent due to aging, a developmental disability, a chronic mental illness or alcohol and drug abuse. Guardians ensure that the individual's rights to proper housing, nutrition, and medical care are met. A guardian is expected to visit their ward at least once a month and complete an annual report. A legal guardian does not financially support the ward, take care of the ward on a day to day basis, nor personally provide a place for the ward to live. Time commitment is based on the needs of the ward.

GENERAL VOLUNTEERS:

If committing to a specific program does not fit in with your interest or schedule, we are always seeking assistance with special events and administrative tasks (filings, mailings, organizing etc.).



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**WE HAVE THE CAUSE,
YOU HAVE THE EFFECT.**

PROGRAMS:

Our programs are designed to complement and enhance the services provided to the community by the various units that make up Brown County Health and Human Services.

Our Volunteer Coordinators are also licensed Social Workers that follow industry standards for volunteer practices, which translates to a very professional experience for our volunteers.

***All of our programs include orientation and training.**

PERKS:

In addition to the rewarding feeling our volunteers experience by simply helping those in our community, our volunteers receive a few incentives for choosing Brown County Health and Human Services:

- Reimbursement for mileage on a monthly basis
- Invited to an annual Volunteer Recognition event
- **Pals Volunteers** receive discounts in the community
- **Volunteer Guardians** receive a monthly stipend

PALS PROGRAM:

Volunteer mentors spend time (2-3 times per month) in a recreational or learning activity with a child, age 3 or older, that has been referred by Brown County Child Protective Services. Volunteer mentors help the child adjust to the separation or loss of a parent, enhance self-esteem and confidence, and learn new skills. Matches are invited to attend a fun activity each month that is free of charge. Matches are based on compatibility and can continue for as long as both parties are interested, though the hope would be to have volunteers engaged with their Pal for a minimum of 1 year.



FAMILY INTERACTION:

Volunteers support children in out-of-home care by supervising the family interaction with their parents. The volunteers help to assure a safe and secure environment physically and emotionally for the children. The time commitment is based upon the volunteer's schedule and the particular visit selected by the volunteer.

PARENT PALS:

Volunteer mentors spend time (2-3 times per month) with parents referred by Brown County Child Protective Services who have identified an interest in having an informal support in their lives. Mentors often spend time helping parents with minor children develop new skills that empower the family to live and function in a safe and healthy manner. Matches are based on compatibility and can continue for as long as both parties are interested, though the hope would be to have volunteers engaged with their Parent Pal for a minimum of 18 months.



VOLUNTEER DRIVERS:

Volunteers assist with transporting children and families safely to and from authorized visits and appointments. Drivers are reimbursed for their mileage. Volunteers must have a valid driver's license and safe driving record.