

Guiding Principles to follow while volunteering at the Lafayette Urban Ministry After School Program.

- We are here to serve the children in our program. We do this by modeling positive Christian behaviors. The children rely on us to keep them safe and help in their development of social and cognitive skills. You are an important part of each child's growth!
- An application is required before you may volunteer along with the Safe Child documentation. Children and volunteers must respect personal space. Some of the children have not yet learned what is and is not appropriate. Please do not let the children hang on your arms or legs or set on your lap. We rely on you to reinforce the appropriate positive behaviors.
- The hours available for volunteering are Monday – Friday 2:00 – 6:00pm while school is in session. Please arrange these hours ahead of time so that we know when to be expecting you. It is appreciated that your arrival be prompt and you are ready to serve the children.
- It is important to make sure you are signing in and out on the volunteer register. This is your responsibility and the only way your hours will be tracked for such things as school projects or community service.
- Your appearance should be appropriate for working with children. Dress comfortably but keep in mind that you are an example for the children.
- Demeaning or foul language absolutely will not be tolerated! Children will repeat the words you choose to use.
- We are a smoke free environment. Additionally any medications, cell phones, and personal items you may need with you should be left locked in your vehicle. If you do not have a vehicle then let the program supervisor know and provisions will be made.
- Please be aware of and follow the behavior management system. It is essential for the structure and safety of the after school environment.