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# ENSURE A BRIGHTER FUTURE TODAY

**BRIGHT BEGINNINGS – Shopping Day: August 18<sup>th</sup>**

## Volunteer Shopper Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

We may take children who are bilingual; would you be willing to work with these children?  Yes  No

If yes, please specify including any additional languages you can speak in\*: \_\_\_\_\_

We may take children who have special needs; would you be willing to work with these children?

Yes  No If Yes please specify\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first year with Bright Beginnings?  Yes  No

Are you a YMCA of Gloucester County (YGC) Member?  Yes  No

Do you have a YCG volunteer shirt?  Yes  No

If no, please indicate size needed:     S     M     L     XL     2XL

Have you ever been convicted of any crime?  Yes  No

Please note: You will be emailed a link from Hire Right to complete a mandatory background check.

Any questions please feel free to reach out to Kelly Peoples.

856-845-0720

<b>SCHEDULE</b>
<b>8:30am: Volunteer Check In</b>
<b>9:00am: Child/volunteer match-up</b>
<b>9:30am: Healthy Breakfast with Child Shopper</b>
<b>10:00 – 11:00: Bus Ride and Shopping!</b>
<b>11:15 – 12:00: Return to the Y and pass out Backpacks filled with supplies!</b>

**THE YMCA'S POSITION ON THE NATIONWIDE PROBLEM OF CHILD ABUSE**

We make an active effort to prevent child abuse. Some examples may include, but are not limited to:

- Conducting background checks (may include but not limited to criminal history, references of past employers, personal references, the military, educational institutions, volunteer organizations, civic groups, health and activities).
- Allegations or suspicions of child abuse are taken seriously and will be reported.
- Programs are structured so that no staff member or volunteer is left alone with children.
- Periodic interviews/evaluations with children and parents encourage reports of anything unusual.
- Staff/volunteers may not fraternize with children outside the program (e.g., baby-sitting, inviting children home, etc.).
- Testing for illegal substances.

**YMCA VOLUNTEER CODE OF ETHICS AND RULES**

1. Smoking or use of tobacco products in the presence of children is prohibited.
  2. Using, possessing, or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs will not be tolerated.
  3. Volunteers shall not abuse children including:
    - Physical Abuse - strike, spank, shake or slap
    - Mental Abuse - shaming, withholding love, cruelty
    - Sexual Abuse - including inappropriate touching and exposure
    - Verbal Abuse - humiliate, degrade, threaten
    - Neglect - withholding food, water, basic care, etc.
  4. Volunteers must treat children of all races, religions, and cultures with respect and consideration.
  5. Volunteers must use positive techniques of guidance, including positive reinforcement and encouragement rather than competition, comparison or criticism.
  6. Volunteers shall abstain from humiliating or frightening discipline techniques.
  7. Volunteers shall not use profanity in the presence of children or parents.
  8. Volunteers will refrain from intimate displays of affection toward others in the presence of children, parents and staff.
  9. Monetary and expensive gifts to volunteers are prohibited.
  10. Volunteers must be free of physical and psychological conditions that might adversely affect children's health, including fever or contagious conditions.
  11. Volunteers will portray a positive role model for youth by maintaining an attitude of respect, loyalty, patience, integrity, courtesy, tact and maturity.
  12. Volunteers will do everything in their power to avoid being put in a situation where they are alone with a YMCA child other than their own. Caring for any YMCA child participant on a one-on-one basis, such as baby-sitting, is prohibited. Shopping volunteers should pair with another adult and child and help each other, stay together. Volunteers must not enter dressing booths or bathrooms with child. Shopping volunteers are not to arrange future contact with children.
  13. I understand as a volunteer for the YMCA, I may be subject to a background check, including criminal history.
- Violation of this Code is subject to but not limited to removal as a volunteer.

I have received, read, and agree to the items listed in THE YMCA'S POSITION ON THE NATIONWIDE PROBLEM OF CHILD ABUSE and VOLUNTEER CODE OF ETHICS AND RULES.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Volunteer Applicant*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Parent/Guardian (if under 18 yrs of age)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

**Volunteers 18 years and older must bring a form of identification when checking in.**  
**Volunteers between the ages of 13 – 18 must be accompanied by an adult volunteer during the shopping event.**

**Return this application to:**  
YMCA of Gloucester County  
Attn: Kelly Peoples  
Director of Member Initiatives  
235 East Red Bank Ave  
Woodbury, NJ 08096\_  
[kellyp@ymcagloco.org](mailto:kellyp@ymcagloco.org)

<i>Office Use:</i>	
Shopping Buddy Name: _____	
Age: _____	Special Notes: _____