



## VOLUNTEER MENTOR DESCRIPTION

Position: Kinsperson or Kinsfamily

Purpose: Healthy role modeling and companionship with a child

Duties:

- Responsible for initiating weekly contacts with a child
- Be consistent in meeting date; contact child with changes in planned meeting
- Regular contact/consultation with Kinship staff; sharing concerns, highlights and suggestions

Skills Required:

- Dependability and enthusiasm
- Wide variety of interests with Christian values
- Transportation and time to spend once a week with a child
- Non-judgmental attitude and unconditional love
- Awareness of differences

Time Required: 1 hour per week- time can vary according to the contact/activity

Time work is done:

- After school hours or on weekends
- Negotiable with the Kinschild and parent/guardian

Length of time commitment: Minimum one year

Training provided: Ongoing support and consultation with staff

Supervisor: Directly responsible to a Kinship coordinator

Benefits:

- Experience the satisfaction of guiding a child toward constructive social values
- Enhance spiritual growth by modeling Christian values
- Experience the fulfillment of watching the child grow, develop skill, and gain confidence
- Opportunity to learn about different cultural and socio-economic backgrounds
- Be an instrument in reinforcing a sense of hope
- Chance to be a kid again, while gaining a young new friend