

VOLUNTEER SERVICES



An area mother with young children wanted to volunteer her time working with Kids in Crisis residents, but knew a weekly commitment was not possible given her family's schedule. Talking with the Manager of Community Services, they came up with the perfect way for her to participate; she became "the birthday fairy." Whenever a child staying with us celebrates a birthday, the birthday fairy works her magic to pull together the perfect party, providing decorations and cake carefully planned to each child's individual interests. This year, the birthday fairy has helped children recognize their special day alongside Spiderman, princesses and Scooby Doo. In addition to birthday parties, she now waves her wand and throws good-bye parties when children move on.

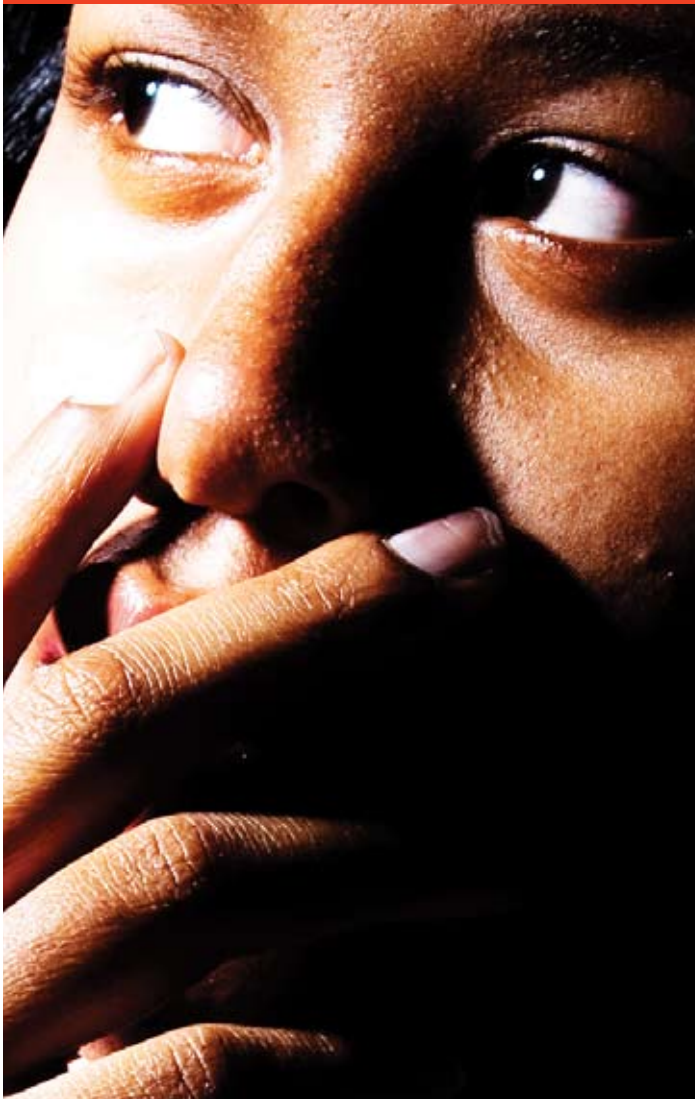
An extraordinary group of volunteers extend the love and support given by Kids in Crisis, by spending time with the children in residence, conducting school-based programs, directing fundraising events, or sharing specific skills or talents with our children. Providing care to children in-house and serving as trained SafeTalk coordinators draws hundreds of volunteers who spend time once a week, once a month, or once a year to give back to the children of Fairfield County. They may present SafeTalk to a class of second graders, or play catch with a second grader at the Crisis Nursery. A group of business colleagues may take all teen residents to a local baseball game one night after work or help with

one adolescent's homework one night a week. Each and every commitment matters to Kids in Crisis and the children in our care. We are grateful for their support.

In addition to adult volunteers, a dedicated group of high school students work on behalf of the children of Kids in Crisis. This Youth Corps, comprised of teens from public and private high schools throughout Fairfield County, serve as community advocates for the programs and services of Kids in Crisis, in addition to volunteering their time to creating and conducting activities for the children in residence.

Kids in Crisis deeply values the time and energy every volunteer gives to the Agency and its children. ■

- This year, 1,850 volunteers - working as groups or individuals - devoted more than 5,600 hours of their time to the programs and services of Kids in Crisis.



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