

“One night, in making a home-cooked dinner for the kids and staff, one child told me it wasn’t my bringing the food that meant the most to him and his friends, but rather that I remembered what he enjoyed eating – that I thought of him and cared about him.

He told me ‘the meal was great, but you make me feel special and happy.’ Together with his outstretched hand, it made the evening special for me. It serves as a constant challenge to me to reach out, to continue caring and make connections with these kids.”

—VOLUNTEER



“During the last two Decembers, we have hosted the kids on a Saturday at a local arcade for a ‘holiday fun day.’ To see the joy in their eyes and interact with them on a one-to-one basis is priceless. I leave there really feeling like I have made a difference in their lives.”

—CORPORATE VOLUNTEER



Volunteer Services

Thousands listen to the needs of their neighbors. The comprehensive care children receive from Kids in Crisis is enhanced by an extraordinary group of volunteers – individuals, businesses, and religious and civic organizations who give children the gift of time and caring.

Volunteers provide much-needed help by assisting Counselors who care for the children staying at Kids in Crisis. They may help with recreational activities, homework, meal preparation, vocational counseling, and more. Other dedicated volunteers support Kids in Crisis by presenting SafeTalk workshops in schools throughout the area. Still more volunteers help by spearheading fundraising events, providing administrative support, or sharing specific skills or talents with the children. Additionally, a group of 50 teenagers from throughout Fairfield County participate in the Youth Corps, local advocates for the Agency’s programs and services and volunteer leaders for projects that benefit the community at large. Kids in Crisis appreciates the time each and every volunteer gives to the Agency and its children.

This year, 1,758 volunteers devoted almost 6,000 hours of time to the programs and services of Kids in Crisis. ■

*“I came for a tour 11 years ago.
One little girl had just been admitted
to the Crisis Nursery the night before.
Her aunt had tried to sell her.
That was all I had to hear.
I’ve been a volunteer ever since.”*

—VOLUNTEER