



Volunteer work and donor support are important in helping Summit County Children Services support children and families during their involvement with the agency.

Volunteers play a key role in helping the agency educate the community about the services and programs that are vital to keeping children safe and families together. They assist with educational outreach activities, community events and special projects. And with charitable contributions, donors make it possible to offer children and families needed items and special opportunities and unique experiences.

Volunteer and donor support opportunities are available year-round. If you have questions or need more information, contact:

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Or visit the agency's website at summitkids.org.

Below is a list of donated items Summit County Children Services DOES ACCEPT YEAR-ROUND:

Gift cards to assist children
and families in need
(i.e. for groceries, clothing, household items, etc.)

NEW pajamas and sleepwear
for children and teens *(birth to teen)*

NEW children's toys and books

NEW infant/toddler items
*(i.e. sippy cups, pacifiers, diapers/pull-ups/wipes,
bibs, bottles, etc.)*

Personal hygiene products for children
(birth to teen)

African American hair care products

Donation Deliveries

Donations should be delivered to:

Summit County Children Services
264 S. Arlington Street, Akron

Donations are received by the Community Relations Department during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.). Upon request, individuals/organizations shall receive a donation receipt to document the donation.



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Volunteer *and Donor* Opportunities

*Helping to meet the needs
of children and families*



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Donor Needs

Donor support is needed year-round in a multitude of ways to directly benefit the children and families served by the agency.

- ◆ Host a collection drive to donate basic necessities such as diapers, NEW pajamas and sleepwear, personal care products, or infant/toddler items.
- ◆ Birthday-in-a-Bag—a bag filled with the items needed to celebrate a child's birthday.

There are specific programs for which donations are needed throughout the year.

- ◆ **Beds for Kids Program**—Monetary donations are needed to provide a new crib or twin-size bed to a child in need.
- ◆ **Adopt-A-Family Program**—donors are matched with children/families and provide wrapped holiday gifts.
- ◆ **Gift Cards for children and families**—donations of gift cards for groceries, clothing, household items as well as gift cards to celebrate children's birthdays.

For information on other holiday programs for which donations are needed, please visit our website, summitkids.org. Please contact Summit County Children Services at (330) 379-1994 for all other donation-related questions.



Volunteer Needs

Volunteer opportunities are available throughout the year to help with special projects that benefit the children served by the agency or which help to educate the community about child abuse and neglect, positive parenting or agency programs and services.

Some of the volunteer opportunities include:

- ◆ Helping with various holiday programs and seasonal projects
- ◆ Helping with educational outreach efforts at local and regional community events (i.e. Summit for Kids)
- ◆ Helping with mailing and other special projects
- ◆ Helping to provide special activities for children throughout the year

Summit County Children Services does offer some volunteer opportunities for minors and groups. Volunteer credit for youth can be given on a requested basis. For more information about these opportunities, please contact the Community Relations Department at (330) 379-1994.

NOTE: No volunteer opportunities are available working directly with children in order to protect their privacy.



The Process to Become a Volunteer with Summit County Children Services

Individuals interested in volunteering are required to complete the following:

Information Application
Face-to-Face Interview
Background check*

**Individuals age 18 and older will be fingerprinted by the agency (at no cost to you).*

Approved individuals will be added to the volunteer list and notified of upcoming volunteer opportunities.

Volunteer Opportunities for Minors and Groups:

Summit County Children Services offers select volunteer opportunities for minors (individuals under age 18) and for groups (more than five volunteers). Please contact the Community Relations Department at (330) 379-1994 for more information.