

Falls-Springs CRO Volunteer Opportunities 2017-2018 School Year

Programs at Tamassee Salem Elementary School (TSES)

Chew the Fat Fridays Lunchtime Reading/Mentoring Program at TSES

Cliffs men are invited to volunteer for Chew the Fat Friday, a program for 5th grade boys lead by a faculty of 11 diverse Cliffs men. Each volunteer is asked to participate once during the fall semester and again in the spring as a discussion leader and role model. In addition to volunteering their time and sharing their personal experience, the volunteers provide a pizza lunch for the boys. The volunteers' aim is to provide a consistent message to the students of how they can achieve success through education and work ethics. This is facilitated through reading and group discussion of a book called "SOUP." The objectives of the program are:

- Introduce the boys to successful male role models
- Discuss Life: Choices; Consequences; Peer Pressure; Guilt; Bullying; Cheating; Discrimination; Stealing
- Encourage the boys to become voracious readers

To volunteer, contact: Theron Wiggins (tcwiggins702@yahoo.com)

Stargirls Lunchtime Reading/Mentoring Program at TSES

Cliffs women are invited to volunteer for Stargirls, a weekly book reading and discussion program for 5th grade girls. Each volunteer is asked to sign up for one or more sessions in the fall and spring as the reading and discussion leader or assistant. In addition to volunteering their time, the volunteers provide a pizza lunch for the girls. The program started in 2012 and currently we have 13 volunteers. The book selected changes each year. The objectives of the program are:

- Discussion of topics like being new, acceptance, friendship and social dilemmas aimed at helping the girls as they move toward Middle School
- Encourage a life-long love of reading
- Promote value of education
- Promote joy of listening

To volunteer, contact: Cheryl Wiggins (tcwiggins702@yahoo.com)

Student Support Team Volunteers

Volunteers are needed every 3rd Thursday of the month throughout the school year from 1-2:00 pm to supervise a class while the teacher is in Student Support Team meetings. This coverage enables teachers to develop tailored plans for students with specific learning gaps or needs. Volunteers who will be working with children without a staff member present must apply every 2 years for a background check and pay the \$25 registration fee.

To volunteer, contact: Melony Mack (melmack02@gmail.com)

Angel Tree

Donations are needed each Christmas for children of families in need. About 30 gifts are purchased each year for TSES.

For information, contact: Cindy Lowery (cindylowery@charter.net) or Melissa Williams (williamsmj@comcast.net).

Used Books

Books, CDs, DVD's and audio books can be donated. These are collected monthly and consigned in Greenville and the proceeds are donated on CRO's behalf to TSES for book purchases.

For information, contact: Kathy Kaufman (kaufman.kathy@gmail.com)

Box Tops Program

Collection boxes are located in the ladies locker room at the Falls and in the pro shop at the Springs for Box Tops from grocery items which the schools redeem for purchasing school supplies/items. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents. BoxTops4Education.com

Tools for Schools

By linking your Ingles Advantage™ Card to the TSES, when you make purchases using your Card, Ingles will give back to the school a portion of those sales with which they can purchase school supplies. You must re-register your card every school year at ingles-markets.com/toolsforschools and select TSES.

For information, contact: Louise Hughes (lshughes660@gmail.com)

School Supplies Purchases

One to two volunteers are needed in August each year to purchase school supplies during tax-free weekend (usually the 1st weekend in August). Funds are allocated in the CRO budget for this. The school provides the list of supplies and volunteers work with Walmart to purchase the items.

To volunteer, contact: Sue McCafferty (suelmccafferty@gmail.com)

Mentoring

Volunteers can participate in a new mentoring program that is part of Mentor Upstate (www.mentorupstate.org). The goal is to provide a framework of support to help the students achieve their potential and discover their strengths. Many children need "an advocate, a guide, an advisor, a confidant, an encourager, a listener, and a friend." If you can spare 30 minutes a week for the school year to be a mentor to one child, it is possible to make a positive impact on that child for the rest of his or her life. The Falls CRO coordinator will walk you through the process of becoming a mentor and arrange for your training. The school will cover the cost for processing your online application and completing a background check so that you can work independently with the student.

To volunteer, contact: Louise Hughes (lshughes660@gmail.com)

Programs at Six-Mile Elementary

Tutoring

Spend one-on-one time weekly in individual or small group student settings to assist in math and/or reading. Most students fall below grade level achievement without additional help. Time commitment is minimal, usually one hour per week. Students typically are not receiving adequate help at home.

To volunteer, contact: Ruth Gorman (Ruth.Gorman3@gmail.com)

Mentoring

Volunteers can participate in the Pickens County YMCA Y Mentor Program. The goal is to provide a framework of support to help the students achieve their potential and discover their strengths. Many children need "an advocate, a guide, an advisor, a confidant, an encourager, a listener, and a friend." If you can spare 30 minutes a week for the school year to be a mentor to one child, it is possible to make a positive impact on that child for the rest of his or her life. The Springs CRO coordinator will walk you through the process of becoming a mentor and arrange for your training by the YMCA Mentor Director of Pickens County. The cost is \$25 for processing your online application and completing a background check.

To volunteer, contact: Glenn Price: (2priceless2@verizon.net)

Used Books

Books and CD's can be donated at the Springs Porch bar. These are collected monthly and consigned in Greenville and the proceeds are donated on CRO's behalf to Six Mile Elementary School for textbook purchases.

For information, contact: Julie Sherwood (juliesherwood311@att.net)

Box Top Programs

Collection jar is located at the Springs Porch for box tops from grocery items that the schools redeem (.10/box top) for purchasing school supplies. Check on-line at BoxTops4Education.com to print out or review items.

Tools for Schools

By linking your Ingles Advantage™ Card to the Six Mile Elementary School, when you make purchases using the Card, Ingles will give back to the school a portion of those sales with which they can purchase school supplies. You must re-register your card every school year at inglesmarkets.com/toolsforschools and select Six Mile Elementary School.

Program at Tamassee Daughters of the Revolution (DAR) School

DAR Thrift store is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Regular volunteers are needed to stock shelves and straighten items.

Students from the DAR School often work at the store in the afternoons for an hour.

These students need mentors and guidance in attire, professional manners, work force expectations, etc.

To volunteer, please contact: Nancy Nicholson, Manager, DAR Thrift Store

Programs at NEXT School Eagle Ridge MS/HS

Girl's Mentoring

Be the mentor that you wished you had in high school. You can be part of a mentoring circle or be a one-on-one mentor. We also need guest speakers to address the

girls. Topics could include (but are not limited to) careers, post-secondary school experience, personal finance, resumes, interviewing skills, networking, etiquette, etc.

Boy's Mentoring

We need someone to start and lead this initiative.

Hobbies/Skills

Teach interested students educational skills such as woodworking, carpentry, sewing, fly fishing, etc. It would be preferable if someone could teach for one hour, twice a week.

Classroom Assistance

- Literacy Assistance - help struggling readers, specifically current 6th graders reading below grade level
- Math tutors
- Yoga teachers/leaders (during PE class time)

Brief mentoring training is encouraged for many of the roles listed above and can be arranged for you if you would like insights on mentoring and tutoring.

Grace's Closet

There is a Grace's Closet on school premises that provides clothing, school supplies, hygiene items and food. It is open on Tuesday 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. We need volunteers in the Closet to assist the students in selecting items from the available inventory.

For more information about volunteering at NEXT Eagle Ridge MS/HS, please contact Judy Agerton (judyag@bellsouth.net)

Falls/Springs CRO Advisory Council Members

Please let us know if you have an interest in serving on the Advisory Council. The Council is comprised of 10-12 volunteers who meet 4-5 times each year to oversee program support (financial support by our donors or the volunteer efforts of residents). Each member also volunteers to lead a program or facet of the Council's operations. Non-profit, volunteering, or fundraising experience is not required, but is a plus. For information, please contact Louise Hughes (lshughes660@gmail.com)