Volunteer Description

Art on Wheels Class Assistant

In partnership with families, SOAR365 creates life-fulfilling opportunities for individuals with disabilities, annually serving over 1,400 people and their families.

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<th>Category of Service: Program Support</th>
<th>Time Commitment: Ongoing (Ideal commitment is a minimum of four consecutive classes at one location)</th>
<th>Locations: SOAR365 @ Saunders SOAR365 @ Staples Mill SOAR365 @ Camp Baker</th>
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“Enriching their lives [through the creative arts] enriches my life as well. I have felt extremely welcome since I started and it is an honor to work with the students.” – Art on Wheels Class Assistant Bonny Rike

**Adult Services Program Description**: [https://www.soar365.org/adult-program](https://www.soar365.org/adult-program)

**Purpose/Description**: SOAR365’s Adult Day Program services are designed to meet the needs of adults with significant and complex disabilities who have challenges performing daily living activities. By staying active during the day with a variety of life-enriching activities, then returning home in the evening, adults keep a sense of independence and remain close to their families. At the same time, their caregivers are able to maintain employment without having to worry about their loved ones.

The typical Art on Wheels class consists of ~10 program participants who have a range of developmental abilities. Volunteer duties include:

- Assisting the lead instructor with set-up and preparation of materials
- Assisting or supporting individual program participants at each stage of their art-making efforts
- Demonstrating sensitivity and compassion in all interactions
- Ensuring that the values of independence, preferences, and decision-making are incorporated into each activity and resisting the temptation to “help” unless help is requested
- Assisting the lead instructor with clean-up

The volunteer will report directly to the Adult Day Services Supervisor or designated staff member.

**To Apply please contact:**

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