VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Beck Center for the Arts invites you to experience the arts and make a difference at the same time by becoming a volunteer! As a nonprofit organization, we rely on civic-minded individuals, like you, to help provide important volunteer services. Volunteers are a critical part of Beck Center’s mission to inspire, enrich, and transform lives through dynamic arts experiences.

BECK AMBASSADOR - Beck Center is seeking volunteers to be a part of our Beck Ambassador program. As a Beck Ambassador, you will help provide important volunteer services to the broad programs that Beck Center has to offer. You can offer your services to one or all of our opportunities the Beck Ambassador program has to offer. These opportunities include:

Front of House & Greeters – Youth and Professional Theater - Beck Center needs volunteer ushers & greeters for our professional and youth theater productions. Grab a friend and help make a difference while enjoying the magic of live theater. All ushers are entitled to a free seat to each show they usher.

Administration - Help our staff file paperwork, organize materials, input data, mailings, set up an event, and much more. This helps our Marketing, Development, Admin, and Education departments get these much needed projects done.

Special Events - There are many events to be a part of here at Beck. You can assist in preparations for Spotlight, our biggest fundraising event of the year, by collecting auction donations, making centerpieces, and setting up the event space. You could also volunteer with visual art receptions, Lakewood Arts Festival, 4th of July Parade, and Super Saturday @ Beck Center.

Landscaping - Assist the Facilities department in keeping our grounds clean, trimmed, and looking perfect all year long. Join our landscaping volunteers in various projects throughout the year, including raking, mowing, trimming bushes, pulling weeds and snow removal.

Education & Creative Arts Therapies - Be a welcoming face to Beck Center at various times during the year such as the first days of classes, outreach programs, or special events. This requires a volunteer to be stationed near the doors of the Main Building welcoming patrons, directing patrons to classrooms and studios, and answering questions which mainly occurs with first time or newer students and families.

Limited opportunities exist to volunteer in the classroom, or with therapy programs at Beck or in the community. These are frequently ongoing volunteer opportunities that require the individual to pass a background check and to make a commitment to volunteer on a frequent basis. Opportunities are based on needs of the teacher, and interests of the volunteer. Our programs – especially dance and visual arts need ongoing cleaning and organizational attention. This opportunity is for someone to commit to regular involvement and who works independently and willing to do some cleaning and manual labor. Each opportunity is on an as needed basis and is subject to change on availability.

Become A Committee Member - Join one of our committees that help move our mission forward. Committees include: Arts Experiences, Campaign Committee, Community Engagement, DEI, Finance, Development, and Human Resources.

Contact Megan DeFranco and Charles Battaglia for more information at mdefranco@beckcenter.org and cbattaglia@beckcenter.org.

Beck Center Associate Board - The Associate Board’s mission is to support Beck Center’s organizational priorities with goals as follows: Provide resources to enhance Beck programs, advocate for Beck mission and brand in new and diverse communities, prepare for board service at Beck Center or in the community. Contact Megan DeFranco to participate at mdefranco@beckcenter.org.

Beck Center’s Women’s Board - The Women’s Board is Beck Center’s longest standing volunteer group, whose mission is, To support Beck Center for the Arts in its efforts to create a community where everyone can be directly involved in the performing and visual arts, Creative Arts Therapies. Advocating for Beck Center since 1936, they are a fundraising and social membership group who are dedicated to supporting our mission. They welcome new members with fresh ideas and energy. Membership fee is $30 per year, and The Women’s Board meets the third Tuesday of the months September through May, at 12:00 noon at Beck Center in Lakewood. Contact Marianne M. at beckcenterwomensboard@gmail.com for information or Megan DeFranco, our Director of Development at mdefranco@beckcenter.org.

Dance Alliance of Beck Center (DABC) - is a volunteer organization that includes not only parents, but grandparents, alumni, friends, and people who just love dance. All fundraising is done in an effort to keep the cost, to our families who have children that dance at Beck Center as affordable as possible. This offsets the cost of performances, provide additional educational experiences through master classes, equipment, yearly scholarships, etc. If you are interested in becoming a member, or would like more information, contact Melanie Szucs, our Associate Director of Dance, at mszucs@beckcenter.org.

Theater Alliance of Beck Center (TABC) - is comprised of families and friends of students enrolled in Theater Education courses and/or who perform in the Youth Theater productions at Beck Center. TABC’s primary responsibilities are: To support and enrich the student education experience, act as a liaison between families and the Theater Education Staff, provide crucial hands-on support to Youth Theater productions and events throughout the season. TABC provides assistance through simple fundraising efforts like enrollment fees, weekly doughnut sales, cast support table sales, etc. These funds enable TABC to offer additional educational opportunities like Master Classes, fund the pit orchestra for the spring musical, etc. TABC offers several support options (Friendship Levels) starting from $10. Contact TABC President, Sharon Schultidt for more information.