

Florence Crittenton Services of Colorado is a Denver-based nonprofit that empowers struggling teen families to be productive members of the community. Using a holistic and proven approach, Florence Crittenton Services offers a spectrum of wraparound services for the entire teen family, including education, health/wellness services, career guidance and parenting training for pregnant and parenting teen mothers at the Florence Crittenton School; early childhood education for their infants and toddlers at the Qualistar-rated Early Learning Center; and counseling, education and parenting support for teen fathers and family members through the Family Engagement Center. But we can't do it alone – Florence Crittenton Services depends on community support, both through donations and volunteerism, to help teen parents raise healthy families!

How Can You Help?

There are so many ways to help Florence Crittenton Services, with a time commitment as small as once a year or as frequent as several hours a week. It's up to you! Hold a baby, wrap some gifts, adopt a family at holiday time, teach a student about your job, stuff backpacks with school supplies, plant a garden, register event participants! Read on for some ideas . . .

Opportunities at the Florence Crittenton School

Early Learning Center Assistant. Support professional staff in the Early Learning Center between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Help with lunch, rock babies and play with toddlers while their teen mothers are in class.

Family Engagement Center Assistant. Greet people who arrive for special classes and workshops that support the families of the teen mothers we serve, and the fathers of their children.

Career Training. Professionals are invited to present 45-minute sessions to our students on specific career, educational or life skill topics. We also seek volunteers to appear at the Florence Crittenton School's annual Career Fair, and to help students with resume writing and interviewing skills.



Dish Network volunteers prepare the Florence Crittenton School for students



"Miles for Moms" Run/Walk registration, powered by volunteers

Special Events and Short-Term Volunteer Opportunities

Florence Crittenton Services' special events throughout the year offer volunteers the opportunity to get involved in a variety of ways!

"Miles for Moms" Run/Walk. The Miles for Moms Run/Walk, held the day before Mother's Day, is our biggest fundraiser of the year. We need volunteers for event planning, prize solicitation, scheduling volunteers and more. We also offer lots of opportunities to help on race day, from staffing registration to directing participants to serving bagels to runners.

Annual Luncheon. Our Annual Luncheon, another major fundraiser, takes

place in the fall. We seek volunteers to be table captains, fold programs, mail invitations, find sponsors, decorate the banquet room, set up tables, greet guests the day of the luncheon, and more!

Baby Bucks Store. This volunteer-operated store, which gives students the opportunity to earn diapers and baby clothing as a reward for attendance and high performance in school, needs help with organization, inventory and serving our teenage clients.

School Supplies Drive. Companies are encouraged to get involved in Florence Crittenton Services' annual School Supplies Drive in August. We need backpacks and school items donated, as well as help filling the packs and distributing them to students.



Graduation. When graduation rolls around in May, we need help with advance preparation, mailings, program folding, event day setup of displays and food, and more.

Homecoming. Our annual Homecoming reunion requires volunteers to help with mailings, set up on event day, and greet and direct former students and staff who attend.

Food Baskets Program. When there is need, Florence Crittenton Services organizes food baskets for struggling students and their families. Volunteers can help with the shopping, sort the items and assemble food bags.

Donated Clothing. Gently used clothing and toys donated to Florence Crittenton Services must be sorted and distributed to the students.

Creative Projects. Sometimes an individual's talents and inclinations suggest original ways to contribute, such as painting a mural or planting a garden. What unique

contribution can you make?

Seasonal Giving: Holiday Helping Hands

Thanksgiving Baskets. Families or groups are encouraged to provide a Thanksgiving meal for a young family.

Holiday Giving Tree. A family or group sets up a tree in their workplace, worship space or other gathering place, and members collect "wish list" gifts written on ornaments.

Holiday Sponsor-a-Family. Your family or group can provide a holiday meal and gifts for an entire family!

Group Projects

Florence Crittenton Services encourages businesses, volunteer organizations and community groups to take on a project, either over a long period or as a one-time effort. For example, the Zonta Club of Denver II maintains our Baby Bucks Store on an ongoing basis, while Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield of Colorado, Janus and Dish Network have all taken on important projects. What can you do? Call and find out!

Administrative Opportunities

Some people prefer to support Florence Crittenton Services quietly, behind the scenes. We always need people to fold fliers, stamp postcards, sort files, maintain our database, organize our warehouse and more.

Board and Committee Opportunities

One meaningful way to help Florence Crittenton Services is to become a member of the Board of Directors.

The Board has four committees that its members can participate in: the Business, Development, Nomination and Governance and Program Committees.

To find out how you can volunteer for Florence Crittenton Services, contact Marcia Jamison, Manager of Volunteers & Special events, at mjamison@FlorenceCrittentonCO.org or 303-321-6363 ext. 208.

For more info about Florence Crittenton Services, visit our website, FlorenceCrittentonCO.org.



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