

Do you want to change the life of a child?

VOLUNTEER!!

Volunteering your time is easier than you think...

We are looking for HEART volunteers. What is HEART? HEART, **Help Encourage A Reader Today, brings together volunteers and at-risk youth to build a better future through learning and literacy. The mission of HEART is to enhance the reading skills, attitudes and life opportunities of children who need assistance. The program also enables adult volunteers, businesses, and communities to experience the rewards of enriching young lives. HEART matches one adult with a child during the school year. The volunteer meets and reads with each child for one-half hour each week. Reading, discussing, and just being there on a consistent schedule enhances reading and life skills in young children. Every other week the child will get to take a book home that is theirs to keep.**

We are also looking for volunteers in the Read Naturally Fluency Lab. Since the early 1990's, Read Naturally has helped thousands of students become better readers with its pioneering fluency-building products. What is fluency? Fluency means you can read as well as you can speak. Fluent readers can read without thinking about it. They enjoy reading because they can focus on the meaning of what they read. Read Naturally's programs offer struggling readers a safe, structured, and highly motivating opportunity to engage in reading on a regular basis. The Fluency Lab has an easy to understand step by step structure that again would only require a ONE HOUR A WEEK commitment.

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