

Volunteer Program

Volunteering with
Young People aged 15 to 25



Donation:

YES: Please find attached my cheque / money order for \$_____ donation, made payable to Family Access Network Inc. I understand all donations over \$2 are tax deductible and receipt will be forwarded upon request.

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YES: I have arranged with my bank to have \$_____ electronically transferred from my salary each week/fortnight/month commencing from ____/____/____ and understand all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Please phone FAN for our bank account details.

Electronic transfer from account:

YES: I have arranged with my bank to have \$_____ electronically transferred from my banks account as a one off donation and understand all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Please phone FAN for our bank account details.

Speaker:

YES: I would like to speak with the Volunteer Coordinator about fund raising / speaking at our next event.

For necessary arrangements to be made:

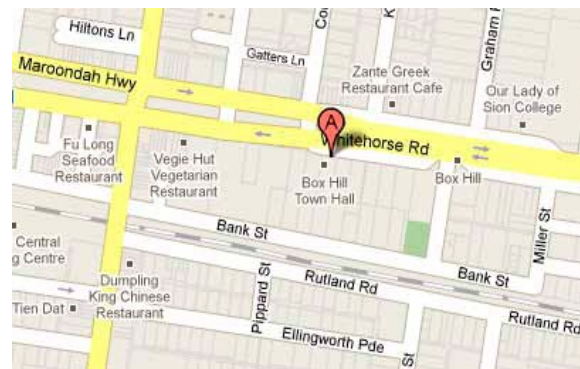
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OPTIONS FOR VOLUNTEERS

ABOUT FAMILY ACCESS NETWORK

We are a community based organisation who have been providing services to young people since 1981 and our commitment is responding to the diverse needs of homeless and at-risk young people and their families. We operate in the belief that timely intervention maximises positive outcomes.

FAN offers access to transitional housing such as shared accommodation for singles, families and pregnant women aged between 15-25years, including support and referral.

Other services include the Life Skills Programs which are designed to address social skills, isolation and developing living skills in a welcoming, creative and supportive environment.

WHY VOLUNTEER?

Develop positive **relationships** with young people who are experiencing disadvantage and / or homelessness.

Be a positive **role model** to young people and help foster a sense of trust, belonging and respect.

Learn about the **life experiences** of young people from a range of backgrounds.

Gain skills in working with young people.

Be part of a volunteer support team, where you can **share experiences** with other volunteers.

Enjoy **making a difference** to the lives of young people.

Mentor Program

Volunteers for the Mentor program develop a supportive one on one relationship with a young person from our supported accommodation program. The Volunteer Mentor and the young person meet at a time and place mutually convenient and participate in a range of activities of their choice. This might include cooking a meal together, seeing a movie, or just meeting for coffee.

Life Skills Program

We have a wide range of workshops and activities specifically designed for meeting the needs of young people in the community. The Volunteers participate alongside the group, while at the same time building supportive and positive relationships. An example is the *Child Play Supervisor* who attends the weekly Young Mums Group while focusing her time on the children. Other volunteers assist with the Drivers' Ed courses.

Lead Tenant

Lead tenants are recruited to provide a positive adult role model in a shared household with young people. Lead Tenants are incorporated into the Volunteer Program and participate in the training and support meetings for all FAN volunteers.

SSATI—Same sex attracted, transgender group

Eastern Diversity Group (EDG) is a social and support group for young people who are same sex attracted, transgender, intersex, queer, questioning, curious or just not sure. It is a perfect place to meet people, sort stuff out and have **your questions answered**. The group meets on Thursdays 3pm-4.30pm

WHO CAN VOLUNTEER?

To be eligible as a Volunteer at FAN, you need to be 21 years or over and able to commit for at least 12 months

We are looking for people with a broad range of life experience, who are willing to offer trust, companionship and time.

Volunteers for the Volunteer Mentor Program are required to commit for a *minimum* of 2 hours per week.

We ask that all volunteers be committed to attending regular monthly support meetings and training workshops.

THE PROCESS

In order to be considered as a Volunteer* with FAN, the process is as follows:

- Register your interest by completing an Application Form
- Participate in a selection interview
- Provide three references
- Satisfactory Working With Children Check
- Satisfactory Police check
- Attend 4 week Volunteer Induction Training
- Participate in linking process with case worker and young person

PLEASE NOTE THAT FAN RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CONSIDER THE SUITABILITY OF EACH APPLICANT.

COMPLETION DOES NOT NECESSARILY GUARANTEE A POSITION BEING AVAILABLE.

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN ASSIST @ FAN

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible and are used to support young people in need

You may consider regular automatic deductions from your salary to be made as a donation to FAN

All fund-raising events will be considered

Invite the *Volunteer Co-Ordinator* to speak at staff meeting, social club or outing

You may have special skills or talents that meet the needs of young people in the local community

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATOR