



Volunteer Interest Form

We love our volunteers and together we can achieve greater success! Please complete this form expressing your interests, talents and availability, and return it to school. We will follow up with you about how you can get involved and help our wonderful Spartan community. Thank you!

Parent/Guardian's Name

Phone

Email

Special Talent or Area of Interest

We are grateful for regular volunteers who can help make a difference in the following areas:

I'd like to volunteer for:		Availability
<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy Room	M Tu W Th F Time:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Front Desk	M Tu W Th F Time:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lunch Room	M Tu W Th F Time:
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Select all that apply

I'm interested in serving on the following PSO Committees:

- Box Tops for Education
- Care & Concern Committee
- Dad's Group
- Spartan Fiesta Committee
- Lunch Room Committee
- Room Parent Committee
- Social Committee
- Teacher/Staff Appreciation Committee
- Volunteer Committee

All prospective volunteers **MUST** complete and submit a background check to the school. Background check forms can be picked up and returned at the front desk and may take up to a couple weeks to get approved. Should you have any questions, please send an email to info@greatheartswesternhills.org.



PSO Committees & Responsibilities

Care and Concern Committee: Identifies and reaches out to GHWH families experiencing some form of hardship and/or who would benefit from a helping hand. Assistance may include welcoming new families, assembling and distributing care packages, finding solutions to combat food insecurity for our scholars, setting up meal trains, and sending flowers or cards.

Lunch Room Committee: Recruits and maintains a monthly calendar of volunteers and coordinates school lunch periods to assure scholars are fed in a timely manner by collecting lunch tickets, entering lunches sold in point-of-sale to charge student lunch accounts, distributing milk, assisting in opening of food packets/containers, and assisting cleaning staff after lunch periods by wiping down tables, sweeping floors, and helping break down tables. At least three volunteers are needed per day during all lunch periods. Only volunteers who complete the online Civil Rights training can run the point-of-sale machine.

Room Parent Committee: Collaborates with teachers in organizing classroom events, quarter parties, and decorating bulletin boards. Room Parents ensure other class needs are met by effectively communicating with parents. They also help organize teacher birthday sign-ups and monitor grade-level Facebook pages. Each class has 2 room parents who assist their scholar's teacher.

Social Committee: Organizes social events including Summer grade-level meet-and-greets, back-to-school social, game nights. Also helps manage the sale and distribution of spirit wear.

Spartan Fiesta Committee: Organizes and executes the PSO's largest event of the school year. There are lots of different aspects including specific Spartan Fiesta spirit wear design, booth manning, game organizer, entertainment, food organizer.

Teacher Appreciation Committee: Organizes events to show appreciation for the teachers/faculty, including monthly teacher luncheons, Teacher and Nurse Appreciation Weeks, stocking of the faculty lounge, and faculty birthday celebrations.

Volunteer Committee: Recruits volunteers for various school functions, including front-desk coverage, copy room, hearing and vision screenings, and picture days. Collaborates with other committees to assist with volunteer needs.

Box Tops for Education: Collects, organizes, and meets Box Tops submission deadlines to raise funds for the PSO.

Dad's Group: Helps organize and facilitate activities that foster the bond between positive male role models and their scholars. This can include events such as the Daddy/Daughter Dance and sporting or camping events with their children, grandchildren, etc. The dad's group is meant to nourish and increase visibility in the children's environment wherever possible.



**Here's what some of our wonderful volunteers
say about being a part of our PSO!**

Serving the GHWH community has been an absolute privilege. As a room parent, I enjoyed getting to know the other scholars and witness their enthusiasm with the curriculum and school. Being in the school volunteering allowed me to understand the rationale behind the different decisions/policies the school has. Moreover, it has allowed me to see how it positively impacts my child not just academically, but holistically. The teachers and admin work diligently to make this a safe and fun place for the kids. It is nice to be a part of that and providing support where it is needed. The best part of volunteering, whether it be as a room parent, during a teacher luncheon, or even at the front desk – is feeling like you're a part of something meaningful in your child's life. This provided a great opportunity to meet other families and has sparked new friendships. – *Dr. Alexandra Van*

This year I have served as teacher appreciation committee coordinator, snowflake committee coordinator, room parent and volunteered at the front desk and copy room. It has truly been such a rewarding experience. While it has been a sacrifice of my time, the benefits are far greater than what I have had to put in. To see not only my child's face, but the whole class light up when I would walk in to help made me smile from ear to ear! I have gotten to know my children's teachers and have truly formed a partnership with them to help my kids succeed. And to see how grateful and appreciative all the teachers were for every luncheon, all the copy room help and receiving their winter bonuses was magical. It helped to know that I was truly showing these teachers and staff just how much they deserve for all that they do for our children. We are sooo appreciative!! – *Laura Orozco*

Serving as a Lunch Committee Coordinator and lunch volunteer for the PSO was extremely rewarding, as it has allowed me the opportunity to get to meet all the scholars at GHWH. I enjoyed talking with the scholars and watching them grow throughout the year, and I came to know several by their name. I became a familiar face to the scholars and as I passed them in the hall they would wave at me. Most of all, it provided me the opportunity to be with my grandchildren during their lunch periods and get to know their teachers and friends, even on the days where lunches weren't open to visitors. I made great friends with others who volunteered during the lunch periods. We contributed to the success of GHWH by discussing ideas of how we thought we could better the lunch processes and I was able to provide the information directly to Mr. Kuhlmann and Mr. Black, while also getting to know both of them. I would not have had the opportunity to meet and know all these wonderful people had I not been part of the lunch committee or had I only attended the school lunches to have lunch with my scholars. – *Cheryl Laurie*

I have absolutely loved being a room parent this school year. Being a room parent has allowed me to get to know my children's teachers better. I enjoy helping plan their special events and look forward to helping my scholars' teachers whenever I can. In the process I have met and gained so many new friendships within our community of parents. – *Crystal Amaro*



I have really enjoyed my time volunteering at GHWH this school year. Whether I am reading to Kindergarteners or helping out with lunch, I've loved getting to know teachers, staff and scholars. I know that work or little ones at home can hinder parent involvement, but I would encourage parents to find at least one small way they can help and commit to it. The benefits for you being a part of your school greatly outweigh the costs. – *Missy Hamilton*

Being part of the GHWH PSO Committee was a way for myself as a father to get more involved not just with my children's education but also work with other awesome dads who care just as much as I do. We have formed a sense of community among each other and now have grown into friendships. Being part of a PSO committee has definitely been a blessing for our family and helped us meet many families and helped the school grow. If anyone has a chance to be part of any committee, I highly encourage it!! – *Gus Orozco*

It has been a pleasure having the opportunity to serve as a volunteer to our scholars, teachers, and staff this year as a lunchroom committee coordinator. I love that I am able to see my scholars interacting firsthand with their friends and teachers in their school environment. Helping during the three lunch periods has allowed me to get to know many of the teachers, my children's friends, and many of the other amazing scholars. I have enjoyed being able to help out this year and demonstrate the virtue of citizenship to my own children. Volunteering our time allows a small break for our scholar's teachers, and I look forward to volunteering my time next year as well. – *Marci Mayberry*