

Youth Volunteer Opportunities (compiled by itscool2care)

Directly Supporting **Friends For Life Animal Adoption and Rescue:**

- Docents: greeting visitors professionally and guiding them through the center—FFL Docents—this could seriously save us from having to hire someone to be a greeter at the front. Could be a huge opportunity for someone to interact with lots of people, get speaking skills, market...I see a group of docents rotating being stationed at front and moving through animal areas giving a moderately scripted tour
- CARE Packagers: Set up boxes for collecting recyclable materials like paper, card board, plastic and metal (cans and tins). Then the kids could bring it to the recycling station near Washington.
- Design/carry out supply drives targeted at the specific things we need at the time—call companies, groups etc –manage supply drive projects start to finish.
- Thank you Team: Thank you notes and other written follow up to adoptions. And that would be something nice to institute. This I see happening within the first 3 weeks after an adoption and would be a simple thank you note for adopting. Here are the components for Thank You cards requested by the Executive Director:
 - animal's name
 - general thanks for choosing the adoption option
 - you can write your own statements but include a thank you that tells the adopting family that they have - provided a loving permanent home to an animal that more than likely would not have survived the label of “unadoptable” from another shelter, reduced the demand that increases overpopulation, and made space for another life to be saved through our program.
- E News Team: Help develop/maintain youth version ffl e-newsletter with pictures of events and happenings updates, etc. I've been needing to do a newsletter to stay current... student writers could do articles on events, animal issues...inspire me to keep up with the “adult” one.
- Art: Paint bowls for sale at center. Do art for sale at center of whatever kind (we'd have to decide how we choose what to sell/display, etc)
- 3 month or 6 month and 1 year anniversary thank yous, could be part of funds solicitation. The content would be provided them, but a handwritten note would look much nicer than a computer generated one.
- Assemble kits of supplies for people who need assistance with their animals and write notes of encouragement
- Bi or Tri Lingual Team: translating literature into Spanish (other languages?)
 - our adoption forms
 - factsheets on crate training, spay /neuter etc
 - local resources lists
- Kid Lit: creating kid-oriented literature to have ready to hand out to visitors--what can you do even if you have no car and no AmEx to help animals? None of our handouts address this.

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- Web: working on kid zone site features--brainstorm ways to make it cooler, more interactive, more useful ---then perhaps participating in actually writing up some web content changes
- Visit senior centers on 19th (program would need development ground up)
- Information Maven: help create/categorize the ffl library—this could be as expansive a task as you want to make it. I want a library. It started out as just no kill stuff...that's still the first priority but we can feature so much more about animal-related topics in many fields --theology, animal behavior studies, science, politics, news, resources...I'll entertain proposals for publication subscriptions, book purchases, assembling /binding notes/cool docs from the zillion conferences I go to...sending students to conferences for ffl to take notes, get info