



## El Valor Volunteer Opportunities 2024

**Mission:** El Valor’s mission is to support children, people with disabilities, and their families to achieve excellence and participate fully in life. Our programs exist to create opportunities that enrich and empower vulnerable populations to become their own advocates and promote a sense of inclusion within a learning community.

**How You Can Help:** El Valor welcomes groups to all our facilities to volunteer. We have four Children and Family Centers, a developmental training center, and six residential homes for adults with disabilities. Below is a list of opportunities available throughout both programs, that typically last 3-4 hours. Many of the opportunities listed below require assistance leading up to the event date, and we are happy to plan a volunteer day beforehand. Please contact [emma.debiasio@elvalor.net](mailto:emma.debiasio@elvalor.net), (312) 492-5936 with your interest.

Date	Program/Event	Description	Volunteer #
February 22-23	Children’s Program – Auto Show	Decorate the day of auto show, build cars out of recycled materials, etc.	3-5
March 22 July, TBD	Children’s Program – Baby Shower	Host diaper/clothing drive, decorate, help with activities, clean up after event	3-5
March 25-29	Children’s Program – Spring Cleaning	Deep cleaning of Children’s Centers while children are on spring break	8+
April 23-26	Children’s Program – Día Del Niño Parade	Support with various tasks to prepare and organize parade	3-5
May 7-10	Children’s Program – Mother’s Day Week	Support with various activities throughout the week	3-5
May 8	Adult Program – Horticulture Therapy Gardening	Collaborate with participants to prep the garden(s) at El Valor’s Main Office and Residences	5-7
April 12	Adult Program – Prom Night	Assist with decorations/set up, hair & makeup, running activities, serving dinner	5-7
June 8	Adult Program – Summer Party/Gardening	Prepping and planting at El Valor’s facilities, assist with lawn games and activities – Residential Homes & Main Office	5-7
June 4-7	Children’s Program – Father’s Day Week	Support with various activities throughout the week	3-5

July 1-4	Children's Program – Summer Cleaning	Deep cleaning of Centers while children are on Summer Break	8+
August 2	Children's Program – Air & Water Show Parade	Support with various tasks to prepare and organize parade	5-7
August 16	Adult Program – Summer Picnic	Support with set up/take down, serving lunch, activities, etc.	5-7
September 13	Both Programs – Butterfly Release	Set up and clean up for El Valor's Annual Monarch Butterfly Release	8+
October 11	Children's Program – Pumpkin Patch	Support with set up/take down, run pumpkin patch activities, etc.	3-5
October 25	Adult Program – Harvest Celebration	Support with set up/take down, serving lunch, activities, etc.	5-7
November 8	Adult Program – Thanksgiving Luncheon	Support with set up/take down, serving lunch, activities, etc.	5-7
November 21-22	Children's Program – Family Time in the Classroom	Support with classroom activities	5-7
December 2-8	Adult Program – Decorate Main office	Support with placing and decorating Christmas trees on both floors, other holiday decorations	5-7
December 20	Adult Program – Winter Celebration	Support with set up/take down, serving lunch, activities, etc.	5-7
December	Both Programs – Holiday Wrapping	Wrap presents for children and adult participants	5-7
Ongoing	Both Programs: General Upkeep/Cleaning	Assist with gardening, painting, cleaning & sanitizing, etc.	8+
Ongoing	Children's Program – Reading	Read to a few classrooms and lead an activity – virtual or in person	3-5
Ongoing	Children's Program – Help a Teacher	Prepare materials for lessons, clean and sanitize toys and surfaces, decorate bulletin board/doors	3-5
Ongoing	Both Programs – Host a Workshop	Host a workshop for staff, families, or the community (finance, support groups, etc.)	1-2
Ongoing	Both Programs – Host a Donation Drive	Host a donation drive for winter clothing, diapers & formula, etc.	--
Ongoing	Both Programs – Host a Fundraiser	Host a fundraiser to help support El Valor's community of over 4,000 children, adults with disabilities, and families	--