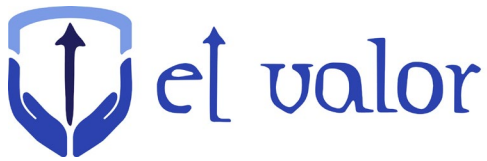


## El Valor Volunteer Opportunities 2025

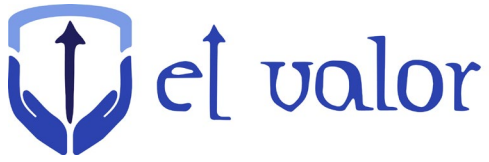
**Mission:** El Valor is a nonprofit organization that serves more than 4,000 children, adults with disabilities, and their families each year. Our mission is to support our community to strive for excellence and engage fully in life. Through our programs, we create opportunities to build community, fostering self-advocacy and a deep sense of belonging within a supportive learning environment.

**How You Can Help:** We invite groups to volunteer their time and efforts to help us make a difference in our community. El Valor has four Children and Family Centers, a Developmental Training Center, and six residential homes for adults with disabilities. Below is a list of volunteer opportunities across our programs. Many opportunities also involve preparation leading up to the event day, and we're happy to organize a volunteer day in advance. For more information or to express your interest, please contact Emma De Biasio at [emma.debiasio@elvalor.net](mailto:emma.debiasio@elvalor.net) or (312) 492-5936.

Date	Program/Event	Description
February 14	Adult Program – Valentines Day Party	Support with set up/take down. Help decorate, lead crafts and activities, serve lunch and snacks.
February 26 & 27	Children's Program – Auto Show	Help us decorate, prepare children for the parade, build cars out of recycled materials.
March 18-21	Children's Program – Baby Shower	Host donation drives for diapers, clothing, etc. Help with activities, set up, and cleanup.
March 24-28	Children's Program – Spring Cleaning	While our children are home for Spring Break, help us clean and sanitize our facilities.
March through April	Adult Program – Spring Cleaning	Visit one of our residential homes to help with deep cleaning the house and garage.
April 7-May 9	Adult Program – Garden Preparation	Prepare one of El Valor's many gardens located at our six residential homes and Main Office.
April 4	Adult Program – Prom	Support with set up/take down. Help with decoration, serve dinner, and overall assistance with adult participants.
April 29-May 2	Children's Program – Día Del Niño Parade	Help the children's program prepare for the parade of pollinators as they march around the neighborhood.
May 6-9	Children's Program – Mother's Day	Assist with various events and opportunities we provide to our moms throughout the week.
June 10-13	Children's Program – Father's Day	Assist with various events and opportunities we provide to our dads throughout the week.
July 22-25	Children's Program – Baby Shower	Host donation drives for diapers, clothing, etc. Help with activities, set up, and cleanup.
August 8	Children's Program – Air & Water Show Parade	Support staff with various tasks to prepare for the event and organize parade.
August 15	Adult Program – Participant Picnic	Help staff during a day of outdoor fun – grilling, games, music, art, and more.



September 11	Both Programs – Butterfly Release	Help staff prepare for our Annual Monarch Butterfly Release. Assistance will be needed leading up to event.
October 10	Children’s Program – Pumpkin Patch	Support with set up/take down, run various pumpkin patch activities, etc.
October 31	Adult Program – Halloween Party	Support with set up/take down. Help decorate, lead crafts and activities, serve lunch and snacks.
November 13 & 14	Children’s Program – Classroom Family Time	Parents and caregivers will join their child for a meal. Support with classroom mealtimes and activities.
November 21	Adult Program – Thanksgiving Party	Support with set up/take down. Help decorate, lead crafts and activities, serve lunch and snacks.
November 21	Children’s Program – Holiday Food Distribution	Organize and distribute holiday hams to all families during end of day pick up.
December 2-8	Adult Program – Holiday Decorations	Support with setting up and decorating Christmas trees and additional holiday décor.
December 20	Adult Program – Holiday Celebration	Support with set up/take down. Help decorate, lead crafts and activities, serve lunch and snacks.
December 9- 12	Children’s Program – Dress and Santa	We invite Santa and his elves to El Valor to visit with our children and take photos.
December 8-17	Both Programs – Gift Wrapping	Help us wrap gifts for our children and adult participants
December 22 & December 23	Children’s Program – Winter Cleaning	While our children are home for Winter Break, help us clean and sanitize our facilities.
Ongoing	Both Programs – General Upkeep/Cleaning	Assist with gardening, painting, cleaning & sanitizing, etc.
Ongoing	Children’s Program – Classroom Activity	Read to a classroom and lead an activity.
Ongoing	Children’s Program – Help a Teacher	Prepare materials for lessons, clean and sanitize toys and surfaces, decorate bulletin board/doors
Ongoing	Both Programs – Host a Workshop	Host a workshop for staff, families, or the community (finance, support groups, etc.)
Ongoing	Both Programs – Host a Donation Drive	Host a donation drive for winter clothing, diapers & formula, school supplies, 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



## **El Valor Volunteer Locations**

### **Guadalupe A. Reyes Children & Family Center**

1951 W. 19th Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60608

### **Carlos H. Cantu Children & Family Center**

2434 S. Kildare Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60623

### **Rey B. Gonzalez Children & Family Center**

3050 E. 92nd Street  
Chicago, IL 60617

### **El Valor Cicero Children & Family Center**

5310 W. 24th Place  
Cicero, Illinois 60804

### **El Valor Main Office**

1850 W. 21st Street  
Chicago, IL 60608

### **ComEd Inclusion Center**

1924 W. 21st Street  
Chicago, IL 60608

**El Valor's six Residential Homes are located in Pilsen, Little Village, Cicero, and Berwyn. Addresses will be provided when coordinating volunteer opportunity.**