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Timber Creek High School
Guidance Department – Volunteer Hours
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Orlando, FL 32828

Greetings,

I am reaching out today to see if our organization, Adriana's Attic, Inc., could help students earn outreach hours for our community service projects.

Adriana's Attic is a not for profit charity registered with the State of Florida and IRS as a 501(C)(3) charity. We have been serving the Orlando community since 2009. Our community outreach programs are designed to help those in need by providing clothing, hygiene supplies, medical supplies, food, and other needed items to the homeless and low income poor. Our programs continue to grow with the growing needs in our area and through the generous support from volunteers and the community. For more information please see http://www.adrianasatticinc.org/Home_Page.html

Below are the projects that we feel would meet the criteria for Bright Futures Outreach Hours.

Birthday Boxes

The idea of birthday boxes comes from the Points of Light and All for Good Volunteer Organizations. Birthday Boxes are made by students and distributed to the homeless and low-income poor children in our area. Birthdays are not a priority for many families who are homeless or living in poverty, these boxes allow us to spread a little joy to a child on their birthday. Boxes will be created and distributed to the community as needed. *2 Outreach hours per box (maximum 20 hours per school year)*

Back to School Supply Drive

Each year we sponsor an annual back to school backpack drive. Each child is provided a new backpack with items they need for the school year. This project includes gathering donated supplies and helping make and distribute backpacks. *Outreach hours will be determined at start of project*

Homeless Dinners

The last Sunday of every month (or more frequently if needed) we sponsor the Word on the Street Homeless Dinner. This dinner is held at the Colonial Food Shoppe at the corner of Sherman Rd. and East Colonial. We ask for volunteers to prepare a meal or other items and to volunteer at the event. We also need people to help us to set up our "shopping area" where the attendees can "shop" for clothes and take them for free. *2 outreach hours for meal prep/delivering meal. An additional hour for additional meal prep. Onsite volunteers receive four hours worked at dinner (maximum 25 outreach hours per school year for meal prep)*

Hygiene Packages

This involves collecting and making hygiene packages that are provided to the homeless and other organizations like Knights Pantry. The packages include items such as shampoo, conditioner, body wash/soap, toothbrush/tooth paste and other personal hygiene items people want to include. *5 prepared hygiene kits equals 1 outreach hour (Maximum 5 outreach hours per semester).*

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Plastic Bag Mats

When the homeless are forced to sleep outdoors, "bedtime" can mean the wet cement or damp earth. These mats help keep water away, don't track dirt, and thicken the barrier separating the ground from a blanket or a sleeping bag with a person tucked inside it. The mats are made by weaving plastic bags together and can take between 5-6 hours to make one. *1 mat equals 5 outreach hours (maximum 20 outreach hours per school year).*

Weekend /Vacation Bags

The bags filled with lunches, snacks, and hygiene essentials to last student's families through the weekend or a school vacation. The bags help to fill the gap while students aren't receiving free or reduced lunches at school. If you need bags for this project please contact us for a supply. *Each bag is worth 3 outreach hours (maximum 21 outreach hours per school year).*

Sick Boxes

Taking the idea of birthday boxes a step further, sick boxes are filled with items that a child may need when they are sent home from school sick. The boxes include a can of soup, a thermometer, an item to "snuggle" with, and other items that a low-income or homeless family may not have available to take care of a sick child (medication is not included). Boxes will be created and distributed to the community agencies such as Head Start and families per request. *2 Outreach hours per box (maximum 20 hours per school year)*

East Orlando Action Committee (EOAC) Holiday Party

This year we will be sponsoring the EOAC Holiday party. We will have a range of opportunities from collecting gifts, preparing items for the event, students to be a host for each family during the party, and students to play music. This is a large project and provides holiday gifts for the lowest income families in the area. *Outreach hours will be determined for each position closer to the event.*

Food, Clothing, Sports Equipment, Magazine and Book Drives

We always need people to collect, organize, and prepare items to be given out to families in need. We also work with many organizations in both the homeless and intellectually disabled areas. *Please track your hours. We will provide outreach hours for time worked on collecting these items (5 hours maximum per school year for each type of collection).*
**If you would like to organize and lead a collection please contact us to determine hours.*

I hope that you find the charity to be a fit for the students to help our community and earn Bright Futures Outreach hours.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Giessler

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Volunteer Board Member – Adriana's Attic, Inc.

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