

FOSTER HEART LINK

Special Events Volunteer Application`

The Foster Heart Link Ministry hosts many Special Events throughout the year involving the care of foster children. These events are in partnership with Eckerd Community Alternatives, the lead agency here is Pinellas County. It is crucial that we personally know the counselors who oversee the care of the foster children in each classroom; therefore we need the following application completed. All counselors must be at least 18 years old and a criminal background check must be completed on an annual basis.

For more information please contact: Gayle Beaton 727-656-9431 or email gayleb@fosterheartlink.org.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip _____

Home Phone: _____

Alt. Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Today's Date: _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy): _____

Personal Information

1. Tell us about your family (married/single, spouse, children etc.):
2. How would you describe yourself as a person?
3. As part of your volunteer application you are subject to a criminal background check. A previous record does not necessarily exclude you from volunteering but we will need to discuss any incident(s). Is there any history we should be made aware of?
4. Please check the appropriate box. A "yes" response does not necessarily disqualify you from becoming a volunteer. These are issues we will discuss prior to placement.

Background questions yes no

Have you ever been arrested or convicted of a crime?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever been convicted of a DUI?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you use tobacco products?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever been investigated or convicted of child abuse or neglect?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have you ever been investigated or convicted of sexually abusing or molesting a youth 18 or younger?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. Are you willing and able to commit to participate for one year? yes no

Spiritual Information

1. Name and location of your home church?
 What service(s) do you attend?
 How long have you attended?
2. Please list any small group(s) you attend:

3. What ministries are you involved with?
4. Are you a leader of a small group or ministry? (explain)
5. What do you think your spiritual gifts are?
6. Please name a pastor or leader who could give you a reference (email helpful):
 Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____
7. Please list two people other than family members who know your spiritual walk (email helpful):
 1. Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____
 2. Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____
8. Please briefly describe how and when you came to know the Lord:
9. What makes you interested in this ministry?
10. Do you have any health limitations? (explain)

This is the Foster Heart link Statement of Faith

- We believe in all the fundamental doctrines of orthodox evangelical Christianity.
- The Bible is the inspired and authoritative Word of God, the sole authority for faith and practice.
- There is only one God who reveals himself to man as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- Man is separated from God due to sin.
- God's Son, Jesus Christ, was born of the Virgin Mary, died on the cross for man's sins, and bodily rose again on the third day, ascended to the Father and will return to take his church.
- Man can only be saved, have eternal life in heaven with God, by repenting of sin, and by faith, accepting Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. This salvation is provided by the grace of God. Man cannot be saved through his own efforts or works.
- We believe in the Holy Spirit who indwells believers and enables them to live a godly life.
- We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Do you disagree with any of the above "Statement of Faith"? No Yes, I disagree
 If yes, explain:

Ministry Standards

It has been said that the gospel is more “caught than taught”—children tend to learn more from our behavior than from our words. We therefore expect standards of behavior that reflect our commitment to communicating the Gospel. As a Foster Heart Link Volunteer I agree to follow the following standards.

I agree to...

- Your personal relationship with Christ Jesus should be the highest priority in your life and kept with utmost diligence by regular Bible reading, prayer and fellowship with the church.
- Your appearance and behavior reflects not only you as an individual, but the Foster Heart Link Ministry as well. We ask that clothing be modest, clean, and appropriate. We should never dress in a manner to draw attention to ourselves, or that may cause a brother or sister in Christ to stumble in their Christian walk. Gossip, slander and cursing are not acceptable. (Eph 4:29-31)
- Seek to please God in all areas of my life, i.e. words, reactions, choices of entertainment.
- Live by scriptural principles. Please see Ephesians 4:17-5:21.
- Share my life and words in a way that reflects the Gospel.
- Make choices that will reflect an excellent example and avoid being a stumbling block. (For example, many children struggle with drugs, alcohol and sexuality. It is essential to set positive examples and avoid confusing messages. In the area of sexuality, it is imperative to set the example of Biblical purity, including abstinence until marriage. Please see I Corinthians 10:23-11:1.)
- Grow in my relationship with God through prayer, scripture reading, fellowship and involvement in my church.
- Refrain from any activity that may cause any physical, sexual or emotional harm to any children involved.

I have read and agree to abide by the above ministry standards throughout my involvement with the Foster Heart Link events. If there comes a time when I cannot fulfill this, I will notify the program director.

I authorize any references listed in the application to give you any information that they have regarding my character and fitness for service. I waive any right that I may have to inspect any information provided about me by any person or organization identified by me in this application.

My signature below signifies that I have read, understand, and agree to the information in this application and I will comply with all guidelines and requirements for me to serve as a Foster Heart Link Volunteer.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Program Director comments and assignments:

