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## **YMCA BRIGHT BEGINNINGS VOLUNTEER CONTRACT**

Thank you for volunteering for YMCA Bright Beginnings. We cannot do this important work without you. Once you have read this form in its entirety, please fill out the bottom section and return by **August 2, 2024**. It may be scanned and emailed to: [lindsayh@ymcacv.org](mailto:lindsayh@ymcacv.org). Here are a few notes for you to remember:

1. Please arrive at the Target Retail Store located at 1019 Catawba Valley Blvd SE, Hickory, NC 28602 by 5:30 p.m. on August 9, 2023 for check in and to be paired with your student.
2. Check in at the Volunteer Registration Table to receive your student assignment.
3. Once paired with your students who should arrive at 6:00 p.m., try to create some rapport with them. Ask them about their summer, what they like to do, etc.
4. Only your assigned student and/or his parent/guardian may accompany you in the store.
5. Use all of the funds on the \$150 gift card.
6. We want to ensure that every child and volunteer is treated equitably. Please do not spend more than \$25 extra per student.
7. When checking out, please give your receipt to the YMCA staff person at the register. Print and sign your name on it. If you would like a tax receipt for any extra money you spent please tell the YMCA staff person at the register.
8. Please continue to look after your assigned child until you know the parent/guardian is looking after them. Please let us know in advance if you have to leave before the end of the shopping event so that we can assign another volunteer or staff person to pair with the child.

### **Questions? Please Contact:**

Lindsay Hardaway, Corporate Administrative Assistant  
[lindsayh@ymcacv.org](mailto:lindsayh@ymcacv.org) 828-578-6998

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Volunteer Duty Preferred (circle one):

**Food Server**

**Personal Shopper**

**Clean Up Crew**



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## **YMCA BRIGHT BEGINNINGS VOLUNTEER EXPECTATIONS**

By signing up to be a volunteer, you agree to abide by the following standards to ensure the safety of all of our students and volunteers.

- To be paired with a student, you must have signed up in advance and indicated on the form that you want to be paired with a student. We attempt to assign female/female, male/male pairs or in some cases we use volunteer couples. If you did not sign up in advance, we can use your help with another volunteer job.
- Remain outside the private changing area of the dressing room at all times. Have the student come out of the private changing room into the common area after trying on clothes to show you how well they fit.
- Do not touch the student while he or she is trying on clothes. To ensure their new clothes fit well, demonstrate how to check for fit rather than touching the child. For example, pull on your own personal waistband and ask questions like, "is it too loose here?"
- After shopping, wait in the store until Y staff directs everyone to dismiss.
- Do not exchange personal information with a child or post pictures of children on your personal social media pages. You may, however, share posts from official Y pages (the branch, association, or staff and volunteers pages).

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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## **YMCA BRIGHT BEGINNINGS FAQ'S**

### **How are the students chosen?**

Students are chosen from local Elementary Schools by faculty members based on financial need.

### **What's the format for the day?**

Volunteers will arrive at 5:30pm. Students will arrive around 6:00pm. Try to get to know your student as soon as you are paired. Your shopping time will be from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. As you complete your shopping experience, there will be bagged dinner for the children and their parent/guardian. There will be designated registers for us to check out. YMCA staff will be stationed at the registers to assist with "bagging" and name labeling the purchases. Y staff will make sure the parents get the purchases.

### **How will I know what sizes to get?**

Each student will have an information sheet with all of the size, color choices, uniform colors if applicable and other pertinent information.

### **When will I receive the Target gift card?**

You will be given the gift card at the volunteer registration table.

### **If I want to donate supplies or sponsor a child, where can I do that?**

We will have a donation box at the Y in June and July for backpacks and school supplies. You may make a monetary donation to the program at the Y or mail a check to the Y at 315 1<sup>st</sup> Ave NW, Suite 104 Hickory, NC 28601 in care of Lindsay Hardaway. All checks made payable to the YMCA of Catawba Valley identified for the Bright Beginnings Program.