

About Family Service of Greater Waterbury, Inc.

Established in 1909,
Family Service of Greater Waterbury, Inc.
is a private, nonprofit, multi-service
agency whose mission is to strengthen
families, individuals and children through
quality services, community collaboration,
and social advocacy.

Family Service of Greater Waterbury, Inc.
works collaboratively with other
community organizations to identify
community needs and develop necessary
social and mental health services to
address those needs. Services are provided
to persons in the Greater Waterbury area
and all of western Connecticut. Programs
include counseling, mental health services,
family violence prevention services, family
advocacy, therapeutic child center,
parenting programs and a safe home for
children.

Family Service of Greater Waterbury, Inc.
serves people without regard to race,
color, national origin, sex, age, religion or
ability to pay.

Why Volunteer?

We believe that volunteering reflects people's
desire to give something back to the
community by helping others who may be less
fortunate. Volunteers provide an invaluable
public service and are greatly appreciated by
our agency.

Before You Begin . . .

Know Yourself

Determine what type of activities or programs
are most meaningful to you. Do you prefer to
perform tasks which have visible results or do
you enjoy working on activities which may
have less tangible results? Would you like a
long-term commitment or a short-term project?

Investigate Opportunities

Find out what opportunities are available
within the Agency. Review activities and
programs offered. Assess how many hours
you are able to allocate for volunteering.
FSGW wants you to make the commitment
that is right for you.

Make the Right Choice

The Development Department offers an initial
volunteer orientation during which Agency
staff will answer any questions you may have
and assist you with determining what
volunteer opportunity best suits your needs
and expectations.

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Be a Volunteer!

**“We are never really happy until
we try to brighten the lives of
others.”**

- Helen Keller



Volunteering Levels & Opportunities

Level A Volunteers

Expectations

- Short-term or long-term commitment
- Volunteer in various ways at the Agency
- Limited, supervised contact with clients

Opportunities

- Make holiday food and gift
- Wrap holiday gifts
- Organize a donation drive (books, personal needs, clothing)
- Participate fundraising activities
- Assist with gardening and other projects at Chapman House
- Plan parties and events for clients

Requirements

- Provide FSGW with name, address and phone number
- Meet with program staff at Family Service of Greater Waterbury, Inc. for an initial consult.
- Complete agency volunteer application

“To the world you may be just one person, but to one person you may be the world.”
- Brandi Snyder

Level B Volunteers

Expectations

- Long-term commitment to the Agency
- Volunteer in a specific program on a regular basis
- Work directly with clients

Opportunities

- Assist in the Therapeutic Child Center
- Assist at Chapman House, the children’s safe home
- Mentor a client

Requirements

- Meet with program staff from Family Service of Greater Waterbury, Inc. for an initial consult.
- Orientation and training with specific program through program supervisor.
- Comply with agency standards including DCF background check, criminal background check.
- Provide the Director of Human Resources with 3 letters of reference, completed agency volunteer application, health form, social security card, drivers license.
- Review and sign the last two pages of the Volunteer Handbook and the Volunteer Letter of Hire.

About Chapman House

Chapman House is one of 15 safe homes statewide serving abused and neglected children between the ages of three and 12 who have been removed from their homes by the CT Department of Children and Families. Eight children can live at the House at any one time. During their stay, each child receives meals, a full medical, dental and psycho-social evaluation, and an individualized plan to ensure each child's future will include a permanent, safe home. Professionals are onsite at all times to tend to the children’s various needs.

Volunteers for Chapman House must be 21 years of age or older.

About the Therapeutic Child Center

The Therapeutic Child Center is a structured day program serving children between the ages of six weeks and four years who may be neglected or abused and are involved with the CT Department of Children and Families. Structured activities, such as art projects and storytelling, are designed to encourage age-appropriate daily living skills.

Volunteers for the Therapeutic Child Center must be 18 years of age or older.