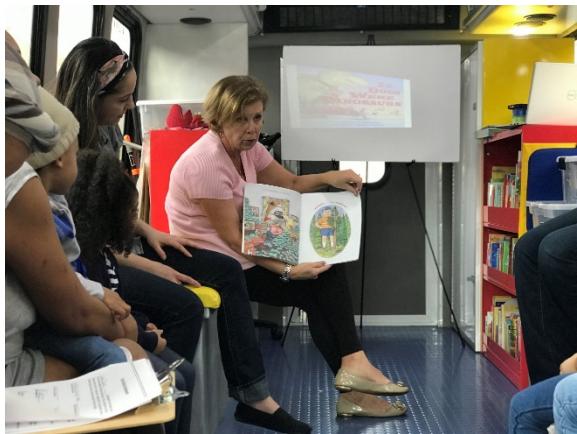


## WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES



### Reading Express

An early childhood program in partnership with Harris County Public Library and Houston Housing Authority, that delivers critical early reading programs in a mobile classroom setting for low-income 0-4 year-old children and their parents/guardians.

#### READING EXPRESS ASSISTANT

As a Reading Express Assistant, you will assist our Early Childhood Specialist on the Reading Express bus to increase skills of the parents/guardians while providing access to fun reading readiness activities. Volunteers will develop relationships with program participants, engage children and parents/guardians in reading readiness activities, and provide overall support. Volunteers are expected to commit to one 1.5-hour session every week October-May. Bilingual highly preferred. Training and background check prior to first day is required.

Please [click here](#) to view site schedule.



### Lunch Bunch

An academic enrichment program fully facilitated by volunteer mentors. Mentors are paired with a group of four single gender 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to help build their literacy skills while developing life skills every child needs.

#### LUNCH BUNCH MENTOR

As a Lunch Bunch Mentor, you will help to develop your students by exploring topics to develop their positive relationships, self-esteem, and coping techniques. An easy-to-follow curriculum is provided as a resource. Volunteers are expected to commit to at least one 30-minute session every week October-April. Up to 30 minutes of prep time is expected each week. Comprehensive training and HISD background check required prior to first day is required.

Please [click here](#) to view site schedule.

## ONE-TIME OPPORTUNITIES



### Family Literacy Night

These events are fun, interactive, and outreach approach which provides materials, education, and activities (for K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade students) to encourage reading in the home. Families take home new books and supplies to practice what they have learned in order to make reading part of their daily routine.

#### FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are expected to help manage activity stations and interact with families to help provide them with the best experience to increase their knowledge of ways to engage their kids in literacy activities. Volunteers will arrive at 5:00 pm and event will end at 7:00 pm on the following dates and locations:

- Oct. 17 – Belmont Place Apartments
- Nov. 14 – San Francisco Nativity Academy
- Jan. 23 – Shadowbriar ES
- Feb. 20 – Mark White ES
- Mar. 5 – Bruce ES
- Apr. 16 – Coral Club Apartments



### Group Enrichment Service Events

These 45-minute reading enrichment activities are great team building opportunities while providing 36 or 48 of our Reading Intervention Program students (K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade) with a fun way to improve their literacy skills.

#### ENRICHMENT VOLUNTEER

Our staff chooses the read aloud book, plans the activities, and assists your group at the event. Your team purchases the activity supplies and snacks (\$50-\$100). In addition, your team will spend on average \$250 to purchase the books that will be read aloud and given to each child to help build their home library. At least 9-12 volunteers are needed to maintain a low 4:1 child: adult ratio to ensure a successful event for all who are involved. Groups may choose from the following themed events: Fall, Winter, Valentine's Day or Spring. Please [click here](#) to view a map of our current partner HISD elementary schools where we host these events.



### **Read Aloud Month**

Read Aloud Month is a focused effort to share the love of reading during March. Just spending 15 minutes a day reading to or with a child can help bridge a ["30 Million Word Gap"](#) between low- and higher-income children by the time they reached age 4. Not to mention, this helps position the child for long-term success in school, work and life.

#### **READ ALOUD MONTH VOLUNTEER**

Volunteers can contribute to closing this gap by reading aloud in an HISD elementary classroom for 30 minutes once a week from week of February 17 through week of March 6. HISD background check required. Site schedule TBD.

[Click here](#) to view map of our current partner HISD schools.

## INDIRECT SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES



### Group Service Projects

Are you part of a service fraternity/sorority, community group, work staff, or group of friends looking for a way to give back? Throughout the year we offer various opportunities to volunteer at our main site located at Belmont Apartments (in west Houston near Briar Forest and Beltway 8).

#### GROUP SERVICE VOLUNTEER

Volunteers may be able to participate in a variety of activities such as creating literacy activities and crafts, resources, and art projects. In addition, volunteers may paint, build furniture, sort books, or stuff envelopes. Dates and times of group service projects vary based on Making It Better and groups.

To fill out a volunteer application, click [here](#).

### Administrative

Because Making It Better operates with a relatively small staff, there is often a need to complete projects and build sustainability for our organization with administrative tasks. Thus, enabling staff to fulfill our mission.

#### ADMIN VOLUNTEER

Administrative needs vary depending on a volunteer's interests and the needs of our organization. Currently, our greatest need is for data entry, donor solicitation, website development/maintenance, blog writing, and social media management. Dates and times are flexible.