

Volunteer Viewpoint July 2021

A Newsletter for Friends and Volunteers of the Agency

MISSION STATEMENT

Vision- we envision a nation where the lives of caregiving youth are understood, appreciated, and celebrated on their individual path to life's dreams and opportunities.

Mission- we champion youth, who care for chronically ill, injured, elderly or disabled family members, support their role as caregiver, safeguard and celebrate their success in school and life.

FROM THE VOLUNTEER MANAGER

Dear Volunteers:

It has been such a fun and eventful few months at AACY. After a quite interesting and unusual school year, we celebrated our graduating CYP seniors with a special event at Advent Lantana. It took the hard work of many volunteers, both at the event and behind the scenes prior, to make this event a success. We had more than 40 people who helped with painting gifts, decorating, photographing, setting up, serving food and cleaning up the venue.



Several of our mentors and mentees got together in June for an event at the Palm Beach Zoo. The pairs had a great afternoon and enjoyed lunch from Subway, zoo trivia, prizes and a chance to see the animals throughout the zoo. Some even took a run through the sprinklers to cool off from the hot day! We plan to have another event for our mentees and mentors in the next few weeks once school begins.

We are always looking for mentors to build a special bond with our caregiving youth. Please contact me, if you or someone you know is interested in learning more about this unique and important volunteer opportunity. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

With gratitude,

Amanda Levine
Volunteer Manager

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



On-going Volunteers Needed For:

Mentoring
Meal Deliveries
Tutoring
Event Transporting
Community Outreach

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: DENA NATHANSON

Clerical Assistance
Fundraising
Social Networking
Video/Photography
Writing
Public Relations
Basic Computer Skills

**Want to make a difference in the lives
of caregiving youth?**

Contact me today!

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Dena Nathanson has been volunteering with AACY for the past two years. What started out as helping with some office work has turned into much more.

Dena learned of AACY a couple years ago when she Googled "volunteering in my community" and hundreds of options appeared. She didn't want a "job," but rather something that made her feel like she was helping the community in some way. AACY's mission grabbed her attention because they help youth in a difficult situation, which in turn helps the disabled.

The caregiver role is something Dena closely relates to. She has a daughter with disabilities and a husband who had pancreatic cancer (doing fine now, 10 years after treatment).

Dena has been a very important volunteer throughout the past year and half while our programming has changed to accommodate socially distanced events.

After spending some months doing data entry, she now delivers packages directly to the kids so they can participate in Zoom activities. Anytime a package needed to be delivered to the caregiving youth for any virtual event, Dena was the first to sign up.

Through rain and wind, she made sure that the students received their materials, so they could partake in the activity. She has also helped in a variety of other short-term jobs in and outside of the office.

"I really like the people and feel I'm making a small difference," said Dena.

AACY is fortunate to have the help and support from Dena, a lovely and responsible woman, who is always willing to lend a hand for the organization.



Volunteers Ann and Marcy painting pots & rocks for CYP Graduates!



AACY Board Members volunteering at the CYP Graduation Celebration. Pictured here from l to r: Treasurer & Events Chair Debralyn Belletieri; Althea Ceasor; Secretary Isabel Parrado; & Board Chair Rosie Inguanzo-Martin.