

# Volunteer Information 2020



Thank you for considering The Infants' Home as a place to volunteer. Volunteering at The Infants' Home provides a great team building activity for you and your organisation, while ensuring the children have a safe and welcoming environment to learn and play. Wednesday is our scheduled corporate volunteer day.

## About the Infants Home

The Infants' Home is a not for profit organisation that provides award-winning integrated early childhood education, family day care, early intervention and support services to thousands of children (aged from 0 to 6) and their families.

The Infants' Home began as a rescue operation and orphanage for abandoned babies in 1874. For over 145 years we have challenged conventional wisdom to protect children at risk and strengthen families living with vulnerabilities, so they can break the cycles of hardship, fear and hopelessness that affects so many lives. We were one of the first organisations in NSW to pioneer a range of care options to meet the needs of young children and their families, including long day care and family day care.



Today, over 30% of our onsite services are targeted to support children and families living with vulnerabilities or who have additional needs. Each day across our six Early Childhood Education and Care centres on site, we care for almost 300 children. Our centres operate Monday to Friday, from 7am to 6pm. 52 weeks a year – excluding public holidays only.

## Volunteering at The Infants' Home

As a registered charity we rely on volunteers to support our work with children and families. Volunteering is an opportunity for your team to help us fulfil our mission to provide **"each child every opportunity"**.

## What's involved?

With 10 playgrounds, 6 children's services, lots of buildings, equipment and gardens that require regular maintenance, as well as a schedule of annual events, we appreciate your help! Volunteering with us is a mix of indoor and outdoor activities to help maintain and support our operations. No two volunteering days are alike.



**Just some of the tasks on offer are:** Gardening, leaf-blowing, washing toys, cleaning out sheds, painting, building equipment, mowing lawns, covering books in contact, helping set up/pack up for events, cooking and serving BBQs, preparing materials for children's activities, administration.

### **On the day:**

We are located at 17 Henry Street, Ashfield. Arrive by 8.50am for a 9.00am induction. Your day will finish between 3pm and 3.30pm. Morning tea (biscuits, fruit, tea and coffee) and lunch (platter of mixed sandwiches) are included in the cost for the day.

The minimum group size is 5 and maximum group size is 15.

### **What to wear and bring:**

- Clothes for outdoor/gardening work: closed toed comfortable shoes, hat and sunglasses
- Corporate t-shirt or hat if available
- Filtered water is available on site, BYO reusable cup or bottle

### **Costs:**

- We charge a donation/fee to cover our costs in providing a structured and supervised volunteering day and team bonding experience.

Our standard fee is \$350 +GST for a group of 5-10 volunteers. Groups over 10 people will be charged an additional \$25pp. The fee includes catering for the day. The invoice for the fee must be paid a week before the volunteer day.

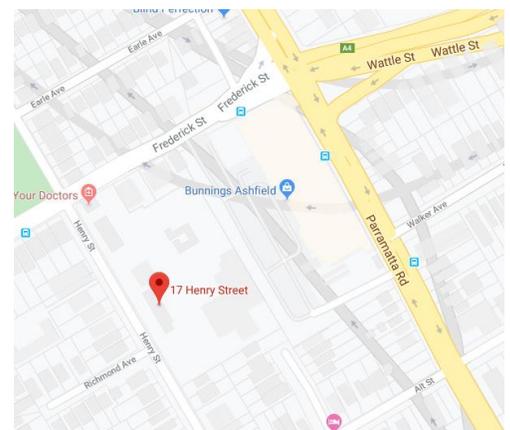
There are additional packages available that you can choose to fund in addition to the donation/fee – see next page for details

- Teams are able to enjoy a lovely lunch on our grounds which is a great opportunity for team bonding.

### **Transport: Parking and Entry**

There is no onsite parking, please park on surrounding streets (SEE MAP). We ask that you please do not park on Henry Street as we need to keep that space free for parent pick ups/drop offs.

Train and bus: The Infants' Home is a 15 minute from Ashfield Station and close to local bus stops on Parramatta Rd and Frederick St. Check details at [131500.com.au](http://131500.com.au)



## Corporate Volunteering Packages 2020

Please see below for Corporate Volunteer Packages your team can be involved in.

Weekly Volunteer Days	Item	Contribution
<p>Standard corporate volunteering package (for 5-10 people)</p> <p>Groups over 10 people will be charged an additional \$25pp (+ GST)</p>	<p>Structured, supervised volunteering and team bonding experience. Volunteers work in small teams to help keep our vast gardens, grounds, playgrounds and early education centres in top shape, and to contribute to the success of our programs and events for children and families.</p> <p>Included: Induction, Morning tea and Lunch (Water, coffee, tea, biscuits, mixed tray of sandwiches and fruit).</p>	\$350 + GST
<b>Projects</b>	<p><b>Want to make a bigger contribution?</b></p> <p>Below are Projects you can be involved in which require additional funding and will be billed additional to the standard package</p>	<b>Additional Project Donation</b>
<b>Playground Perk-Up</b>	<p>Your team can help install/set up a veggie patch or new piece of playground equipment to enable children to learn to care for their environment, develop muscle strength and coordination, and gain self-confidence</p> <p>Your additional contribution assists in the purchase of plants and equipment for the playgrounds</p>	\$300 + GST
<b>Sandpit Top Up</b> (1 available each year)	<p>There are ten sandpits on site which help children experience imaginative and cooperative play as well as developing gross and fine motor skills. But, sand always finds its way out of our sandpits, so we need to top them all up at least once a year.</p> <p>Your contribution helps cover the cost of 5 tonnes of sand and delivery.</p>	\$440 + GST
<b>Staff Event Support:</b> help host one of our staff team building events (6 available)	<p>Each year we hold a series of staff lunches or morning teas so our team, who work across our vast site, can come together to celebrate a significant event. Your support recognises our staff who provide essential support services for children and families in the community. And you are invited to join in!</p> <p>Dates include: International Women's Day in March, NAIDOC Week in July, and Educator's Day in September.</p> <p>Volunteers set up for meal service, cook the BBQ or set up morning tea, join us for the event and help pack up. Your additional contribution assists with catering requirements.</p>	\$250 + GST
<b>Lawn Makeover #1 and #2</b> <b>Two available each year</b> (Conducted twice annually, requires a team of 8-12 people each time)	<p>The Infants' Home's vast gardens are a green oasis for the children, many of whom live locally in units. Our main lawn is where our events are held, and where touch footy, yoga, mindfulness and other children's physical development sessions take place. This project is key to maintaining our green spaces.</p> <p>Your contribution helps cover: full day hire of lawn plugging machine, 10 bags of fertiliser, 10 bags of topsoil.</p>	\$1,340 + GST
<b>The Sandpit Project</b> (1 available each year) (requires larger group of volunteers, usually over 2 days)	<p>Sandpits offer great opportunities for children's creative play. Our five early education and care centres have ten sandpits that require the replacement of 25 tonnes of sand each year!</p> <p>Your contribution will help cover the cost of 25 tonnes of sand and delivery, wheelbarrow and shovel hire.</p>	\$2,000 + GST