

## The Infants' Home Corporate Volunteer Program 2021

Thank you for considering The Infants' Home as a place to volunteer. Volunteering at The Infants' Home is a great team building activity for you and your organisation. Hundreds of volunteers work with us each year to help maintain our equipment and beautiful grounds, create resources for children, support events, and contribute to a clean and pleasant environment for staff, children and families. Wednesday is our scheduled corporate volunteer day.

### About The Infants' Home

The Infants' Home is a not for profit charity 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 almost 150 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.

Thirty percent of our onsite services are targeted to support children and families living with vulnerabilities or who have additional needs. Each day across our onsite five Early Childhood Education and Care centres, we care for almost 300 children. Our centres operate Monday to Friday, 7.00 am to 6.00 pm, 52 weeks a year, excluding public holidays.



### 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, five 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. The maximum group size is 8, and we require that a minimum of 5 volunteers attend on the day.



### Some of the tasks on offer are:

Gardening, leaf-blowing, washing toys, cleaning out sheds, painting, building equipment, mowing lawns, covering children's 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 3.00 pm and 3.30 pm. Morning tea is 11.00 am - 11.30 am and the lunch break is 1.00 pm - 1.45 pm. If you choose not to order a platter of sandwiches for lunch catering, we request that you bring your lunch with you for the day, rather than leaving the site. We have basic kitchenette facilities available for food preparation and storage (microwave, toaster, hot and cold filtered water, fridge and freezer).

### What to wear and bring:

- Clothes for outdoor/gardening work: closed toed, comfortable shoes; hat and sunglasses; sleeved tops.
- Corporate t-shirt or hat if available.
- Refillable water bottle—filtered water is available on site.
- Lunch if you are not having lunch catered.
- Facemask.

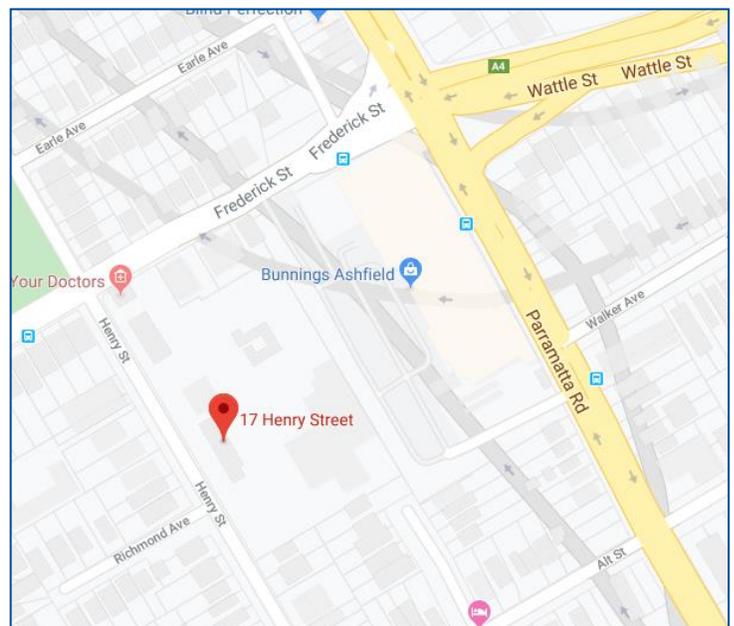
### Costs:

- You can choose to have lunch (a tray of mixed sandwiches) catered for \$12.00 pp. We will invoice you for this, and payment will be required one week prior to your volunteer day. If your team chooses not to have catering, they are requested to bring lunch with them, rather than leaving the site to buy lunch.
- There are additional packages available that you can choose to fund as part of your volunteer day, please see over page for details.

### Transport

There is no onsite parking, so volunteers who drive will need to park on surrounding streets (see map). We ask that you please do not park on Henry Street as we aim to keep that space free for parents to pick up/drop off their children.

The Infants' Home is a 15 minute walk from Ashfield Station and is also close to bus stops located on Parramatta Road and Frederick Street. Check public transport details at [131500.com.au](http://131500.com.au)



## Corporate Volunteering Packages 2021

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

Weekly Volunteer Days	Item	Contribution
Standard corporate volunteering package (for 5-8 people) with catering	<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 (coffee, tea, biscuits, mixed tray of sandwiches and fruit).</p>	\$12.00 per person for catering (sandwiches for lunch) if this option is chosen.
<b>Projects</b>	<p><b>Want to make a bigger contribution?</b> 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>	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. Your additional contribution assists in the purchase of plants and equipment for the playgrounds.	\$300 + GST
<b>Sandpit Top Up</b> (1 available each year)	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. Your contribution helps cover the cost of 5 tonnes of sand and delivery.	\$440 + GST
<b>Staff Event Support:</b> help host one of our staff and team building events	<p>Each year we hold a series of staff lunches and/or morning teas so our team, who work across our vast site, can come together to celebrate special events. 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>Volunteers set up for meal service, to cook the BBQ or set up morning tea, join us for the event and help pack up. Your additional contribution assists with catering.</p>	\$250 + GST
<b>Lawn Makeover #1 and #2</b> <b>Two available each year</b> (Conducted twice annually, requires a team of 8 people each time)	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. Your contribution helps cover: full day hire of lawn plugging machine, 10 bags of fertiliser, 10 bags of topsoil.	\$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

\* Temporarily suspended due to COVID-19