



The Infants' Home Corporate Volunteer Program 2023

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 children, families and staff. 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 and early intervention, family day care and support services for children from birth to school age, 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. Each year we commit to providing individually-focused and coordinated support to the at least 30 percent of our families enrolled in our onsite services who are identified as requiring wrap-around support and early intervention due to living in vulnerable circumstances, having complex needs or having a child with a disability or developmental issues. Each day across our four onsite 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, 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, four 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 volunteer group size is 10, and we require a **minimum of five volunteers to attend on the day**.

Volunteer tasks

Some of the activities on offer include: gardening, leaf-blowing, high pressure water cleaning, washing toys, cleaning/tidying sheds, painting, assembling equipment and furniture, mowing lawns, covering children's books in contact, helping set up/run/pack up for events, preparing materials for children's activities and administrative tasks. Each volunteer day is different, and scheduled tasks vary from week to week depending on the needs in our services.



Schedule for the day

Arrive by 8.50 am for a 9.00 am induction. Morning tea is 11.00 am - 11.30 am and the lunch break is 1.00 pm - 1.45 pm. Your day will finish between 3.00 pm and 3.30 pm.

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
- Sunscreen.

Catering

The Infants' Home will arrange catering for morning tea and lunch. Information about dietary requirements will be sought in advance of the volunteer day. We ask that volunteers not to leave our site during the day for lunch as this is provided. **Please note that we are a nut free service and that foods containing nuts are not permitted to be consumed or brought onsite.**

Costs

A non-refundable booking fee of \$350 (excl GST) is required to secure a volunteer place for your organisation. This fee covers catering for the group as well as our staff and administrative costs for running the day. You will be invoiced, and payment will be required prior to your volunteer day to confirm your booking. There are also additional packages available that you can choose to fund as part of your volunteer day. Please see over page for details.

Cancellation

A minimum of five volunteers is required to attend to make the day worthwhile. If fewer than five volunteers are available on the day, or the volunteer booking is cancelled with less than two weeks' notice, the booking fee will be forfeited.

COVID Safety

We are committed to the health, safety and wellbeing of our children, families, staff and volunteers. In line with current NSW Health requirements, masks are not currently required, however a mask may be worn at your own discretion. Volunteers are encouraged to practice physical distancing where possible, especially when indoors, and good hand hygiene is required. From time to time there may be different or additional COVID-safe requirements in place, depending on current advice from the NSW Departments of Health and Education, or should cases rise or new COVID strains appear.

Getting to and parking at The Infants' Home

Onsite parking is reserved for parents who use our service only. Volunteers who drive will need to park on surrounding streets. The Infants' Home is a 15-minute walk from Ashfield Station and is within 5 to 10 minute's walking distance from bus stops located on Parramatta Road and Frederick Street. Check public transport details at 131500.com.au.

2023 Corporate Volunteer Packages to Help at The Infants' Home

Standard Volunteer Package	Description	Contribution
<p>Standard Corporate Volunteering Package (for 5 to 10 people), which includes catering. *Please note, there is a five person minimum.</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. Included: Induction, morning tea (coffee, tea, biscuits and fresh fruit) and lunch (mixed sandwiches catered by a local Café).</p>	<p>\$350 + GST</p>
Additional Projects	Do you want to make a bigger contribution? Below are projects you can be involved in which will be billed in addition to the Standard Corporate Volunteering Package.	Additional Project Donation
<p>Staff Events. Help host one of our staff and team building events.</p>	<p>Each year we hold a series of staff events so our team, who work across our vast site, can come together to network and connect, and you are invited to join in! Volunteers set up, join us for the event and help pack up. Your additional project donation contributes to event catering costs.</p>	<p>\$500 + GST</p>
<p>Garden Perk-Up. Contribute to our beautiful heritage gardens and grounds.</p>	<p>Your team can help install/set up a veggie patch or flower garden for our children and community to enjoy. Your additional contribution assists in the purchase of plants and equipment.</p>	<p>\$250 + GST</p>
<p>Lawn Makeovers Conducted twice annually, this requires a team of at least eight to ten people each time.</p>	<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 many play-based learning experiences are run for our children. Twice yearly Lawn Makeovers are essential to maintaining our lush green spaces. Your project donation helps cover the full day hire of a lawn coring machine and the purchase of fertiliser and topsoil.</p>	<p>\$2,500 + GST</p>
<p>The Sandpit Refresh. One available each year. (Requires larger group of volunteers, usually over two days).</p>	<p>Sandpits offer great opportunities for children's creative play. Our four early education and care centres and our community space have ten sandpits between them that require the replacement of 25 tonnes of sand each year! Your project donation helps cover the cost of 25 tonnes of sand and delivery, wheelbarrow and shovel hire.</p>	<p>\$4,600 + GST</p>