

Project Title: Friendship Day Care #102**Job Title: Assistant Teacher or Lead Teacher****Job description:**

The volunteer will be asked to give general guidance to students at the pre-school or school age center. The children will be supervised in their indoor and outdoor play, in training for their self help skills, as well as learning skills. The volunteer will assist the head teacher as well as plan some independent activities. Volunteers will also be asked to open and close the day care, meet parents and communicate with parents about mutual concerns. Regular field trip supervision, minor household duties, maintenance, driving the van as well as other duties that might accompany child care may be asked of the volunteer.

Minimum requirements:

A high school diploma or equivalent is required for the assistant teacher. The lead teacher must have 7 college hours of early childhood course work or have worked at least 3 months in a day care/pre-school setting. It is also expected that the volunteer will have a love for children and be able to deal sensitively with those at risk. Experience is helpful but not required. Hopefully, the volunteer will be of good health and capable of active participation with the children.

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The Church of the Brethren joined Friendship Day Care in 1978. The project was begun several years earlier by a local Mennonite church which has phased out of the corporation about 8 years ago. The goals of the project are to provide quality child care out of a Christian concern for children, to provide care on a sliding scale for lower income families and also to work with those children who may be at risk because of special circumstances. The corporation has two homes which house the day care and pre-school with 6-8 staff members including an administrator, and volunteer staff (BVS and/or MVS). The buildings are located in central Hutchinson which is a "rural city" of 41,000. Hutchinson is located in south/central Kansas less than 100 miles directly south of the geographic center of the USA. It has a shopping mall, fairly diverse shopping and eating establishments, a goodwill store, and several opportunities for the fine arts (both spectating and participating). The National Junior College Basketball Tournament, the Kansas State Fair, the National Softball Tournament and the Mennonite Relief Auction, all have a home in Hutchinson. Hutchinson is a one day drive from the Rocky Mountains. Also very important is the caring and support which comes from the Community Church of the Brethren.

Housing for volunteer:

Independent apartment on project site

The volunteers live in an upstairs apartment (just recently refurbished) above the day care.

Additional factors:

The project could actually accommodate either short term or handicapped volunteers depending on conditions. Because of the activity required for participation with children and the upstairs apartment, placement would be very difficult for certain handicaps.