



14 School for children with visual impairments

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The School was founded in 1939, and it's the only one in its kind, where the education is organized with Braille system. The pupils come from marzes (regions) of the Republic of Armenia as well as Republic of Nagorno-Karabakh. They have various degrees of eyesight impairments. In the course of the existence of the school thanks to the knowledge and education that they obtained most of the graduates were able to find their place in the society` achieving success in various spheres of sciences. The school is not a merely educational institution, but a place insuring a 11 years of safe, secure, interesting and productive life for blind children. There are various artistic working groups in the school – painting, dancing, singing, piano, violin, etcetera which gives the pupils the opportunity to have a closer contact with different fields of art. The school also provides with professional education, the pupils get the degree in massage acquire computer skills, they actively participate in inter-school educational Olympiads in different subjects – being rewarded with certificates and 1st rate diplomas. The staff of the school needs help to organize more activities and different workshops for the children, help in teaching foreign languages and bring new ideas and interests to their work. The European volunteer who will bring with them new fresh ideas, new games, new culture, new language and just love and joy. The kids feel their love, their kindness, warmth and devoted work, which is the most important above all for the center.

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

The volunteer should be active, communicative, and creative for working with coordinators and responsible person. S/he should have English writing and communicating skills.

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS -
1





VOLUNTEER TASKS

The volunteer will spend their service in the school, close to the city center of Yerevan. He/she will be involved in all programs and will be encouraged to propose his/her own ideas and suggestions. The volunteer will live and work with the local community. Apart from working with the children, he/she will have the possibility to spend his/her free time with them and to learn a lot about Armenia. The volunteer will be involved in discussions and seminars about the future of the children and will be able to share his/her opinion on the situation with parents and staff of hospitals. With the help of the volunteer they will be able to organize more workshops, in which the children according to their health can draw, sculpture, sing and dance. The volunteer will help children to participate in all arts workshops and to support the staff in organizing these activities (painting, sculpturing, handicrafts, etc.) . He/she will establish social contact with individual children and their parents by chats and games. . He/she will present his/her country and culture to the children, organize dancing and singing evenings, teach songs and etc. . Create workshops on different interesting topics . Excursions and outdoor activities . The volunteer will have the task to help organizing exhibitions of the art works of the children on different topics . Organizing sport competition activities in the territory . Organization of thematic evenings and meetings . Searching for international partners and donors in different countries, making posters and booklets about the school in English . Assist teachers in elementary foreign language teaching Support and training will be provided by the staff of the organization and by the community. The volunteer will be invited to social events and will be supported in learning and practicing basic Armenian language, according to his/her wish. The volunteer will play a big role in Host organization and will be actively involved in organizational group of preparing different events and free time activities. The volunteer will receive language training 2 times per week during the first half of their ESC Service provided by a language teacher in a special language center. Therefore the main acquisitions of the volunteer throughout the project would be: 1. Better understanding of the work with children, especially those with fewer opportunities 2. Better self-organisation and sense of initiative 3. Improved ability of working in an organisation using a foreign language (English and then Armenian) 4. Language skills in Armenian language

WHAT OUR LONG-TERM VOLUNTEER IS SAYING...

"I look after the children and I play with them. I also support teachers in their daily work".

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