



## **Volunteer Role Description**

**Role:** Event Photographer

**Location:** Flexible in the UK, at our fundraising events or wishes

**Hours:** Flexible/by arrangement

**Length of commitment:** This is a flexible volunteering opportunity so the time commitment will be determined by the availability of the volunteer.

**Volunteer Managers:** Jack Wilson, Senior Communications Manager, Molly Long, Communications Officer

### **About volunteering with Rays of Sunshine**

We brighten the lives of seriously ill young people by granting wishes and providing ongoing support in hospital and within the community, but we couldn't do it without our amazing volunteers.

It's more than volunteering with us, it's making magic happen. By joining us, you'll play a crucial role in turning the dreams of seriously ill children into reality. In whatever role you take on - from helping with fundraising, events, or wishes, you'll help create memories that last a lifetime for seriously ill children and for you too.

### **Purpose of role**

We're on a mission to grant magical wishes and create lasting memories for seriously ill children and their families. But we need more volunteer photographers to help us capture the magic and become a Team Sunshine volunteer photographer!

Imagine: beaming smiles, excited faces, and moments of pure joy captured forever in stunning photographs. These are the memories that our volunteers and event participants cherish, and they're made possible by passionate photographers like you!

Do you have the eye for capturing life's special moments? Are you a hobbyist photographer eager to hone your skills or a seasoned pro looking to give back? Then Team Sunshine needs you!

Join us at one of our events, like the London Marathon, and be the storyteller through your lens. Witness the dedication of our volunteers, the thrill of participants achieving their dreams, and the magic that unfolds.

Your photos will be more than just images. They'll be treasured keepsakes for event participants, shared stories on social media, and potentially even featured in future advertising campaigns, showcasing the power of our mission.

We'll provide all the support you need, from detailed event briefings to ensuring you have access to the best vantage points. All you need to bring is your passion, your camera, and your willingness to be part of something truly special.

Ready to make a difference with your talent? Simply fill out the form below and let's chat! We'll connect you with the perfect event opportunity near you, where you can volunteer, capture the magic, and have a blast while doing it.

As a Team Sunshine photographer, you'll be more than just a volunteer. You'll be a memory maker, a storyteller, and a vital part of the community that brings hope and joy to those who need it most. So, are you ready to shine your light? We're waiting for you!

#### **What's in it for you:**

- *Make a real difference:* Witness the impact of your photos firsthand as they spread joy, raise awareness, and help grant wishes for seriously ill children.
- *Develop your photography skills:* Gain valuable experience working in event environments, refining your technical skills and creative vision.
- *Join a supportive community:* Be part of a friendly and passionate team, connecting with event organisers, volunteers, and participants.
- *Enjoy flexible opportunities:* Choose events that fit your schedule and interests, volunteering as much or as little as you like.
- *Build your portfolio:* Add impactful and meaningful work to your portfolio, showcasing your skills to potential employers.

#### **Main Tasks:**

- Capture candid and engaging photos of event participants, volunteers, and key moments throughout the event. This could include portraits, action shots, and context imagery.
- Focus on capturing the spirit and emotion of the event, highlighting the joy, hope, and magic on display.
- Be adaptable and flexible to changing situations and shooting scenarios, including working with different lighting conditions and potentially large crowds.
- Follow event guidelines and instructions regarding photo permissions, prohibited areas, and specific shots requested by the organizers.
- Post-process selected photos according to provided specifications, ensuring high quality and appropriate editing for online and print use.
- Collaborate with event organizers on photo selection and potential future use of images.

#### **Desired knowledge, skills and experience:**

While previous experience is beneficial, Rays of Sunshine welcomes passionate individuals with the desire to learn and contribute. We can provide training and support to help volunteers hone their skills and become valuable members of the team.

- Passion for Rays of Sunshine's work and a good knowledge of the services we offer
- Be outgoing and personable
- Strong photography skills and creative vision: Ability to compose compelling shots, utilise lighting effectively, and adapt to different settings.
- Working knowledge of digital photography equipment: Familiarity with DSLR or mirrorless cameras, basic lens knowledge, and understanding of camera settings.
- Basic post-processing skills: Ability to edit photos for colour correction, exposure adjustments, and minor cropping.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills: Ability to work effectively with event organisers, volunteers, and participants, and follow instructions clearly.
- Discretion and respect for privacy: Understanding of consent protocols and ensuring responsible use of captured images.

### **Training and Support**

The following training and support will be given:

- **Safeguarding:** Mandatory training on child protection policies and procedures, recognising abuse, and reporting concerns.
- **Confidentiality:** Importance of keeping personal information confidential, especially regarding beneficiaries and their families.
- **Data protection:** Understanding and adhering to data protection regulations when capturing and storing photos.

Training will be delivered by online modules that flexible and accessible for self-paced learning.

### **Rays of Sunshine Values**

Our values are at the heart of everything we do and help guide us in our mission to grant more magical wishes for seriously ill children.

- **Kindness** - We are kind to ourselves and others in everything we do.
- **Joy** - We work with fun, passion, and a sprinkle of magic.
- **Empowerment** - We work to build confidence and nurture potential.
- **Connection** - We build strong connections with everyone in our wish community.
- **Integrity** - We are honest and trusted to do the right thing.

Rays of Sunshine is committed to being an equal opportunities organisation; to promoting equal opportunities and preventing discrimination. Rays of Sunshine is also committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all service users, volunteers and staff and expects all volunteers and staff to share this commitment.

**To discuss becoming a Rays of Sunshine Event Photographer Volunteer, please get in touch:**

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