



Volunteer Role Description

Role: Event Volunteer

Location: Various, across the UK, at our fundraising events

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 Manager: Jaimal Patel, Challenge & Community Fundraising Manager.

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. Our team is best described as small but mighty. For us to have more impact, we need the help of volunteers who can give the gift of their time to help us achieve our goals.

We have a portfolio of challenge events with hundreds of people taking part every year, raising vital income for us. We require the support of volunteers to support at our events. For example, you may be asked to cheer participants on, help give out refreshments, marshal or collect donations.

Our largest fundraising challenge is the London Marathon, which is our single biggest fundraising event raising in excess of £100,000 with over 30 people running as part of Team Sunshine. On the day you will help cheer on our runners at dedicated points along the course, giving them the encouragement, they need to get to the finish line. We will have clappers, miniflags, whistles, megaphones, and lots more to give out! With your help, we can raise as much awareness as possible for Rays of Sunshine.

If you fancy joining us at one of our events, like the London Marathon, this is the role for you.

Main tasks could include:

- Cheering at events to give our participants all the encouragement they need to complete their challenge.

- Hand out race packs and refreshments
- Marshalling the route
- Help pack up or pack down equipment (if able to)
- Be adaptable and flexible to changing situations.

What skills do I need to have?

- Be helpful: there might be different tasks we need your assistance with at the event.
- Friendly, you'll be an ambassador of Rays of Sunshine whilst volunteering with us.
- Energetic as you might be on your feet for long periods of time.
- Excited to raise awareness of Rays of Sunshine.
- Ability to talk about Rays of Sunshine to the general public.

Why volunteer with us?

- Make a real difference: Witness the impact of your support firsthand as you spread joy and raise awareness.
- Join a supportive community: Be part of a friendly and passionate team, connecting with people who are driven to make more wishes happen.
- Gain experience and a great way to get involved in the events sector or challenge events.
- Enjoy flexible opportunities: volunteer at times that fit your schedule and interests, volunteering as much or as little as you like.
- Meet new people from different backgrounds.

What training and support will I receive?

Rays of Sunshine staff will get in contact with you about supporting our challenge events as a volunteer. We will work with you to find the perfect role and event for you to support at.

You will be provided with all details about what to expect prior to the day and a dedicated point of contact on the day. You will meet the staff and other enthusiastic volunteers who will support you. Refreshments will be provided but, you may want to bring your own as well. We will provide you with any equipment needed such as clappers, cheering sticks, whistles, and a megaphone for you to cheer on our supporters - and a free Rays of Sunshine t-shirt to make you stand out.

Training

- Learn about the work of Rays of Sunshine

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 Volunteer, please get in touch:

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