Volunteer Role Descriptions - October 2026

All roles take place at our offices at El Centro de la Raza on Beacon Hill unless otherwise noted.

Interested? Please email volunteer@openarmsps.org or complete the Open Arms Volunteer Interest Form here.

Recurring Roles

Baby Boutique – Spanish-Speaking Support

What: Welcome and support Spanish-speaking community members during our free Baby Boutique Thursdays. Greet families, guide them through our space, and assist with requests for baby items and resources. Children are welcome to join. Conversational fluency in Spanish and English needed. Please inquire about volunteer stipends available for this role.

When: Thursdays, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm (Consistency needed, but flexible shifts and commitment)

Baby Boutique and Resource Pick-Up Support

This volunteer role can look different from Thursday to Thursday. In-office volunteers help with organizing and inventorying items and donations in our warehouse and Baby Boutique spaces, data entry, packing orders, greeting families, and prepping for upcoming events.

When: Thursdays, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm (Consistency needed, but flexible shifts and commitment)

Baby Boutique Prep / Resource Pick-Up Support

What: Help prepare for Baby Boutique Thursdays and assist with resource pick-up appointments outside of Thursday hours. Tasks include packing family orders, inventorying items, helping transport items to cars, organizing/sorting donations, and keeping the space tidy. Occasional admin or event prep support may also be needed.

When: Monday-Wednesday 9:30 am - 3:30 pm (Consistency needed, flexible shifts and commitment)

Delivery Driver

What: Pickup essential items (diapers, wipes, formula, car seats, etc.) from our partner, West Side Baby, for delivery to our Beacon Hill offices. Reliable vehicle, valid driver's license, and proof of auto insurance required.

When: Pickups on 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 9:30 am - 2:00 pm in West Seattle

Where: Pickup at West Side Baby in White Center, drop-off at our Beacon Hill offices

Neighborhood Resource Connector

What: Help us source essential baby and family items by scouting local Buy Nothing groups, community giveaway pages, and other donation networks. As a Resource Connector, you'll reference our list of Highly Requested Baby Items, arrange pickups with donors, and drop off donations at our office. This role is ideal for someone who enjoys community engagement, has reliable transportation, and wants to make a tangible impact behind the scenes.

When: Flexible schedule, based on your availability and item pickup needs. Most drop-offs occur Monday - Friday between 9:30 am – 3:30 pm.

Where: Pickups will vary; drop-offs at our Beacon Hill offices

Outreach Ambassador

What: With a staff member, represent the organization at community events, sharing information about our programs with prospective participants, partners, and supporters. Twice a year commitment; training included.

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Where: Varies upon event location. Geographic preferences honored

Up-Coming Events

Ridwell Donation Sorting:

- **When:** Tuesday, November 17th. Flexible from 2 pm - 4 pm
  Where: Somali Health Board Event Center; in the Elephant Room
  5907 Martin Luther King Jr Way S, Seattle, WA 98118
- **What**: Help inspect, organize, and repackage baby items inside the event space for redistribution to families. Donations are currently stored onsite in outside storage and will be moved indoors for sorting. There is plenty of parking available, and the location is near public transit.
- Signup sheet here

Winterfest:

- **When:** Saturday, December 5th, shifts are flexible from 9 AM - 4:30 PM.
- **What**: Annual holiday celebration that is open to community and client families. Roles will include greeting and directing families, distributing diapers, toys and other resources, supporting gifting and crafting stations and helping carrying items back to cars.
- **Where:** Open Arms Offices at El Centro de la Raza; 2524 16th Ave S, Seattle, WA 98144

- Opportunities:
    - Volunteers wanted for setup, event staffing, and cleanup
    - Collect and donate toys to give away, brand new preferred, gently used also accepted. Toy Drive flyer.