

## VOLUNTEER PROGRAM BY THE NUMBERS 2019-2020

**444** total FloCrit volunteers

**2,668** total hours volunteered  
at FloCrit from April '19-March '20  
*(that's the equivalent of 111 full  
days of volunteer service, and a  
20% increase over the same  
period 2018-2019!)*

**33 regular ECE  
volunteers** volunteered **1112**  
hours. While accounting for only  
**7%** of the total volunteer  
population, they contributed over  
**42%** of the total volunteer hours.

**24** volunteers worked across  
different program areas, including  
over **70 hours in Baby  
Bucks**, nearly **100 hours in  
direct programming** and  
over **130 hours on admin-  
related projects**, contributing  
to **\$8,250 in in-kind work**  
for Florence Crittenton Services

**Thank you all!**

## WELCOME TO OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER!

Hello wonderful volunteers! We are so excited to release our first volunteer newsletter. Each month we will share updates, spotlights, profiles of amazing volunteers, and general information regarding our volunteer program.

As COVID-19 has inhabited our world over these past few months, our community response has shifted. FCS staff has been working to ensure that all of our young moms and their children have immediate basic needs support. Thanks to all who volunteered as Community Ambassadors for our Basic Needs drive in April! SFSP staff have been in touch with each of our moms on a weekly basis, maintaining the important connections that form the foundation of our program. ECE teachers have continued advancing their many early childhood certifications and have stayed in touch with moms and kids in their classrooms through phone, livestreaming, and a special app to track activities and progress. And at the beginning of May, our leadership team shared more about how Florence Crittenton Services is navigating this crisis, and some thoughts about how we're moving forward on our first virtual FloChat. We recorded this conversation and if you are interested, you can find it [here](#).

The end of May is always FloCrit graduation, and while we are disappointed not to be able to gather together for our special ceremony, we are looking forward to our virtual ceremony, scheduled for June 12. The FloCrit Junior Board is holding a fundraiser to give each graduating mom a bouquet of flowers and a bag of graduation goodies, to have a celebration at home with their families as we all tune in to watch graduation. We're also collecting virtual notes from community members who would like to wish graduating seniors well. If you're interested in filling out that card, click [here](#). We will share the graduation link with our volunteers, as many of you may also be interested in joining!

The volunteer team has been working hard to create and assemble opportunities for our volunteers that are safe, meaningful, and genuine. We are pretty certain that we will have opportunities to volunteer on-campus this summer assisting with Baby Bucks and basic needs support. We're working with other departments, including the ECE Center, to identify the best ways to move forward with volunteer engagement in our new reality. We appreciate your patience as we continue to determine what our campus life will look like, and how volunteers will play a part! As always, thank you, and stay safe and healthy!

-Theresa & Maggie

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*“The daily commitments that we make to others are more beautiful than an expensive date or extravagant gift.” –Destiny Arias-Buckeye, ECE*

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## **SPOTLIGHT ON: 2019-2020 REGIS INTERNS**

For the last several years, Florence Crittenton Services has been fortunate to have a robust partnership with Regis University and their Center for Student Learning that has been responsible for sending many fabulous young people who have made an impact in a variety of areas on campus, most primarily the Early Childhood Education Center. These interns came from two different programs within the Center for Student Learning: Community-Based Work Study, and The EnRoute program, a two-semester philosophy and writing class for first years, in which direct service is a component. Because we didn't get to properly send our interns off at the end of their year of service, we thought we'd make them our first ever Volunteer Newsletter Spotlight. All interns from the year are listed below, and pictures are presented for those who sent one in.

### **2019-2020 ENROUTE INTERNS**

#### **Destiny Arias-Buckeye, rising sophomore, nursing major**

ECE Intern, Room 118

“The best memory I have at FloCrit is the establishment of my relationship with one of the children in room 118 who had a difficult time warming up to my presence in the classroom. After several months of trying to form a relationship with the child, one day, the child sought comfort in me during an emotional experience that she had endured. She whimpered in my arms with her head on my shoulder until she fell asleep.”



Destiny lives in Denver and is spending the summer assisting with the care of her baby brother, working part-time at Starbucks, taking an Art Appreciation course at CCD and a Certified Nursing Assistant course at St. Joseph's Hospital.



#### **Claire Bouffard, rising sophomore, nursing major**

ECE Intern, Room 120

“My favorite memory was attending the Valentine's Day party getting to see all of the kids dance with their moms and getting to know everyone better!”

Claire is from Ohio, and is back there for the summer.

### **Additional EnRoute Alumni:**

Josh Davis, rising sophomore – Admin Intern

Maya Godina, rising sophomore – ECE Intern

## 2019-2020 COMMUNITY-BASED WORK STUDY INTERNS



**Rachel Jones, rising sophomore, double major peace and justice studies and politics**

ECE Intern, Room 118

“My favorite memory was the distinct victory I felt when I first put a sleeping child in his crib without waking him up.”

Rachel is from Portland, Oregon, and is back there for the summer.

**Adair Purner, rising Junior, Psychology major, Neuroscience minor**

Admin Intern, Development Team

“Working in the office allowed me a chance to have an understanding and greater appreciation for the vision behind FloCrit. Overall, I felt encouraged and challenged to exercise my creativity in ways that helped promote various events on campus as well as the fundraising event, Pathways to Empowerment. I truly enjoyed coming to work each day.”

Adair is from upstate New York and is home, enjoying the beautiful Adirondacks this summer.



### **Additional Community-Based Work Study Alumni:**

Emily Aguilar-Mares, rising sophomore – ECE Intern

Maria Flores-Gallegos, rising junior, ECE Intern

Sierra Moreno, rising senior – ECE Intern

## **VOLUNTEER PROFILE**

### **ANN AND DARBY SHOCKLEY**

Ann and Darby Shockley are a mother and daughter team who have been involved with Florence Crittenton Services for the past three years. Ann, a retired nurse, first heard about FloCrit when she did her pediatric training for medical school at the Florence Crittenton home in the not so distant past. Darby became involved with the FloCrit Junior Board after hearing about it from family friend Dave Peterson, a current FloCrit Board member.

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Shortly after Darby joined the Junior Board, Ann began volunteering. Since she began volunteering, Ann has volunteered 112 total hours in the Early Childhood Education Center infant classroom for babies aged 6 weeks to 1 year, and just over 50 hours in the last year alone. She loves to see the connection between the moms and their children. She also explained that she simply loves to hold babies.

After retiring, and having previously worked with another nonprofit that supported moms and their babies, she knew she wanted to become involved with a similar demographic. She explains that her work with [infant room ECE Center teachers] “the Marias” has been wonderful. “They both have such an incredible bond with the babies. They are patient and stay calm even if eight babies are crying at once.”



*Ann (Left) and Darby at the 2018 Cycles of Success Gala with their guests.*

Darby spends her time engaging with our community on the Junior Board, a group of young professionals who plan fundraising and engagement events for Florence Crittenton Services. Darby has enjoyed working with Casey Short, FloCrit’s Development Associate, and the staff liaison to the Junior Board because she “has awesome energy and brings everyone together with their own talents and strengths in mind.” Leaning into her own talents, Darby coordinated a Paint and Sip Event on campus in the Art Therapy room led by Donica Snyder, Family Advocate Manager and Art Therapist at FloCrit. The event raised over \$600 for FloCrit. In addition to painting their own piece of artwork to take home, participants were shown the art journals of current FloCrit teen moms. “It was really powerful to see their journeys depicted through art. It was a unique view on the lives of teen moms,” reflects Darby.

Ann and Darby view Florence Crittenton Services as a place unlike others. Both mother and daughter echo, “It is such a game changer for moms who are facing adversities and providing them with skills to take care of their families. There are many ways to have meaningful involvement with the organization.” Ann elaborated on her time spent volunteering, “You are giving to the life of the mom and children and even grandparents. Many times these women will go on to be the primary provider in the family. It is amazing how many services the organization provides and how in volunteering you are able to contribute to impacting the entire family.” When not sharing their passion and talents with the FloCrit community, these two enjoy spending most of their time in the great outdoors in Colorado. They enjoy hiking and have spent a lot of time in Breckenridge. They also like attending concerts at Red Rocks Amphitheater and traveling, including a trip to Finland last year! We are so grateful for both of them and their hard work to help make our campus a better place.