

Volunteer Opportunities

in April

We are still exercising caution and reserve when it comes to in-person volunteer opportunities. We always have ongoing projects and we can set up a time for you to help that accommodates your schedule and allows for social distancing. Email Theresa or Maggie to set that up.

To learn more about our special COVID-19 procedures, please visit the Volunteer page on our website:

<https://flocritco.org/get-involved/volunteer/>

Volunteer Appreciation Month

Happy April!

Often I think April gets lost in the shuffle of the months; the weather is transitioning, kids are still in school, and being neither first, middle, nor last in the parade of months makes it hard to truly mark time. However, perhaps that works in our favor, because as the month designated to appreciate volunteers, we have limited distractions and can truly show our appreciation and gratitude for everything you do.

In this last year, our volunteers have:

- Facilitated basic needs drives for FloCrit moms and kids
- Contributed over 150 volunteer hours to ensure 2000+ people in Southwest Denver had access to food this fall
- Helped us keep our in-kind donation program running, meaning FloCrit moms and kids had access to the clothes, supplies, and basic essentials everyone needs, so they don't have to buy it themselves
- Supported our Holiday Giving program, which provided new toys, clothes, and diapers to all FloCrit moms and kids
- Stayed in touch with us, which has helped us to remember that this isn't permanent, and there will come a time when we resume the volunteer activities we've paused.

Keep an eye on the FloCrit Facebook and Instagram pages for more volunteer spotlights this month. Join us next Thursday at 5pm for *Pathways to Empowerment: Essential Together*, and as always, stay in touch!

~Maggie & Theresa

Pathways to Empowerment: Essential Together

For our annual fundraiser this year, Florence Crittenton Services is hosting a free virtual event! We will broadcast *Pathways to Empowerment: Essential Together* on Thursday April 8th from 5:00-5:30pm, hosted by Denver7's Anne Trujillo. The program will highlight and celebrate the people and services who are essential to Florence Crittenton Services and our community. After the life-changing year of 2020, we are celebrating the resiliency of our teen mothers and community at FloCrit. The broadcast will be packed with interviews from our moms and staff from departments all over campus.



A sneak peak of filming on our campus!

This event is a great way to be (re)introduced and learn a bit more about us as we are still a few months away from going back to consistent volunteer opportunities. We have greatly missed having volunteers on campus over the past year. Additionally, our friends at Torch Media have brought our campus together and provided a supportive space for filming these impactful interviews. To join us, please follow the link below to register and receive the link to watch on April 8. We hope you'll tune in!

<https://flocritco.org/get-involved/events/pathwaystoempowerment/>.

Volunteer Spotlight: DU Rotaract

DU Rotaract was first connected with our organization through their President Caitlyn Olson in the fall of 2019. The group is a college extension of Rotary International – a humanitarian service organization. Upon hearing about FloCrit, the group was excited to serve in our community and saw it as an incredible opportunity.

DU Rotaract has been involved with two different volunteer experiences on our campus. They have worked to organize Baby Bucks, create Valentine cards for our moms, and supported us during a particularly challenging Food Pantry day last fall. We are so grateful for their varied support and excitement to assist our campus in any way they can.



The entire DU Rotaract crew at a recent volunteer event!

A moment of volunteering that stuck out to member Walker Shumock-Bailey was “seeing the line of cars at the mobile food pantry; it demonstrated the need for food in the area and was truly humbling. It was awesome to see that our work was going to serve the Denver community.”

We are so thankful to the DU Rotaract club for their constant involvement and engagement with the FloCrit community!