

## Volunteer Opportunities

### in September

*As we're gearing up for the school year, we are hoping to start re-engaging with our volunteers, particularly in Baby Bucks. Please reach out to Maggie if you'd like to learn more, or schedule a shift!*

### September Birthdays!

Tricia Beseda

Christina Valdez

Megan McInnis

Joanne Norris

Carolyn Reagin

Ale Spray

Charlie Schwartz

## Back into the groove

School is back in session and we are feeling as though we are back to a more normal school year! The first few weeks have felt very busy on our campus and it is great to see many students here with their kiddos. We are getting back to "normal" and looking forward to a year of growth for our moms and their children.

**Miles for Moms (our annual run/walk/roll) is back on Saturday October 9<sup>th</sup>!** The event will begin on our campus with a run through the Valverde neighborhood including a few loops around Huston Lake Park. If you are interested in participating please follow this link for registration and further info: <https://flocritco.org/get-involved/events/miles-for-moms/>

A rare Saturday volunteer opportunity is on the horizon! **We are looking for volunteers on October 9<sup>th</sup>.** Volunteers will be assisting with set-up, registration of participants, cheering on and directing runners, and take down of Miles for Moms. The volunteer shift will take place from 7:00am-11:30am. Please reach out to Maggie at [mrusso@flocritco.org](mailto:mrusso@flocritco.org) if you are interested. 😊

In this newsletter you will find some info on our backpack distribution and back to school family engagement event. September crept up on us and the newsletter will be a little less full than usual.

One last order of housekeeping to take care of! **Per the regulations put in place by the city and county of Denver, all visitors and volunteers on our campus must be vaccinated.** Much of our student population (both teens and babies) are not yet fully vaccinated or not eligible to be vaccinated. We appreciate your understanding in putting the safety of our students first.

We look forward to a busy school year ahead and hopefully many smiling volunteer faces on our campus!

-Maggie and Theresa

## Spotlight on: Backpack Distribution and Back to School Event



Every year on the first day of school we are able to distribute backpacks to all students on our campus filled with school supplies preparing them for the year ahead! Backpacks are generously provided to us by our partner organization A Precious Child. It was exciting to be able to have students back in person and hold a first day of school event! We had a wonderful and hardworking group of Mortenson Construction volunteers with us who diligently filled backpacks with supplies and ensured a smooth distribution. We handed out 50 backpacks on our first day of school and have even more packed and ready to go for students who join us throughout the year.

An exciting activity we are able to bring back this year are Family Engagement after school events! Once a month we hold a themed event for our students and their families. On the second day of school we held our annual Back to School bash! With tacos from Lily's Cocina (owned by a FloCrit alum!) and games for the little ones; our students ate, mingled and spent time together as a community. Over the past year these events have been nonexistent or very small scale on our campus. This year we are doing them a little differently and all outside but we are so happy to be able to host our students and families!

