

## Volunteer Opportunities in July

### Pathfinder Newsletter Mailing

\*Thursday, July 9, 10am-1pm

Space for 4 volunteers

### Baby Bucks – Donation in-take and sorting

\*Tuesday, July 14, 11am-2pm

\*Tuesday, July 21, 11am-2pm

\*Tuesday, July 28, 11am-2pm

Each day will have space for 4  
volunteers

To join us, sign up in [VolunteerHub](#) –  
limited space available!

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

[https://flocritco.org/get-  
involved/volunteer/](https://flocritco.org/get-involved/volunteer/)

## HAPPY SUMMER, FLOCRIT VOLUNTEERS!

Well volunteers, we're about to move into a new, slightly more open phase on our campus – one that is very exciting, and that I do not take lightly. As we navigate how to re-start some of our necessary routines, I'm happy to report that the FloCrit campus is starting our process of re-opening on a limited, structured basis. The office will be open Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 8am – 3pm and staff members are assigned one day a week to come in, depending on their team and where their desk is located in the office to accommodate social distancing. Everyone must be screened to enter the building, hallways have become one-way, and masks are mandatory. Many FloCrit colleagues will continue staying home, so things are very quiet and look to remain that way through the summer. Despite that, it's been nice to be back at my desk, even for a couple hours a week.

As I write this, our ECE Teachers are out delivering the sixth and final care package of diapers, wipes, formula, and other essentials, which means we're about to get the Baby Bucks space back, and need to turn it back into a store that accepts in-kind donations, as we'll be opening for weekly in-kind donation contactless drop off on July 14! We've done a lot of research and thinking about how to best and most safely accept donations, and for the foreseeable future, we will be accepting donations only on Tuesdays, so we can quarantine all donations for one week before beginning the sorting and stocking process.

This all leads me to the announcement that starting this month, we are reopening the campus for a select few volunteer opportunities that have been carefully chosen and designed to be safe, and encourage social distancing. As many of you will remember, July is when we send our summer newsletter out, and to do that, we need help getting the mailing together. There is space for four volunteers on Thursday, July 9 for a three-hour shift (see side panel). Additionally, to get the store back in shape and help fulfill our moms' ongoing basic needs, we've created three, three-hour shifts to work on Baby Bucks tasks on Tuesdays, beginning on July 14.

I know that comfort levels with being around people vary almost to a person, and I respect wherever you are. If you have been staying safe and are looking for something productive to do out of the house, we would love to have you join us! Our community is very important, and we feel confident in what we've put in place to keep each other safe in this new phase. The new volunteer safety procedures are linked in the side panel ← on the volunteer page of our website. Please read them and let us know if you have any questions.

We hope you are all doing well, and wish you all a wonderful Fourth of July weekend. Stay safe and cool, and don't be a stranger!

~Theresa & Maggie

## Spotlight on Summer Programming at FloCrit!

Usually at Florence Crittenton High School, summer programming is filled with in person activities for our moms and their children. This year, summer programming looks a bit different. Our Student Family Support Partnership team has created an entirely virtual program for our students to engage with during summer vacation. They are using Instagram for all summer programming on its own Instagram account @flocritsummer to communicate with moms, and then some of the activities are hosted through Google Hangouts, or completed via TikTok. Each day there is a different activity and students can earn incentive prizes depending on how many activities they participate in. Some examples of activities include drawing, Mommy and Me with the ECE, podcasting, and guest speakers. Typically, FloCrit moms participate in Summer Programming while their children are in the ECE, but this summer, since everyone is at home, there are opportunities for kids to be involved as well. The program runs from mid-June to late-July.



A sample Summer Programming schedule from the Instagram page @flocritsummer!

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*“The summer program has been amazing so far! I have learned a lot of new things. I love how we have the Mommy and Me. My kids love it!” – Angie P.*

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## Summer Partner Organizations

**NOTES FOR NOTES**® Notes for Notes and Cooking Matters. Notes for Notes (a new partner!) is a nonprofit organization that designs, equips, and staffs after-school recording studios inside Boys & Girls Clubs offering youth the opportunity to explore, create, and record music for free. Students meet once a week with them on Zoom and are working to either create a podcast or record music!

Cooking matters is a nonprofit organization that provides food skills education for low income families. Using zoom they host weekly informational sessions on a variety of cooking topics for our students. Additionally, summer programming is working with a variety of community members in different career fields to engage with students and hold weekly career development info-sessions.

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Gary and Sue on a recent hike!

## **VOLUNTEER PROFILE: SUE AND GARY HURELLE**

Sue and Gary Hurrelle have been involved with FloCrit for many years in various capacities, most currently piloting our tutoring program. Sue was an English teacher in Jefferson County Schools for three decades before retiring in 2010. Upon retiring, Sue's friend, who was the FloCrit principal at the time, reached out to see if she wanted to work part time. Sue began working at Florence Crittenton High School as a career readiness support counselor, and after working here and connecting with our mission, Sue began substitute teaching whenever she could. Her husband visited campus for career days and other events and saw the powerful impact FloCrit has in the community. Gary, also retired, is a

Vietnam veteran and worked as a landscape architect with the National Park Service and Bureau of Land Management for much of his career. Together they have made a powerful impact on our community.

Sue and Gary began piloting our after school tutoring program in December 2019. With Sue's English teaching background and Gary's love of math, it was a perfect fit for our campus. Previously, they volunteered with the Learning Source, a Denver area education support center. They have focused their efforts on essay writing and math help. During their first few months at FloCrit they have worked with students with many different skill levels. Sue says she is "grateful to the wonderful teachers at Florence Crittenton High School for the ability to collaborate and best suit each student's needs." As they have focused their efforts on tutoring, Frank Knappe, FloCrit's Family Engagement Coordinator, has been a huge support on campus, coordinating tutoring sessions and making sure moms who need help know when Sue and Gary will be on campus. Sue and Gary both emphasize, "Frank is always helpful and supportive of the tutoring program, he is a great face on campus and he cares fully about the girls. He is so enthusiastic!" As they speak about their tutoring experience it is easy to tell how much they truly love helping FloCrit teen moms.

In their free time, this couple, who have been married for 46 years, spend their time enjoying the beautiful outdoors of Colorado. They love hiking, skiing, traveling and biking. They have traveled to many countries all over the world including China, Canada, and many places in Europe. Sue and Gary have also loved spending the past seven years volunteering as ushers with the Denver Center for Performing Arts. With Sue and Gary leading the way, we plan to continue building our program to reach as many students as possible.