

Volunteer Opportunities

in March

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/>

Looking ahead to Pathways to Empowerment: Essential Together

This month marks a year since the beginning of the pandemic in Colorado, and the initial shutdown of the FloCrit campus. It's been an unimaginably difficult year, and we know there are myriad experiences within our volunteer base. We'd like to take some time to honor that right now. We've all been touched by COVID-19, but if your experience includes becoming sick, or caring for someone who has been sick, or losing someone close to you, we'd like to especially send you love and care. We'll all bring different things back with us when we are able to come back fully to the volunteer program, and we are committed to leaving space and breathing room for these new parts of ourselves.

In the meantime, we are gearing up for our annual spring fundraiser, Pathways to Empowerment on Thursday, April 8 at 5:00 p.m. This year, our theme is "Essential Together," to honor the people and services that are essential to helping our organization and community thrive. The format will be a 30-minute live broadcast event hosted on the FloCrit campus by Denver7's Anne Trujillo. She will be our anchor-emcee, and help to tell a variety of stories showcasing the hard work, challenges, and inspiring successes in the FloCrit community this past year. Please join us!

Register ahead of time for this free event here:

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

Stay tuned to these newsletters to receive updates on our volunteer program as we gear up for a future together again, and our upcoming mentor program.

Until then, enjoy March!

~Theresa & Maggie

Baby Bucks Bonanza!

With students back on campus we are finally able to provide our moms with Baby Bucks shopping days! Beginning in January, we now schedule one week a month that moms can come and shop in Baby Bucks- our basic needs store. We are calling this fun event Baby Bucks Bonanza. Many students have been participating and we are so excited to be able to provide our moms with shopping days again! Students are able to grab many different items to support their children and themselves such as diapers, wipes, books, clothing, toys, and self-care items. As always, these items are free for moms and some items can be received through earned incentives. Shopping days are a great resource for our moms and also help us move inventory so we can continue to receive awesome donations from our thoughtful donors.



Two of our moms shopping in Baby Bucks!

Spotlight On: Our Infant ECE Classroom



Maria, one of our wonderful Early Childhood Educators and one of our smallest students!

Many volunteers to the FloCrit community have spent time in our Early Childhood Education Center. Unfortunately due to COVID, volunteer opportunities in our ECE have been suspended for the past year. Our infant room especially has been a bright spot for many volunteers at FloCrit. This month we are focusing on this wonderful, and cute part of campus!

Everyday looks different in the classroom with our smallest students. Laughing, reading, feeding, playing, and crying are all just a day in the life for our infant educators. Upon coming back to work in September 2020, our ECE teachers feel so grateful to be able to care for their sweet students.



Shawn, another amazing ECE educator and a sleepy guy!

Maria Macias, one of our ECE infant educators reflects on the impact of working with our kiddos everyday. **"We are so happy to be with the babies! They make our day brighter!"**