

Volunteer Opportunities

in August

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!

August Birthdays!

Cathy Buhler

Jill Magliocco

Laura Reeves

Ann Churlik

Mark Celano

Alex Rhodes

Coming Back Together

Wow August already?! Over at FloCrit, school will be starting August 23rd and we are looking forward to welcoming students and staff back to a (hopefully) more normal school year. As we settle back into routines that may feel very different from the past, we recognize how much of an adjustment this will be for many. We are starting this academic year with a renewed sense of understanding for all individuals who set foot on our campus - whatever the last year has thrown their way. We are getting back to "normal" and setting up orientation dates for new volunteers- something we haven't done in over a year! As the summer is ending we are getting back into planning mode for all the activities and events the school year has to offer.

Our annual School Supply Drive is in full swing! Every year we curate a list of supplies with the help of students and teachers to ensure all students are prepared for the year ahead. Take a look at our wish list here: <https://rightgift.com/nonprofits/florence-crittenton-services/wish-lists/059ef48d-15dd-415e-befc-1b8cc7f6f82c>.

Additionally, we are excited to announce that our annual Run/Walk/Roll, Miles for Moms will be back on Saturday October 9th! The event will begin on our campus with a run through the Valverde neighborhood including Huston Lake Park. It feels wonderful to have our first in person fundraising event since 2019 on the horizon. A fun weekend volunteer opportunity to come!

In this newsletter you will find an interview with Delmy, our summer student intern and information on our new FloCrit Mentor Program! There have been discussions for a long time at FloCrit to begin a mentor program and we are happy it is all coming to fruition, a little different than our normal volunteer opportunities but so unique to our campus. See below if you or someone you know might be a great fit.

We look forward to seeing more smiling volunteer faces on our campus this fall. Cheers to the last full month of summer!

-Maggie and Theresa

Spotlight on: Mentor Program



We are so excited to share a new volunteer program at FloCrit - Mentoring! The foundation of this program will be relationships. Mentors and mentees will be matched through a collaborative process, and mentors will be trained and equipped with tools to help them build strong, positive relationships with their mentee, but the direction and focus of the experience will be jointly determined by the interests and needs of the mentee, and the experience and strengths of the mentor. With such a unique population as teen parents, mentors will support mentees in a growth-oriented manner.

The Mentor Program will serve 5-10 students this coming year with hopes of expanding in the future. Mentors will commit to monthly onboarding sessions and trainings in the fall and transition to mentorship beginning early 2022. These partnerships will conclude in November 2022. The Volunteer and Family Engagement teams have been collaborating on this program to ensure the needs of our students come first. Equipping new mentors with the tools to succeed has been the utmost importance in this planning process. If this sounds like a great fit for you or someone you know please reach out to Maggie at mrusso@flocritco.org.

Volunteer Profile: Delmy

Every summer our Development team receives a FloCrit student intern. This paid internship is provided by the Denver Youth Employment Program, a program run through the City of Denver. This program allows FloCrit students to gain job experience while utilizing our ECE Center for childcare throughout their internship. It's a win-win for both our organization and the student participating!

Delmy began attending FloCrit in January of 2020. She has a 1-year-old daughter named Alison and has loved coming to shop in the Baby Bucks Boutique. During the school year, she noticed that Baby Bucks needed some serious organizational help. When she heard about the opportunity to intern, she jumped at the chance. Delmy has done a total revamp of the store during her time with us. She is a natural organizer, and loves the opportunity to change the space and make it better. She worked especially hard on the mom clothing section, making many items easier to find and clearing out clothing we didn't need. Her favorite part of the internship has been redesigning Baby Bucks and improving the space for it to be more accessible for students.



Throughout the course of her internship Delmy has challenged herself and learned how to communicate better with others. She collaborated with different individuals on our campus including volunteers. Another project Delmy spearheaded was scouring Facebook Marketplace and Craigslist to find the best storage containers for our space. Delmy is on track to graduate next year and plans to become a Dental Assistant. We are so thankful for Delmy's help this summer!