

Volunteer Opportunities

in October

We always have open availability for shifts in Baby Bucks. Please reach out to Maggie if you'd like to learn more, or schedule a shift!

October Birthdays!

Danisha Allen

Virginia Craig

Darby Shockley

Shala Siew

Lily Starkey

Tameria Stukes

Myles Woodfork

Fall is here!

Wow it feels so weird to finally have the weather cooling down! A wonderful change of season if finally upon us. At FloCrit we have been busy supporting our students and gearing up for our annual fundraiser Miles for Moms on October 9th!

Miles for Moms (our annual run/walk/roll) is back on Saturday October 9th! 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/>

If you are interested in volunteering please follow this link to sign up! <https://flocritco.volunteerhub.com/>



In this newsletter you will find some info on our September Family Engagement Event and an interview with Melissa Nix-a Co-Director of Curriculum and Intercultural Programming at Regis University. Melissa and her team partner with us to provide Regis University students with internships on our campus. Have a great month ahead!

-Maggie and Theresa

Spotlight on: Fall Festival Family Engagement Event



Every September we celebrate fall a little early with our students and their families. This year it was a beautiful Tuesday afternoon with weather under 80 degrees! We provided a barbecue meal for our moms and their families as well as many activities for all. We had an awesome group of volunteers from Pinnacle Assurance assisting with everything from set-up of the event to taking kiddos on red wagon rides around our plaza. We are so thankful for their support to help make this event such a success.

One highlight of the day was the pumpkin patch and family photos. Each child could take a pumpkin home and families had the choice to take a photo with a festive fall backdrop. Additionally, we had many community partners present to share resources with our students and families. These partners included Denver Health, MotherWise, Operation Hope, and Denver Inner City Parish: Veggie Rx. All covering different areas of basic needs, our students were able to connect with other support networks in the Denver area. We had a blast with students and families at our September event and are looking forward to our Halloween themed event in October!



Interview with Regis University's Center for Service Learning's: Melissa Nix

Melissa Nix is the Co-Director of Curriculum and Intercultural Programming at Regis University's Center for Service Learning. Every year, we partner with Regis University and provide 5-10 interns with projects for the fall or spring semester. Melissa helps to facilitate partnerships with many organizations in the Denver Metro area, including FloCrit. Students come to us through two different programs: EnRoute (a writing or philosophy course) or Community Based Work Study. Interns work with us in Baby Bucks, our Early Childhood Education Center, and on the Development team assisting with fundraising and marketing efforts. Melissa contributes in many ways to the success of students in each program and is involved with many facets of Service Learning on the Regis University campus.



The overarching goal of the program is to provide students with transformation for themselves and the community they serve. Melissa explained the transformative power of service learning in that "students have their heart opened along with their mind to create change in some way." Enroute is a writing or philosophy focused course for first year students. This class includes a service learning component where students are required to complete 2-4 hrs/week volunteering in the community. Students serve many different organizations in the Denver metro area depending on their interests. Community Based Work Study is another component of the programming where students complete their work-study paid hours volunteering at an organization in the community. There are generally 35 partner organizations that Regis students serve every year. "Students connect with and find a calling for themselves through spending time volunteering in the community," Melissa explained. Both of these programs are a small part of the impact Regis University students have on the local community of Denver and beyond.