Every day our staff experiences the gratification that comes from contributing to an individual’s success….helping them to learn new skills that many of us take for granted. By volunteering at The Summit Center, you demonstrate to them that you believe in the work that Summit does and that you want to help too. As a volunteer and supporter of Summit, you share in all of the successes we witness every day. Your volunteer time helps us provide the best educational and therapeutic treatments for children and adults living in WNY with a disability. Because of that, we consider you our greatest partner helping those we serve learn and grow, and to lead a fulfilling, independent life.
Since The Summit Center serves 2,300 children and adults with developmental disabilities, we often need volunteers to assist us with the day-to-day tasks to successfully operate our programs and services. This may include administrative tasks for our faculty and staff, such as mailings, cutting, pasting, crafts, creating files, etc. Volunteers also assist our facilities department over school breaks to help clean and maintain our property. And throughout the year in addition to our two large fundraising events, Summit needs assistance staffing smaller fundraisers, such as the Holiday Flower sale or the Valentine Candy sale. If you are interested in volunteering at The Summit Center, please visit our website at:

www.thesummitcenter.org

Click on ‘Giving’ at the top of the page and select ‘Volunteer’ from the pull down menu to submit a ‘Volunteer Request Form’ online.

United Way volunteers working at Summit for the United Way Day of Caring

Volunteer for Summit Center Events

There are two major fundraising events that The Summit Center’s Development Department coordinates—our annual Summit Center Autism Walk held on the last Saturday in April and our annual Fall Gala in the beginning of November. Both events raise funds to support the many programs and services that The Summit Center offers. Without this funding, many of our programs and services could not operate. The Summit Center Autism Walk is our largest event with over 2,000 people attending, while our Fall Gala typically has over 400 guests. Of course this means we need plenty of volunteers to assist us at these events. Job assignments range from set-up to clean-up and everything in between.

To learn more about our events, please visit www.summitwalk.org and www.partyforsummit.com

On the event websites there is a link to click on to volunteer for each respective event. If you have any questions, please contact the Volunteer Administrator, Kim Brown, at 716-629-3457 or kim.brown@thesummitcenter.org.

Community Service

Additional third party fundraising opportunities arise throughout the year as we work with our community partners. Volunteering at one of these community events is great way to be involved in the community and help Summit at the same time.

Volunteer for Community Based Events

The Summit Center’s Development Department collaborates with community partners such as the Buffalo Sabres Foundation. We supply 30 volunteers to sell 50/50 raffle tickets at a Sabres home game. Summit is usually assigned 2 to 3 games per season and receives a grant from the Sabres Foundation for supplying volunteers. It is a wonderful and FUN opportunity to volunteer on behalf of The Summit Center. We often have groups of volunteers from different organizations and companies in the Buffalo area. Please contact the Volunteer Administrator to learn more about this volunteer opportunity or if you have a group that is interested in working at one of the Sabres games!