

# VOLUNTEER

WITH TENNYSON CENTER FOR CHILDREN



*Due to the current public health crisis and for the health and safety of our campus community, we are unable to have volunteers on-site. Here are alternative options to volunteer with Tennysen Center for Children in safe, creative ways!*



## ABOUT US

Tennysen Center for Children has served Colorado's most neglected, abused, and traumatized children since 1904. Tennysen provides a safe, stable home for children 5-18 who are facing critical circumstances and need residential care. We offer an accredited, therapeutic K-12 school and in-home and community services across the state to provide preventative services and therapy to strengthen families.

## 1. WRITE A TESTIMONIAL

Write a personal testimonial about the importance of Tennysen Center for Children and encourage others to learn more about our work. The testimonial may be used in social media campaigns and to help encourage staff and kids when they are feeling fatigued. You can email testimonials to [volunteer@tennysoncenter.org](mailto:volunteer@tennysoncenter.org).

## 2. CREATE AN ENCOURAGEMENT BOARD

Create an encouragement board in your office that is branded with Tennysen Center for Children information. This is a "Tennysen Cares" board in which staff encourage each other through highlighting one another's accomplishments and contains information about our work.

## 3. CREATE COLORING SHEETS

Create coloring sheets for our kiddos. The sheets will be scanned and sent back to you as a thank you for your efforts!

## 4. VOLUNTEER YOUR TALENT

Do you have skills in managing a website, data entry, or other online virtual work that could benefit Tennysen Center for Children? We encourage you to contact us at [volunteer@tennysoncenter.org](mailto:volunteer@tennysoncenter.org) for more information.

## 5. ADOPT A CLASSROOM OR COTTAGE

Consider adopting a classroom or cottage for the year. The benefits would include naming rights to that space, updates about progress of this classroom or cottage, and mentions throughout social media and in our hallways as an ongoing supporter. These adoptions help our programs thrive and allow us to continue to provide top quality therapeutic services to our kids and families. You can email [volunteer@tennysoncenter.org](mailto:volunteer@tennysoncenter.org) for more information.

## 6. FILL A BASKET OR BACKPACK

Fill a backpack or create a basket of items for a Tennysen child or family. The baskets may include games, activities, snacks, or movies for families to spend time together. The backpacks may include a variety of school supplies such as a white board, writing utensils, notebooks, coloring supplies, and headphones to assist with distance learning.

*For more information please contact Development Coordinator, Craig Erbstoesser, at [craig.erbstoesser@tennysoncenter.org](mailto:craig.erbstoesser@tennysoncenter.org) or by calling (720) 326-3550. You can also volunteer as a "Foster Neighbor" with Foster Together. Please visit [fostertogether.co](http://fostertogether.co) for more information.*