

## Volunteer role description: Young Carers Support Assistant

<b>Organisation Name</b>	Young Carers at Carers Choices
<b>Organisation Overview</b>	Provides support to young carers aged 8-18 that look after a relative at home.
<b>Role Title</b>	Young Carers Support Assistant
<b>Location of position</b>	The White House, Kiln Road, Benfleet, Essex SS7 1BU or Timberlog Lane Youth Centre, Timberlog Lane, Basildon, Essex, SS14 1UX
<b>Responsible to</b>	Young Carers Co-ordinator
<b>Description of tasks</b>	<p>Provide support to young carers during the sessions consisting of various activities that will assist them to manage their caring duties, develop confidence and make new friends. Volunteers will help prepare for the session and clear away.</p> <p>Volunteers who are happy to help with transport are also required. This will involve collecting/dropping off young carers from their home. Mileage costs will be reimbursed. Our sessions cover the whole of the Basildon and Castle Point areas so we have young carers coming from Billericay, Wickford, Basildon, Pitsea, Hadleigh, Benfleet and Canvey Island.</p> <p>Adhere to Carers Choices policies and procedures at all times.</p>
<b>Time Commitment</b>	Regular groups operate between 5.30 to 7.30 pm on Mondays in Basildon and Tuesdays in Benfleet during term time. Other activities also take place for time limited periods mostly during early evenings.
<b>Skills and Qualifications</b>	<p>You do not need to have any related qualifications but you should be friendly, reliable, trustworthy and have good communication skills. This role is subject to a satisfactory DBS check and two references.</p> <p>Volunteers will be required to complete a basic online safeguarding children course upon joining the organisation. This can be done at your own home or we can arrange time in the office for this to be undertaken.</p>

<p><b>Training and Support</b></p>	<p>You are entitled to undergo the same core training as staff which includes first aid, health and safety, fire safety, manual handling, food hygiene and safeguarding vulnerable children. Should you wish to take part please ask the Young Carers Co-ordinator. These will normally take place during the working week.</p>
<p><b>Benefits to volunteer</b></p>	<p>Make a difference to a child's life whilst developing interpersonal skills. An ideal opportunity for those considering or coming from a career in youth work. Sessions are delivered in a fun and light hearted manner but you will get a real sense of satisfaction knowing you have made a difference to the lives of young people who lots of responsibility on their shoulders.</p>