



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES

Balloon Handlers are responsible for guiding a giant helium balloon down the parade route. It is required that all handlers be at least 18 years of age, in good physical condition, and be willing to work in a team of approximately 10-34 individuals.

Banner/Sign Carriers teams of two are responsible for carrying signs and banners down the parade route announcing the floats and balloons. There is no age requirement, however the carriers must be able to walk 1 mile.

Administrative/Registration team is responsible for registering all volunteers for the parade and directing them to their proper locations. Team is responsible for ensuring that sign-offs for community service are received by volunteers. Members of this team should be well organized, able to give and take direction and enjoy working with kids of all ages!

Characters dress in storybook character outfits - for example, Curious George, Clifford the Dog, etc. Once in costume, characters are not allowed to speak, due to licensing laws. Characters 'meet and greet' sponsors at reception, as well as ride down parade route, either in a chauffeured car or on a float. There are specific height and weight requirement for dressing as a character, and, if under the age of 18, parent's permission is required.

Logistics team members assist the parade director and his crew with street logistics. This position requires a strong leader personality, the ability to give and take direction.

Street Marshals assist the project manager in collaboration with OPD/volunteers in keeping the streets clear of pedestrians and thereby allowing the parade to move freely down the streets.