



Volunteer Opportunities

Kids In Danger (KID) was founded in 1998 when 16 month-old Danny Keysar was killed in a recalled portable crib in his childcare facility. His parents founded KID so that no more children would be hurt or killed by dangerous, recalled products. Fifteen years after our founding, substantive improvements to children's product safety oversight have been made and more are on the horizon. Volunteer with KID and be on the frontlines in working to strengthen the children's product safety system and in getting lifesaving product safety information to the public.

Program Assistant

This volunteer opportunity would allow the volunteer to work with the program director on developing and implementing education and outreach programs for KID. The program assistant will help in our efforts to target networks of health care professionals, childcare providers and parents, and publications that target those populations. The volunteer should be comfortable conducting internet research and should be very organized and should have great communication skills. This position allows for a certain amount of creativity in finding new ways and places for our lifesaving information to reach the public.

Event Representative

Help spread the word! Provide lifesaving information to parents on how to protect children from dangerous recalled products at a wide variety of events such as safety fairs, child care fairs, Combined Federal Campaign/workplace giving events, and school or community events. This includes talking to the public about KID, giving basic product safety information and handing out educational materials. It's a great opportunity to spread the word in your community about how to protect children from recalled products. Communication skills, ability to travel around one's surrounding area and enthusiasm are a must. *(Note: KID will provide training so the event representative has basic knowledge of KID programs and safety information).*

Spanish Language Outreach Assistant

A big part of KID's mission is to reach a diverse public with lifesaving information about dangerous products. We are seeking Spanish speakers to help in all areas of our outreach efforts. Translating our safety materials, attending events on behalf of KID in Spanish speaking communities, or even conducting workshop presentations in Spanish! Help reach EVERYONE with KID's lifesaving product safety message.

Office Assistant

Help with tasks such as answering phones, filing, filling material orders, maintain databases, and other general clerical duties. Volunteers may also be asked to assist with special projects like mass mailings and tasks associated with our annual charity event or yearend campaign. This is an excellent opportunity for obtaining office experience.

Development Volunteer

This is a great opportunity for someone with corporate relationship building or database management skills. Working alongside our staff, volunteers will perform activities such as making thank you calls and emails, provide support in grant proposals, writing and editing, data entry and reporting, prospect research, or provide corporate introductions on behalf of KID.

Fundraising volunteer

Join us to raise funds to support KID in your immediate community. KID depends on individual donations for much of our educational programming. If you want to help in a BIG way, volunteer on KID's fundraising committee to plan and implement our organizational fundraising initiatives. Fundraising volunteers have participated in walks, marathons, or had proceeds from a lemonade stand or yard sale donated to KID.



Special events volunteer

Each year, KID holds our annual event ***The Best Friend Award Night***. This is our largest event and it generates much needed funding for KID throughout the year. We are always looking for event committee volunteers with event planning, public relations, or photography skills but can use many types of help. Tasks will include soliciting chef's participation and silent auction packages, help secure in kind event services from photographers, music, flowers, and printing, assist in the designing of event material including invitations, program book and signage and help develop a promotional strategy for the event.

Public relations volunteer

KID works to educate the public about dangerous, recalled products. We are actively working on expanding the reach and scope of our product safety message. We are looking for volunteers to work with KID staff to implement our public relations plan. Previous experience in public relations or marketing and excellent communication skills are highly desired.

Advocacy

Work to advocate for legislation that improves children's product safety oversight on local, state or national levels. Tasks might include: tracking legislation, working with legislators, building coalitions, writing action alerts, etc. Prerequisites include excellent written and communication skills. Interest in and familiarity with the legislative process is a must.

Finance Volunteer

KID is a small organization and our finances are very simple and managed in Quickbooks. We have an external accountant who prepares our audit and tax returns. At this point, we have identified the need for more structure to our financial record keeping, budgeting, and analysis of spending. We are looking for volunteers with financial planning/ budgeting, or accounting skills to help with current record keeping, bill payment, payroll and other financial activities and suggest improvements. We are also looking for help developing a stronger budgeting program and forecasting for use in planning, grant writing, and development activities and overall financial oversight as needed.

IT volunteer

KID is always in need of volunteers with advanced computer skills to assist with IT issues including maintaining office network, possible addition of a server, and troubleshooting. Additional experience with website design and management and or database management would be ideal.

Volunteering at KID is flexible and fun. Opportunities are available to work in or out of the office- or both! If any of the above opportunities interest you, please contact Laura at Laura@KidsInDanger.org or call 312-595-0649.