



## CityCURE Volunteer Opportunities

# Fall/Winter 2007

CityCURE works with at-risk youth throughout urban neighborhoods of Cincinnati. We are in need of volunteers with a strong Christian faith who have a desire to work with youth of diverse cultures and backgrounds and are able to make a regular commitment. You can make an impact on a young person that can change their life through giving them the love, guidance, encouragement and the spiritual support that they so desperately need. Following are just some of the opportunities to help youth through CityCURE. You can find out more information about our different programs at [www.citycure.com](http://www.citycure.com) or call 621-2873.

### Helping Hands after school program – Over-the-Rhine (River of Life Church)

Hang out with at-risk youth while making a positive impact, developing relationships, and meet other volunteers! All ages of youth from age 6 to teens come to the after school program. This is a great opportunity for individuals, small groups, and high school and college students. The program takes place Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 2:30 – 7:00. Come one day per week for one to three hours.

- Assist with activities that help the youth build relationships and lead productive, Christ-filled lifestyles. Lead or assist with discussions, devotions, and recreational activities (basketball, sports), crafts, hobbies, etc.
- Tutors – Work with individuals or small groups, all ages. Help with general school work and skills, work on specific subjects or help with homework.
- Mentors – Work one-on-one with the same child Mentor a child once a week at the “hang-out center” after school. Help with tutoring, computers, creative writing, devotions, etc. Be an encourager, a listener and a role-model to a child.
- Provide snacks or a meal – commit to once per month to provide a simple meal for these hungry youth! Groups are welcome to serve the meal. Snacks are always needed and welcomed!
- Arts and Crafts teachers needed on the second Sunday of the month (11:15) for children attending church.

### Group Leaders for Boys

Men needed to lead and mentor a small group of boys (ages 8-10) who desperately need strong Christian male role models in their life. Meet with the boys weekly, or bi-weekly, go on outings, talk about life, listen, share your faith, provide encouragement and be a godly role model. This is a great opportunity for a small group of 2 – 4 men to volunteer together. Meeting time to be determined.

### The God Squad (rap, dance, and drama team for kids) and Princess Ballet – Over-the-Rhine

- Dancers, rappers and drama teachers are needed to lead and teach kids at weekly practice. (Friday evenings 6-8)
- Ballet teachers are needed for Princess Ballet – teach basic steps and dance routines to urban girls while building friendships. Help them to develop discipline, confidence and a love of ballet. Days and times vary.

## X-treme Adventures

X-treme Adventures is an outreach for kids and teens using dirt bikes and other outdoor activities. The ministry partners with local churches to reach the at-risk youth their neighborhoods. The riding site is located in Westwood. Riding takes place through the fall, along with many picnics, cookouts and campfires! Winter-time outings and activities take place as well, and volunteers are needed.

- Experienced adult riders needed to ride with a small group of advanced youth riders
- Mentors needed for a one on one relationship with youth – training provided
- Groups needed to help with various winter outings for youth (i.e.: tubing at Perfect North!)

HAPPENINGS – through November 3 – Volunteers are needed to teach kids how to care for and ride horses! Sunday afternoons.

Help start X-treme-Adventures at your church, reaching the unchurched youth in your neighborhood. CityCURE provides the bikes, riding site, and training. Call Mike Meece to find out how: 345-1034

## Northside

CityCURE “North” works with at-risk children and teens living in Northside, providing leadership, encouragement and helping them learn how to have healthy relationships with each other and with Jesus. Most of these youth have never experienced real relationships or friendships. Help provide a safe place where these relationships can be nurtured, and the youth gain new friends and new hope through Christ!

Praise Dancing – Help teach dance, along with other volunteers and staff, in a safe, encouraging, cross cultural environment. Help to train young people to celebrate and worship the Lord Jesus Christ and equip them to be ministers of worship through dance, drama, and song! Dance background is helpful, but most important is a passion for worship and youth! Tuesday evenings.

Teen Bible Study – Work along side other volunteers and staff to disciple teens in the understanding and application of the Word of God. Group leaders and assistant leaders are needed to help plan and lead activities while building relationships with youth. Thursday evenings.

## Whiz Kids Tutoring

Make a difference in the life of an at-risk elementary-aged child. Give just one hour per week, alongside other tutors, to help them with reading and homework after school at a Cincinnati Public school. Days vary depending on school.

## Administrative and Behind-the-Scenes

Mail Crew – be a part of a dedicated crew who help to get newsletters, invitations and other information out to our donors. Duties include folding and stuffing envelopes and brochures – work with a fun group of people! One Monday per month, 9 am – 12 pm, at the administrative offices in Mt Auburn.

Administrative help is always needed for very busy, high-energy Youth Directors. 3-5 hours per week (or more). Use your organizational skills to help with data entry, typing, making copies, phone calls, special projects, etc.

## Special Events and Fundraisers

Help is needed in planning as well as helping at the actual event. In addition to the CityCURE Banquet in May, help is needed at the Golf Outing in September, the Christmas Store in early December and other events. If you enjoy working behind the scenes and have good organizational skills, please contact us. Needs include helping with the silent auction, contacting sponsors, making phone calls and helping with mailings.

## Miscellaneous ways to help:

- Typists to help with projects and newsletters
- Carpenters or builders to help with projects (for dramas: props, visuals, games, etc)
- Sign makers (for children's church)
- Bike mechanic
- Seamstresses to sew ballet and other costumes for youth
- Artists for children's news letters and other projects
- Prayer Partners—pray over CityCURE's monthly prayer list
- Experienced Photographers! – take pictures of youth and volunteers during programs and events

## Next steps:

1. Complete and send in a volunteer application (see [www.citycure.com](http://www.citycure.com) or call 345-1036 to receive one). It is very helpful if you can specify which area you are interested in, what ages of youth you enjoy working with and how much time you are able to give. Please fill out all information on references.
2. You'll be contacted shortly by either the program director or volunteer coordinator.
3. All volunteers who work with children are subject to a background check which may include: reference checks, in-depth interview, and criminal background checks.
4. Send application to: 1947 Auburn Ave, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219, fax 513-345-1049 or email to [rwagner@citycure.com](mailto:rwagner@citycure.com). Please contact 345-1036 with any questions.

## Get your Church Involved!

Your church can partner with CityCURE to start a CityCURE program and help reach at-risk urban youth: Character Basketball and Dream Team AAU Basketball, KidsGames (week long outreaches), X-treme Adventures, Whiz Kids (tutoring and mentoring at Cincinnati public schools) and more. Contact Barry Baker for more information. 513-345-1056

For Holiday Volunteer Opportunities, please visit [www.citycure.com](http://www.citycure.com) (under "Help Urban Youth")