



Become a

# Volunteer

*Help a child  
Enrich your life  
Improve our community*



*An educational support program for children in grades 3 through 5*



Our volunteers are a caring and diverse group, ranging in age from 12 to 90+. It is not necessary to have a teaching background. Patience, a love of children, and a desire to help are the primary factors that bring volunteers together with students in our program.

We currently have sites at 4 locations in San Mateo:

- Sunnybrae School
- San Mateo Park School
- Unitarian Universalist Church
- King Recreation Center

Volunteer tutors work a minimum of one day (two hours) per week. Tutors are encouraged to volunteer as many days as their schedules and interests permit. Many of our volunteers commit to four days per week! We greatly appreciate the gift of each hour. For high school students, the experience gained by volunteer tutoring at Homework Central enhances their community service background, and encourages many of them to continue their

educations, with the goal of becoming fully credentialed teachers, or other careers that helps children.

At the start of each year, we invite our volunteers to attend an orientation where we provide training and materials to assure a great experience. We also provide continual support throughout the year from our Site Coordinators, Executive Director, and Board members.

Each of our 4 sites has a Site Coordinator, who is responsible

for the students and assigning the rotating staff of volunteer tutors. Tutors work with the students on the daily homework, plus strengthening math, writing, and reading skills. Since many of the children come from families where English is a second language, we have a minimum of two bilingual volunteers available at every session or gathering.

Our Volunteer Coordinator, will be pleased to answer any questions.

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Or visit our website at [www.smhwc.org](http://www.smhwc.org)



## Homework Central

was a dream that emerged in 1998 from an annual church meeting. Three congregations in San Mateo committed themselves to reach out and assist neighborhood children who were struggling to succeed in elementary school.

A program was envisioned that would engage retired persons and youth as volunteer tutors. They would provide on-going support to at-risk elementary school children in a loving and safe environment.