



THE ED BLOCK COURAGE AWARD FOUNDATION, INC.

HELP US HELP ABUSED CHILDREN

Dear Prospective Volunteer,

We are honored that you are considering making a personal investment of your time and expertise toward furthering our mission to help abused children. Before we establish what we hope will be a long and mutually beneficial relationship with you, we want to communicate our basic expectations of volunteers and ask that you share some information in return.

The Ed Block Courage Award Foundation promotes the prevention of child abuse by raising awareness of the epidemic and assisting agencies who provide for the care and treatment of abused children in communities throughout the National Football League (NFL). Predicated upon partnerships with the NFL and its member teams, the Foundation's *Courage House National Support Network for Kids* fosters programs of awareness, prevention and education intended to help abused children find hope and courage. That objective is coupled with the Foundation's commitment to annually honoring players in the NFL who have been chosen by their teammates as sources of inspiration, courage and leadership.

As a volunteer with The Ed Block Courage Award Foundation, you will be asked to undertake responsibilities that will be critical to the success of the Foundation. Before committing to any volunteer position or duty, we ask that you give extreme consideration to your ability to perform the duties in light of our established timeline and your personal responsibilities to your family, home and workplace. The Foundation recognizes that it simply cannot be successful without the time and efforts put forth by our dedicated volunteers. However, because of our heavy dependence on a volunteer workforce, it is imperative that we are confident that we can depend on your faithful attention to any duties you agree to perform. Before we ask you to undertake any duties on behalf of the organization, we will do our very best to provide you with all of the information you need in order to make an informed choice.

Many volunteer positions require that you interact with the public, NFL players, league and team personnel and alumni, as well as various corporate sponsors, vendors and community partners. Your behavior during such interaction reflects directly upon the Foundation's image in the community and throughout the NFL. As such, when you are performing duties as a representative of the Foundation, we require your complete attention to your responsibilities and expect you to you provide excellent customer service while maintaining a professional and cordial demeanor at all times. During the Courage Awards gala or other events, volunteers are requested to not consume alcohol until after the completion of their duties. Additionally, we expect that volunteers not compromise the task(s) they are performing by seeking photographs or autographs of NFL players during the execution of their duties. Autograph and photo opportunities do exist for volunteers, but if the pursuit of such perks is a volunteer's sole reason for giving their time, we strongly recommend they consider other volunteer options in the community.

If you are able to volunteer your time with an understanding of these basic expectations, we invite you to complete the attached volunteer application and return it to our office via fax at 410.821.6240 or to the mailing address listed on the bottom of this correspondence. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Foundation's General Manager, Dave Copenhaver, at 410.821.6252 ext 12 or via e-mail at dave@edblock.org.

Again, we thank you for your interest in our organization and hope that your experiences with our Foundation will be moving and rewarding. We look forward to the possibility of having you become a member of our team and assisting our efforts to help make a positive difference in the lives of our nation's abused children.

Sincerely,

Sam Lamantia, Jr.
Chairman of the Board/CEO

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VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Please Print

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Company Employed: _____

Occupation: _____

Does your employer have a matching gift program? Circle one: Yes No Don't know

Phone: (Daytime) _____ Can you be contacted at work? _____

Phone: (Evening) _____ Phone: (Cell) _____

Email Address: _____

If this is a work email, can you receive emails regarding Ed Block activities? _____

If no, please provide an alternate email address: _____

Please check the areas in which you have experience:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Data Entry | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Administration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Writing | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing | <input type="checkbox"/> Finance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Event Planning/Production | <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Secretarial | <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Writing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sales | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsorships | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Design/Illustration/Graphics | _____ |

As a volunteer, you will be asked to participate in several events throughout the year, either hosted by the Foundation or just benefiting the organization. Please indicate your availability and/or your restrictions.

Day: _____ Evening: _____ Weekend: _____

Comments: _____

Referred by (If Applicable): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please note that the Foundation reserves the right to do a background check on any volunteer. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact the Foundation's office, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at 410-821-6252 or at www.edblock.org.