Volunteer with Children and Families at CARES Northwest
(Child Abuse Response and Evaluation Services)

CARES Northwest (a collaboration of Kaiser Permanente, OHSU-Doernbecher Children’s Hospital, Providence Children’s Health and Randall Children’s Hospital at Legacy Emanuel) is a medical child abuse assessment center. The program sees over 1600 children each year for concerns of abuse and neglect. CARES Northwest continues to be the best hope for some of our community’s most injured children and volunteers are valued contributors to the program.

Legacy Health Volunteer Orientation and CARES Northwest Volunteer Training are required. T.B. tests and background checks are also required. Volunteer shifts are four hours on weekday mornings and afternoons, for a minimum of six months to a year. For more information, please contact Carrie Summers-Nomura at CARES Northwest by phone (503) 276-9054 or email cesummer@lhs.org.

VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENT SUMMARIES:

**Child/Family Support Volunteer:** Entertain, supervise and keep children company in the waiting area, assist the family with completion of forms and share relevant observations about children and families with the evaluation teams.

**Administrative Support Volunteer:** Provide basic administrative/clerical support

**Special Projects Volunteers:**
* Making quilts for children
* Project Volunteers (research, assembling hygiene kits, etc.)
* Fundraising or community event support