

Volunteer!

By volunteering small amounts of time Brigham and Women's Hospital employees can help to make our youth initiatives successful

Here are a few easy ways you can get involved:

Health and Science Clubs

Volunteers work with the same group of four kids each session. A teaching background is not required and all lesson plans and materials for science experiments are provided.

- Guide students through fun science projects.
- Volunteer 1.5 hours every other week for 8 weeks.

Pen Pal Program

- Remember when you were a kid, how great it was to get mail?
- This is the perfect volunteer opportunity for BWH employees who have very little time but still want to make a difference in a child's life.
- Volunteers send only 2 letters a month to their student pen pal. You don't even have to leave your desk!

Health Career Day

- Get kids curious about the hospital by talking to a classroom about your job at BWH.
- Volunteers only need to commit 1-2 hours a year.

ScienceWorks

- 8th grade students are each matched with a mentor in a BWH department and work in that department for 20 hours per week for the entire summer.
- Mentors are needed to offer guidance, assign daily responsibilities and answer job-related questions.

Make a difference in a child's education and volunteer!

Benefits of Volunteering:

- ★ Teach children about health careers and the hospital
- ★ Help children to learn new science skills
- ★ Be a mentor to a child
- ★ Get involved in a new and interesting program
- ★ Connect to the BWH community

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Youth Programs and Volunteer Opportunities



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Youth Programs

The Office for Women, Family and Community Programs at Brigham and Women's Hospital is reaching out to the neighboring communities to build new partnerships with local elementary and middle schools.

The goals of the new partnerships are to:

- ★ Help students to learn more about science through participation in a weekly Health and Science Club.
- ★ Increase student awareness of health careers.
- ★ Offer volunteer opportunities, workshops, and summer jobs for 8th grade students.
- ★ Create a mentoring relationship between Brigham and Women's staff and students.



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Brigham and Women's
Health and Science Clubs



Health and Science Clubs encourage teamwork, promote creativity and foster self-esteem while helping students develop cooperative learning skills through group interaction. Students gain confidence in science and take pride in the successful completion of projects.

The Club offers a group setting in which students and Brigham and Women's Hospital volunteers do science projects once a week. The atmosphere emphasizes fun while fully engaging the children in learning experiences. Students take projects home after each session. Other Club activities include tours of BWH departments, job shadowing at BWH and local field trips.

All Club lessons are hands-on and are aligned to the national science framework and the science MCAS test.



Pen Pal Program

Classrooms at partnering schools will be linked to BWH staff as Pen Pals. Pen Pals will write each other twice a month about themselves, school, health careers, and personal goals.

Pen Pals will have the opportunity to meet each other in person twice each year at special events.



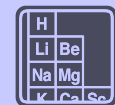
ScienceWorks

ScienceWorks introduces 8th grade students to health care professions and provides them with volunteer, employment and academic opportunities.

Students participate in six weeks of work at BWH before being placed in summer jobs. When students successfully complete their volunteer hours they are invited to work in a paid position during the summer. In addition, students study one science topic with a variety of specialists in the field. Students learn to appreciate the complexity of the subject and realize that one topic can be studied from many different angles.

To complement their work experience, students also take part in weekly seminars on topics such as team building, communication, time management, and peer relationships.

The program seeks students who are highly motivated and have a strong desire to pursue science and health careers.



Health Career Day

BWH staff visit nearby schools to talk to elementary and middle school classrooms about what they do at BWH.

Students learn about health careers and about what goes on in a hospital.

The day ends with a fruit smoothie party and raffles for the students.