**Position Title:** Youth Mentor Volunteer for United Way’s School’s Out Program operated by Family Education and Support Centre

**Position Overview:**
A Youth Mentor in the after-school program serves as a positive role model for children, providing guidance, support, and encouragement in various educational and recreational activities. Youth Mentors play an integral role in fostering a supportive and engaging environment for children, aged 5 to 12 years old, by assisting with activities and promoting positive social interactions.

**Program Details:**

* Mentor Age Range: Volunteers are between the ages of 15 and 29 years old.
* Commitment: Youth Mentors are expected to volunteer 1 to 2 days per week for the entire 6-week program duration.
* Group Size: Each session will have 2 to 6 mentors assigned per school.
* Time Commitment: Youth Mentors will arrive between 2:30 PM and 3:00 PM (aligned with the school bell schedule) and remain until 4:00 PM.

**Primary Responsibilities:**
The primary responsibility of a youth mentor is to be a positive role model and to actively engage with children during program activities. Key duties include:

* *Support Program Activities:* Assist children with arts, crafts, games, and other hands-on activities.
* *Engage with Children*: Build positive relationships with the children by interacting with them at an age-appropriate level.
* *Encourage Focus*: Help children stay focused and engaged during group activities and assist in maintaining a productive and respectful environment.
* *Provide Individual Support*: Work one-on-one with children who may require additional support or guidance.
* *Lead Small Groups*: Facilitate small group activities, art projects, or games, ensuring each child participates and benefits from the experience.
* *Ensure Proper Social Interaction*: Encourage children to practice appropriate social behaviors and interactions with peers, staff, and volunteers.
* *Program Setup and Cleanup*: Help with setting up the activity space prior to the program and assist with post-program cleanup.
* *Assist with Forms*: Help younger children fill out any necessary forms or surveys, as required by the program.
* *Collaborate with Team Members*: Work collaboratively with fellow mentors to create a positive and cohesive team environment.
* *Report to Youth Mentor Coordinator*: Communicate any issues or concerns to the Youth Mentor Coordinator and follow any additional guidance or instructions provided.

**Qualifications:**

* Passion for working with children and supporting their personal and educational growth.
* Strong communication skills and the ability to interact effectively with children of varying ages.
* Ability to collaborate with other mentors and program staff in a team-oriented environment.
* Reliable, responsible, and committed to the full 6-week program duration.
* Previous experience working with children in a volunteer or mentorship capacity is preferred, but not required.

**Additional Information:**

* Mentors will receive ongoing guidance and support from the Youth Mentor Coordinator throughout the program.
* A background check may be required as part of the volunteer screening process.
* Youth Mentors will receive an honorarium at the end of the program.

By becoming a mentor, you will have the opportunity to make a meaningful impact on children’s lives, develop valuable skills, and contribute to the success of a dynamic after-school program.