

BEING AN EXPERIENCE CORPS VOLUNTEER MEANS:

MAKING A DIFFERENCE BY TUTORING CHILDREN IN READING

- Volunteer <u>twice weekly</u> (average 5-6 hours) at 1 participating school or afterschool site in Hamden, East Haven, North Haven or New Haven from October to early June, with a schedule that fits your availability
- Tutor, encourage and motivate young children who are struggling to learn to read
- Meet with each assigned student for 30 minutes twice weekly using a structured tutoring session focused on improving students' reading fluency and materials that are provided
- Serve as a role model and mentor, building on students' assets while promoting love of reading & learning
- Document volunteer hours & tutoring sessions on simple forms

KEEPING MENTALLY ACTIVE BY LEARNING

- Receive 25+ hours of training and an orientation before you begin tutoring
- Attend two EC mini-conferences for continued professional development (December & March)
- Peer learning during a 1-hour monthly meeting with other EC volunteers and your Tutor Team Leader
- Monthly newsletters include with articles about tutoring, mentoring and literacy
- Feedback from your Tutor Team Leader helps assure high quality, impactful tutoring

FEELING SUPPORTED

- By your EC Tutor Team Leader during at your tutoring site, at monthly Team Meetings and by phone whenever needed
- By other EC tutors those at your site, at monthly Tutor Team meetings & at trainings

KNOWING THAT YOU ARE APPRECIATED

- Being thanked informally and often by your Tutor Team Leader, the EC Manager, Experience Corps' national office and by your site staff/teachers
- Attending fun volunteer appreciation events in January and June
- Providing feedback that is essential to evaluating and improving the EC program including at trainings, via a year-end evaluation and during meetings.

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