

# VOLUNTEER PROFILES

In her five years as a volunteer, Rosa has helped Houck in countless ways. Morning attendance, lunch supervision, community outreach events and even hip hop dance lessons during afterschool programs are just a few ways Rosa helps students and staff make progress toward success. A few hours of her time makes a big difference for the school.

**“I started volunteering in high school because the Houck volunteer coordinator invited me to help out. I keep volunteering because I enjoy the experience. I can see the kids grow in connections to the school and each other. At one particular mother-daughter event I helped with it was so rewarding to watch the kids and moms strengthen their bond. I know I’m doing something productive with my spare time that’s good for the community.”**

**Rosa M.**  
Houck Volunteer  
  
McKay Graduate  
Chemeketa Community College Student

Tom started volunteering at Forest Ridge and the Optimum Learning Environments Charter School (OLE) in 2003, the first year the school opened. The principal invited the neighborhood church that Tom attends to be a community partner and asked for volunteers. Becoming a school volunteer was a big step outside of Tom’s comfort zone.

**“After being asked several times I reluctantly agreed...school was not one of my favorite childhood memories.”**

Tom volunteers weekly helping small groups of students with math. He also helps with special events like Family Fun Night and an annual service project at Willamette Mission State Park.

If you ask Tom why he volunteers, he’ll say it’s because he gains as much as he gives.

**“I often go to school with the aches and pains of age, not to mention a touch of grouchiness, and between the great staff, teachers and kids I always leave in better spirits, without the aches and pains, and with a sense of contribution...I’m an old guy who grew up thinking ‘I’m sure going to be glad when school is out’. Now I kind of miss it in the summers.”**

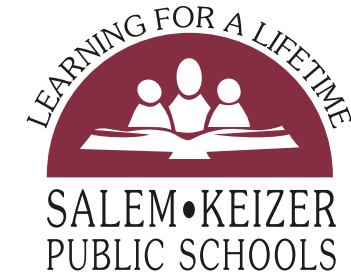
**Tom M.**  
Forest Ridge/OLE Volunteer  
  
Retired Law Enforcement Officer  
Small Business Owner  
North Salem High Graduate

Salem-Keizer Public Schools’ Volunteer Program is managed through a partnership with the Salem-Keizer Education Foundation (SKEF). SKEF plays a large part in supporting volunteerism in Salem-Keizer, including providing support for each school’s volunteer program needs, recruitment and placement of volunteers, plus training and materials for both volunteers and district staff who work with volunteers. Contact any school or SKEF for more information on becoming a Salem-Keizer Public Schools volunteer.



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Salem-Keizer Education Foundation, 233 Commercial St.NE, Salem, OR 97301  
503-364-2933 or [www.skeducationfoundation.org](http://www.skeducationfoundation.org)



## BECOME A VOLUNTEER in Salem-Keizer Public Schools

Volunteers make a meaningful difference for students. Each day in every school, volunteers support and encourage staff and students, and have a powerful role in helping every student achieve.

**Our vision is that all students graduate and are prepared for a successful life.**



### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Read with students
- Play instructional games
- Help in learning centers
- Help at book fairs
- Flash card drills
- Math tutoring
- Help with grounds-keeping and summer clean up
- Parent-Teacher groups
- Serve as a volunteer coordinator
- Help set up a volunteer program at a school that needs one

### MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

- Become an AVID tutor
- Booster clubs
- Discuss careers and higher education experiences
- Help with special presentations
- Help sports teams
- Chaperone field trips
- Serve on parent committees
- Help with grounds-keeping and summer clean up
- Serve as a volunteer coordinator
- Help set up a volunteer program at a school that needs one



## ABOUT VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers come from all backgrounds and age groups, and anyone may apply to become a volunteer.

Through contributions of time, energy, inspiration and expertise, volunteers often report they receive more than they give. They gain experience, make connections, and feel a sense of satisfaction from knowing their time has a direct influence on students.

Volunteers can invest a little time or a lot. Opportunities range from one-time events or special projects to regular recurring duties. Give one day per month, one hour per week, one week per year – there are no restrictions on how much time you contribute.

## WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT AS A SCHOOL VOLUNTEER

For the safety, protection, and education of our volunteers, staff, and students, those who want to volunteer on a regular basis will be asked to attend an orientation and training meeting. At the meeting, volunteers learn the dos and don'ts of student contact, important policies and procedures, and expectations.

Volunteers can also expect a heart-felt "thank you" from staff, students and the school district. Your contributions are important!

### Do you already know where you want to volunteer?

Many volunteers already have a connection to a particular school or feel a strong pull to help at a specific location.

Contact your preferred school directly to get started. For a list of schools, please visit [www.salemkeizer.org](http://www.salemkeizer.org). The school will provide you with a criminal history check packet\*.

OR

### Do you feel strongly about helping in a school that needs you most, or do you have special skills and would like to match them to a particular program?

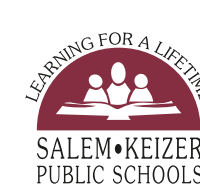
Contact the Salem-Keizer Education Foundation at **503-364-2933** or [www.skeducationfoundation.org](http://www.skeducationfoundation.org). They'll help find the school that's right for you and provide you with a criminal history check packet\*.

**The school will contact you after your form is processed and approved. They'll get you started in your new role as a school volunteer!**

\* All volunteers, including youth volunteers, must first pass a criminal history check before beginning volunteer service. Please allow up to four weeks for processing.

Salem-Keizer Public Schools (SKPS)  
Salem Keizer Education Foundation (SKEF)

## VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP



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### CONTACT INFORMATION

If you prefer to complete and submit an electronic version of this form, go to [www.skeducationfoundation.org/volunteers/form](http://www.skeducationfoundation.org/volunteers/form)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

### BACKGROUND

Have you previously volunteered for SKPS? Y / N How? \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously volunteered for SKEF? Y / N How? \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Salem-Keizer Public School Employee? Y / N Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a current student? Y / N Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list school preference: \_\_\_\_\_

### SKILLS & INTERESTS

Do you speak any languages other than English? Y / N Indicate other language: \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Skills or Interests:**

Y / N Artistic Abilities	Y / N General Support	Y / N Office Support
Y / N Data Entry	Y / N Graphic Design	Y / N Organizing
Y / N Event Planning	Y / N Grounds Work	Y / N Writing/Editing
Y / N Filing	Y / N Internship	Y / N Other:
Y / N Fund Raising	Y / N Mailings	Y / N Other:

Why do you wish to volunteer? \_\_\_\_\_

#### Salem Keizer Public School Opportunities:

Y / N Tutoring/AVID	Y / N Office
Y / N Booster Clubs	Y / N Parent-Teacher Group
Y / N Classroom Support	Y / N Special Events
Y / N Field Trips	Y / N Volunteer Coordinator
Y / N Grounds Clean-up	Y / N Other:

#### Salem-Keizer Educ. Foundation Opportunities

Y / N Awesome 3000
Y / N Crystal Apple Awards
Y / N Summer Camps
Y / N EA Before & After School Programs
Y / N Salem Spelling Contest
Y / N College Student Volunteer

Please include a copy of your class schedule

### AVAILABILITY

Preferred Days to Volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ Monday \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_ Thursday \_\_\_\_\_ Friday \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Hours to Volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_ Morning (8am-Noon) \_\_\_\_\_ Afternoon (1pm – 5pm) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening (5pm-9pm) \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Grade Level (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Elementary \_\_\_\_\_ Middle School \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that all the information and facts I have provided on this form are true and correct. I understand it is my responsibility to complete a criminal history check prior to volunteering in any school. By signing this form, I consent to the information I provide being shared with both Salem-Keizer Public Schools and the Salem-Keizer Education Foundation.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit form to Salem-Keizer Education Foundation, 233 Commercial St.NE, Salem OR 97301  
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