

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES WITH STEP ~ Gilpin Court

Victory Reading Program

The Victory Reading Program serves children preschool through 5th grade, residing in Gilpin Court, with extended day reading skills development. Launched in 2000 by a group of women from Victory Life Fellowship, the program has grown to serve as many as 40 children annually. Education is key to breaking the bonds of poverty and reading (language skills) is perhaps the single most important subject in the education process. Volunteers in high school or older are needed to nurture the children practically as well as spiritually while serving as tutors/mentors.

Date/Time: Monday through Thursday, 3 to 6 PM, September through May

Location: Calhoun Family Investment Center
436 Calhoun Street
Richmond, VA 23220

Volunteer Contact: Courtney Phillips, Program Director
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Community Fellowship

The Community Fellowship Luncheon (formerly Mom's Fellowship) began as an effort to encourage and empower the parents of children served through Victory Reading Program to fulfill their role as primary educators in their children's lives. Though the fellowship still serves these parents, the community has grown to be a multigenerational gathering of men and women who come together to encourage one another through faith, food and fellowship. Volunteers are needed to lead activities and provide meals and to simply become a part of the community!

Date/Time: Third Thursday's Monthly, 11 to 1 PM

Location: Fay Towers
1202 N. 1st Street
Richmond, VA 23220

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Summer Enrichment

Summer reading loss is a major issue for children from impoverished communities. STEP is working to combat reading loss by encouraging summer reading through the Summer Enrichment Program. Summer Enrichment is an extension of Victory Reading Program, combining fun summer activities (i.e. swimming, field trips, games) with reading skills development. Volunteers in high school or older are needed to tutor/mentor the children.

Date/Time: Monday through Thursday, 3 to 6 PM, June 21st through July 21st

Location: Calhoun Family Investment Center
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Vacation Bible School

STEP VBS is a unique collaboration of urban and suburban partner churches who join together to bring Bible adventures to life. VBS serves children ages 5 to 12 years old from both the urban and suburban communities. Volunteers 13+ years old are needed in the capacity of shepherds/group leaders, music and drama team, transportation providers, arts and crafts team, recreation, snack team and registration team

Date/Time: 3 to 6 PM, July 11 through the 15th

Location: Eternity Church
1900 Chamberlayne Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

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G. I. Jesus Boot Camp

Summer camps provide a great venue to build community, encourage teamwork, boost confidence and perhaps most importantly, to reach children with the Good News of Jesus Christ. G.I. Jesus Boot camp is a 5 day sleep away camp serving 50 to 70 campers each summer. The camp is a partnership with Victory Life Fellowship who provides about half of the volunteer staff. This process is unique in that our efforts provide strength to the local church's ministry and help ensure the ongoing discipleship of the kids served at camp. Volunteers are needed to serve as counselors (17+ years old) and Counselors in Training (15 to 17 years old). Other volunteer opportunities include evening activity coordinators and arts and craft staff (ages may vary).

Date/Time: August 3 through the 7th (overnight)

Location: Cub Adventure Camp (Brady Saunders)
1723 Maidens Road
Maidens, VA 23102

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Gilpin Games (Back to School)

For over 12 years STEP has held a school supply drive and distribution in conjunction with our Back to School celebration. In 2008 that celebration became the Gilpin Games, a morning of field games and outdoor activities. In 2010, 220 children participated in the games; they and an additional 80 children received school supplies. Volunteers are needed to solicit donations of school supplies from their churches and places of business. Volunteers are also needed to organize the event, serve as team leaders, lead sports activities, prepare food, assist with set up and clean up and to do community outreach informing the community of the event. Volunteer ages may vary.

Date/Time: Saturday, August 20th, 9 AM to 1 PM

Location: Calhoun Family Investment Center
436 Calhoun Street
Richmond, VA 23220

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Fall Family Festival

A safe alternative to the Halloween celebration, Fall Family Festival is an outreach ministry of Victory Life Fellowship. The event is an annual carnival of games, music and evangelism serving between 200 and 400 residents annually. Volunteers are needed to run concessions and games.

Date/Time: The evening of October 31st (Time TBA)

Location: Calhoun Family Investment Center
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Pride for Parents Christmas Store

For 20 years the Pride for Parents Christmas Store has offered low income parents a dignified and affordable alternative to meet their family's Christmas needs by offering new items at a fraction of the market cost. STEP relies on area churches and businesses for donations of new unwrapped gifts to stock the store. In addition volunteers are needed to prep and run the store, wrap gifts, welcome guests, entertain children, provide and serve brunch. This is a great ministry opportunity for the whole family!

Date/Time: December 3rd, 10 AM to 2 PM

Location: Eternity Church
1900 Chamberlayne Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

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