

# ICYE GHANA

## Volunteering Profile 2025/2026

### Introduction

Dear Future Volunteers,

A hearty Akwaaba to you from Ghana.

In this Volunteering profile, we present to you all the necessary information you may need as a Volunteer in Ghana and with **ICYE GHANA**.

### General information/What is expected of Volunteers in Ghana.

1. Hospitality: Ghanaians are known for their warm hospitality. Expect to receive a friendly welcome.
2. Language: English is the official language. But you may encounter local dialects. Learn basic phrases in Twi (widely spoken dialect)
3. Consult your doctor or a travel clinic to determine the necessary vaccinations for travel to Ghana.
4. Respect for Elders: In the Ghanaian society, respect for elders is very important. Show deference by greeting them first and use titles like Mr, Mrs, Madam, Sir etc.
5. Greetings: Always greet people first when you enter an area. In a large area or group, a wave and greeting is acceptable. otherwise, you may wonder why people are just looking at you when you entered. They are waiting for you to offer a greeting, which will be received with a big smile and a warm reply.
6. Cultural Sensitivity: Be respectful of the customs and traditions of the people. Avoid imposing your own cultural Norms.
7. Flexibility: Be prepared to adapt to a different way of life.

### Skills required of a Volunteer.

Both skilled and unskilled Volunteers are welcome to Volunteer with ICYE Ghana.

### Types of projects

- Education: kindergarten, primary school, teaching languages
- Health: Disability, rehabilitation, Clinic
- Environmental/green projects: animals, ecologically friendly agriculture

Note that, we can't guarantee volunteers a place in a particular project or city, as there could be more volunteers interested, and the matching would also depend on someone's experiences, competences, motivation and language level.

### **PROJECT IN KUMASI, ASHANTI REGION**

- Christ Love Educational Complex
- Lighthouse Christian Mission School
- American Cooperatives School
- Achiaa Greenlight School
- Oakom Robotics Academy
- Salvation Rehabilitation Project, Wiamoase
- Kumah Farms Complex

### **PROJECTS IN ACCRA – GHANA**

- Ronald Alex International School
- Lovehill school
- Andrews Royal Academy

### **PROJECT IN THE CENTRAL REGION**

- Royal School Complex
- Salvation Army Community Based Rehabilitation Centre, Agona Duakwa

### **PROJECT IN THE EASTERN REGION**

- Salvation Army Community Based Rehabilitation Centre, Begoro
- Nations Builders International

## Host Projects:

### **CHRISTLOVE EDUCATIONAL COMPLEX**

#### **Brief description and main aims**

Christ Love educational complex is a School in Dompouse, which is a town in the southeast of Kumasi. The school admits pupils from 6 months to 16 years. It provides primary education to these Children from Crèche to Junior high school and has a population of about 700 pupils.

#### **Volunteering**

The school seeks to expose the children to different people with different socio-cultural backgrounds to develop their understanding of other cultures. These Interactions can boost inter-cultural exchanges, experience and sharing of ideas between the volunteers and the school community.

#### **Volunteer tasks**

- Assisting the teacher in the classroom.
- Taking care of the children.
- Playing with the children and keeping them safe.
- Helping students who need special care or attention in some subjects
- Helping also to tidy up the school compound.

#### **Volunteers Requirements**

Volunteers should be motivated to work with Children and be able to express themselves in English.

#### **Hosting Situation**

The school will provide all volunteers with accommodation and meals.

## **LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN MISSION SCHOOL**

### **Brief description and main aims**

The Lighthouse Christian Mission School is a centre for academic excellence in education and support to all children in the community. The children look up to their teachers and role models to help them develop confidence and a strong pride, lead good lives through their academic achievement and be responsible citizens.

The school's main goal is to give children from the community especially those from poor homes access to education and bring them a step closer to a secured future.

Learning is not the only priority at lighthouse school, but also the health of the children. Potable water is available for the kids to drink and they also get a warm lunch every day.

### **Volunteer tasks**

- The Volunteer will assist Teachers in making teaching learning materials for the Creche, Nursery and Kindergarten.
- Volunteers will assist in teaching and caring for the little ones.
- They will assist in organizing school and extra curriculum activities.

### **Volunteer Requirements / Skills**

The volunteer should be open-minded and a team player. Above all the volunteers should have patience or be willing to adopt to certain Ghanaian culture systems during his or her stay.

### **Hosting Situation**

Volunteers will be staying with a host family.

## **AMERICAN CO-OPERATIVE SCHOOL**

### **Brief description and main aims**

The school provides formal education for kids years in and around the Efiduase Community. It admits kids who are between the ages of 2 and 15 into their nursery, primary and junior high school departments.

The Aims of the school is to:

- Ensure that the kids play and work independently and be able to share and cooperate with others
- Teach the kids a sense of respect and self-confidence and be aware of the needs of others.

- Give the children knowledge of skills and practical activities

### **Volunteer tasks**

- Assisting the teacher in the classroom
- Taking care of the children.
- Performing Administrative duties
- Assist students who might need special care or attention in some related subject.

### **Volunteer Requirements / Skills**

- The Volunteers should be motivated to work with children.
- He / she should be fluent in English.
- Should be friendly and open minded

### **Hosting Situation**

The project would provide accommodation for the volunteers; this could either be with a host family or live in the project. They (Volunteer) should be informed that he/she will be sharing a room with other volunteers. The project in collaboration with ICYE GHANA Will make provision for feeding during their stay.

## **ACHIAA GREENLIGHT SCHOOL**

### **Brief description and main aims**

The mission of Achiaa Greenlight School is to provide formal education, produce future leaders and contribute to the shaping of Children in Ghana. The school has about 700 students and over 50 employees. It admits children who are between the ages of 2 to 16 years into their daycare, primary and junior high school departments.

## **Volunteer tasks**

The school will like Volunteers to assist the teachers in performing their duties. Some of the duties include:

- Teaching
- Taking care of the Children
- Providing support to children who need special attention in some subjects.

## **Volunteer Requirements / Skills**

- Male or Female volunteers between the ages of 18-30 years.
- Volunteers should be open-minded
- The volunteer should be able to communicate in English since the official language in Ghana is English.

## **Hosting Situation**

Volunteers will be accommodated in the school as there is a furnished apartment on the school compound.

# **OAKOM ROBOTICS ACADEMY**

## **Brief description and main aims**

The Oakom Robotics Academy was founded in 2018 by Rev Kofi Owusu-Ansah and his wife in 2018. During their stay in Canada, the couple observed that the Canadian educational system focused on Artificial Intelligence, Robotics and STEM subjects. Impressed by that idea they decided to include that in the school. The school wishes to inspire and

build the passion for science technology among young Ghanaians hence the introduction of robotics engineering. The school has a population of about 700 pupils and admits pupils who are between the ages of 2 -15 into their creche, primary and junior high.

The Aim of the project is to:

- Develop basic mental abilities and skills of pupils.
- Instilling virtues of moral courage and social discipline in the Pupils
- impart knowledge and wisdom.
- Unlock creativity and build the passion for science and technology.

### **Volunteer tasks**

- Volunteers will be assigned to a particular class or teacher based on their interest or profession.
- They will be mostly assisting in teaching, marking class and homework, ensuring order in the class, participating in class activities

### **Volunteer Requirements / Skills**

The school would like to work with:

- both male and female volunteers
- He/she should be between the ages of 18 and 28.
- must be fluent in English language. A volunteer who can also speak French is a plus.
- He/she should be interested and passionate about working with kids.

## **KUMAH FARMS COMPLEX**

### **Brief description and main aims**

Mr. Martin Kwaku Kumah, the owner and managing director of the Kumah Farms Complex was first introduced to farming in 1972 by his grandmother during his primary education. After completing his education, he gained employment at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and

Technology as a transport officer. Then he decided to continue his agricultural pursuit along with his duties at the university.

He acquired a farm at Anwomaso and started with poultry, small game, and crop farming. In 1988, he was adjudged the best farmer in the Kumasi metropolis. Due to this honour and continued service to the community, the Anwomaso Chief enstooled him as the Nkosohene (development chief) of Anwomaso and bestowed the stool name Nana Kwaku Siaw in January 2008.

In 2001 he resigned from his job at the university to go into full-time farming. He has since gained many awards and recognition for his impact in the Agricultural Sector.

Some of the services provided on the farm are:

- Small Game (grasscutter, guinea, pigs, antelopes, porcupines, rats, tortoise, and snails)
- Livestock farming (pig farming, goat and sheep rearing, layers and broilers, turkeys, ducks, and ostriches)
- Crop farming (Cassava, yam, plantain, citrus, mango, sugarcane, coconut, Avocado, maize, local leaves etc.)
- Aquaculture (catfish and tilapia)
- Apiculture
- Animal feed formulation
- Processing of farm produced into finished goods.

Each year, the farm undertakes to train an average of 30 students for their attachments. Most of the students are drawn from agricultural colleges, farm institutions, polytechnics, and public universities.

### **Volunteer tasks**

The expected duties to be performed by volunteers includes:

- Assisting the workers on the farm in the daily roles.
- There are about four main department of the institution for which volunteers shall be rotated to work and learn

### **Volunteer Requirements / Skills**

- There is no specific language skills required of volunteers. Basic English language is accepted.
- There is no discrimination in gender or age. Any interested volunteer is accepted if only he/she has the passion for the project.

### **Hosting Situation**

The farm has a hostel for students, volunteers, and other trainees. The hostel facilities have washroom, electricity, and water. There is also a restaurant in the farm therefore volunteers shall be accommodated and fed.

# **RONALD ALEX INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**

## **Brief description and main aims**

After working and living abroad for over a decade, Mr Ronald Nuako decided to relocate to Ghana with his family. He settled with his family in Adenta Commandos, a new neighbourhood in one of the suburbs of Ghana's capital. He noticed many of the poor children in his neighbourhood were not attending school because their parents could not afford the high fees and the public schools they could attend too were too far away.

Ronald with help from a friend (Alex) from Italy decided to build a school to provide quality and affordable education to the children in the community. It currently admits kids from Nursery to junior high school 3.

The aim of the school is to:

- Provide Quality and affordable Education to the Children in the community.
- To help train and equip teachers to provide quality education.
- To train the children with good morals and guide them to become good citizens in future.

## **Volunteer tasks**

- Taking care of the Children
- Assisting Teachers in the classroom
- Organizing interesting activities like painting and sports for children
- Marking exercises.

## **Volunteer Requirements / Skills**

- Male or Female Volunteers between the ages of 18 -28
- Should be able to communicate in the English Language

- Should have the Passion to work with Children
- Should be open minded

### Hosting Situation

Volunteers will be lodging in the school. The school has furnished rooms in the school compound to accommodate volunteers.

## LOVEHILL SCHOOL

### Brief description and main aims

Lovehill School is a Christian faith-based institution, which offers quality childcare and education for all children across religions and nationalities. It was established on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015 as an Early Childhood Development Centre.

#### **Mission Statement:**

The Lovehill school shall raise children who will imbued with the fear of God alongside societal values and morality as well as basic academic competencies, skills and attitudes which will prepare them to fit into the general culture of the society.

#### **Vision Statement:**

The Lovehill school to become a Centre of excellence reputed from training and raising of disciplined children to fit into the Ghanaian society.

### Volunteer tasks

- Assist Teachers in Teaching
- Serve as a role model.
- Love and share good memories with the Children.
- They will also assist in organizing and planning activities like speech and prize giving day, career day and other school activities

### Volunteer Requirements / Skills

- Preferred Female Volunteers who are 18years above
- She should be able to communicate in English

### Hosting Situation

Volunteers will be accommodated on the Project and will be sharing a room with another volunteer.

## ANDREWS ROYAL ACADEMY

### Brief description and main aims

The aim of Andrew Royal Academy is to support the children in the Kasseh community in the Ada-East district of the Greater Accra Region.

The school admits pupils from Nursery to Junior high school and has a population of 190 pupils.

## Volunteer tasks

- Volunteers will support teachers in the classroom.
- Assist the teachers in taking care of the kids during break.
- Assist Class teachers in making teaching and learning materials for kids.
- They will assist in organizing school programmes and other activities planned by the school.

## Volunteer Requirements / Skills

- A male or female volunteer between the ages of 18 and above.
- He/ She should be able to communicate in English.
- He / She should be passionate and interested in working with Children.

## Hosting Situation

Volunteers will be accommodated in the Project and will be sharing a room with other volunteers.

# ROYAL SCHOOL COMPLEX

## Brief description and main aims

The Royal school Complex is located in Breaman Kuntanase in the Asikuma-Odoben-Brakwa district in the central region of Ghana. The school provides affordable basic education to the children in the community and admits students from nursery to Junior High School.

## Volunteer tasks

- Supporting Teachers in classroom
- Taking care of children during break time
- Helping Children to eat especially the little ones who cannot feed themselves.
- Engaging the children in their extra co-curricular activities

## Volunteer Requirements / Skills

- Male/Female Volunteers who are 18 years and above
- The volunteer should be able to communicate in English.

## Hosting Situation

- Volunteers will be living with a host family in the community.
- Volunteers should also bear in mind that they will be sharing a room

## □ **Salvation Army Community Based Rehabilitation Centre, Agona Duakwa**

### **Brief description and main aims**

The Salvation Army community-based Rehabilitation Centre was founded in 1986 with the focus of treating children with cerebral palsy among other disabilities.

The Rehabilitation centre has the following units:

1. **Mental Health**- This unit have nurses who are specialized in psychiatry. They respond and manage psychiatric emergencies, provide immediate support and interventions, go for community visits/outreach and educate, take care of the kids with issues like epilepsy and hyperactive etc.
2. **Social Rehabilitation** – This unit receive complaints and follow up on cases, they organize events, seek for sponsorships, operate between the clients and the family, they ensure that the clients especially kids with special needs are enrolled in special schools etc.
3. **Prosthetic and Orthotics** – This unit is a workshop and specialize in designing and making assertive and supportive devices to improve mobility and function for individuals with disabilities and injuries.
4. **Therapy** -This unit has professionals like the physiotherapist who that provides therapy to the patients.
5. **A shelter School for the Orphan and Vulnerable kids in the community** - In 1989, the facility established a school for orphans and vulnerable children in the community. Most of the children back then were kids whose parents suffered or died from HIV. In this project, the center provides free basic education to these kids and prepares them to the standard of the main school stream after which they graduate and enroll into the local schools. Currently they have about 15 kids in this facility.

The centre also has a hospital and provide general health care services to the community and beyond.

### **Volunteer tasks**

- Assisting the clinical staff in the various departments/unit in their daily tasks
- Go on outreach with the staff to provide general healthcare and Rehab services in the community.
- Assist in the Clinic by doing administrative work.

## Volunteer Requirements / Skills

- Volunteers with or no special skills can volunteer at the Centre.
- However, volunteers who have the passion to work with people with disabilities or work in a health facility are welcome.

## Hosting Situation

Volunteers will be staying with host families. These families are usually staff of the Centre.

### □ **Salvation Army Community Based and Institutional Rehabilitation Centre, Begoro**

## Brief description and main aims

The Begoro Salvation Army Rehabilitation Centre is one of the few Rehabilitations Centre's in the eastern part of Ghana providing subsidized physiotherapy and rehabilitation services to persons with various disabilities. Their services are mostly for the less privilege/poor who are economically disadvantaged and whose access to other sources of health care is restricted due to some critical contributory factors of life.

### **The Centre provides the following services:**

- To Children with special needs (various disabilities and Neurodevelopmental disorders) and Adults with disabilities – **Social and Rehabilitation Unit.**
- They offer Physiotherapy services (Gym and Therapy rooms) – **Physiotherapy Unit.**
- Provision of assistive devices for persons with disabilities such as the cerebral palsy, down-syndrome, adults recovering from stroke among others – **Orthotics and Prosthetic Unit.**
- People with mental health issues -**Mental Health Unit**
- Management of malnutrition /Community education and sensitization to reduce the occurrence of disabilities and other health and social problems – **Public Health and Nutrition Unit.**

- **A Special School for persons with disabilities** – The school has a population of about 30 pupils between the ages of 6 and 20.

### Volunteer tasks

- He/ She will support the various units in administering their duties.
- They would also be engaged in extracurricular activities like playing and singing for the kids among other recreational activities.
- They would also join the kids for their periodic excursions and tours.

### Volunteer Requirements / Skills

- The Centre will be happy to receive both Male/Female volunteers from all over the world.
- He/She should be 18 years and above.
- Skilled or unskilled volunteers are both welcomed, what is important is the passion to work with people with disability.
- For skilled volunteers the preferable areas are special needs teachers, social workers, physiotherapists, occupational therapists and orthotists and Prosthetists.
- The official language in Ghana is English so we prefer a Volunteer who understands and communicates in English.

### Hosting Situation

The Centre will provide Volunteers an accommodation.

## □ Nations Builders International

### Brief description and main aims

Nation Builders International is an organization dedicated specifically towards helping Orphans and the less privileged in society in the areas of education, health care, water and sanitation, agriculture etc in meeting the Millenium Development Goals.

Mr Alex Awah Tei Dankwa is the founder and director of the Project. He founded the project in 2008. Currently, there are 58 orphans and 150 less privileged children from the town of Begoro and nearby villages who attend the school in the Project.

The school has all the departments for basic education in Ghana. From preschool, primary (class 1 -6) and junior high school (form 1-3). They also have 14 staff which comprises of 10 teachers, 2 caregivers and 2 cooks. The Project is located at Amfo Kwakye forestry street, Odumase Begoro in the Eastern Region of Ghana.

### Volunteer tasks

- Assist the little children to get ready for school.
- Sweeping, cleaning and mobbing the children's dormitories and compound
- Sewing the torn clothes of children
- Supervising the children during break times
- Assist teachers in the creche, nursery and Kindergarten (pre-school)

if necessary.

- Washing dishes after breakfast and lunch
- Changing water in handwashing bowls several times in the day.
- Do extra lessons or exercise in reading and writing for kids who struggle to reading/write.
- Help to keep the washing and drying area clean and bring all the washed clothes in.
- During Prep time in the evening, help the children to do their homework.
- Assist the little ones to brush their teeth before taking them to bed.
- Finally, volunteers are expected to keep the volunteers' room neat and tidy.

### **Volunteer Requirements / Skills**

- The project will be happy to receive both Male/Female volunteers from all over the world.
- Skilled or unskilled volunteers are both welcome what matters is their passion to work with kids.
- They prefer volunteers who are 20years and above.
- The Volunteer should be able to communicate in English.
- He/she should be a team player.