



ADOPT A CLASSROOM

Thank you for your interest in supporting Kingsley House!



We're excited about the future and are thrilled that you would consider supporting KH! Whether you're a business or community organization, we value the role that our partners play in our ability to provide outstanding, high-quality services to our participants.

Things to Know




Corporate and Community Organizations are expected to support student success for a minimum of one academic year (August 1 – June 30); there are no fees associated with *Adopt-A-Classroom*.

Adopt-A-Classroom is available at both our Educare New Orleans Campus and Main/Patrick Taylor Campuses.

Partners will choose which campus(es) they want to support. Afterwards, partners will work with Center Directors at either location to determine how to best connect partner resources and interests with our unique needs; the relationship is a truly joint effort led by the school and partner.

We ask that our partners:

- Designate a primary & secondary contact to serve as the liaisons who lead efforts throughout the year;
- Work with the Center Director(s) to develop a year-long partnership plan;
- Support or host at least 3 school-based activities; and
- Contribute at least one donation to support the selected school community.

Area	Sample Activities & Opportunities for Partners
Academic Enrichment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in in-class activities (read a-louds, STEM activities, <i>etc.</i>) • Supervise and/or judge school fairs, competitions, and other activities • Volunteer to tutor students • Volunteer to present on your career in classrooms or during career days 
Achievement Incentives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present during student awards ceremonies • Volunteer to assist in public student recognition activities (<i>e.g.</i>, shaking hands, cheering, <i>etc.</i>) • Sponsor awards receptions or activities
Supporting School Climate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organize/support school beautification days • Mentor students • Pen pal projects • Participate/chaperone in-school events including field days, graduation ceremonies, <i>etc.</i> 
Supporting Teachers/Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist as a lunchroom or recess monitor • Make displays for special events/announcements • Donate staff recognition awards (<i>e.g.</i>, restaurant certificates, new supplies for teacher's lounge, <i>etc.</i>) • Offer space to host professional development meetings, conferences, and team builders for school staff
Additional Donative Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold drives throughout the school year (<i>e.g.</i>, school supplies, coats & winter items, books, awards & incentives) • Support school fundraisers and activities • Sponsor a Field Trip, serve as chaperones • Sponsor breakfast and meals for teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week (early May) 



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[Background Check Requirements](#) – The Louisiana Department of Education requires that all visitors working with children are required to complete a Child Care Criminal Background Check (CCCBC).

The CCCBC costs \$99 and each corporate/community volunteer is responsible for his/her costs; Educare/Kingsley House does not pay for or reimburse costs associated with background checks for volunteers.

To complete this process, a designee from the partner should contact Étienne Lombard, 504.523.6221 ext. 121, or the school's director for information regarding completing the required paperwork.



[Planning Group Visits; Individuals Interested in Volunteering](#) –

Classroom interactions with community partners must be planned 2-3 weeks in advance with the Center Director or his/her designee.

Members/employees/agents of our Adopt-Classroom partners are welcomed to volunteer on days/times outside of a scheduled group visit! Interested team members must coordinate with either Center Director or the corresponding designee.

[Guidelines on Photography](#) – Regarding photography, Kingsley House early learning programs (including Educare New Orleans) strictly adhere to the following protocol:

It is strictly prohibited to photograph foster care children. For all others enrolled, during intake, parents sign a photograph agreement/parental awareness of recordings release that allows staff of Kingsley House to take pictures, audio etc. for observation/security purposes, zoom trainings/events, advertising of services and promotion of the organization. Any activities or events, hosted and conducted by external persons, must provide an additional release form for parent signature.

[Orientation](#) – Whether your organization is adopting a classroom at our Educare New Orleans Campus or Main/Taylor Campuses, we will work with you to schedule an orientation session that covers Center rules, guidelines for classroom interactions, and mandates from La. Dept. of Education. **Each person participating is required to attend.**

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For more information on volunteering, contact Étienne Lombard at 504.523.6221 ext. 121.