



*Summer Volunteer Program participants were (from left) Ereyiyal Cartwright, Razi Aamar, Jackson Tate, Alexandria Bien, Sara Mayers, Ashley Cobb, Leah Taylor, Katherine Grant, Cara Wittig and Bridget Beckley.*

## 2018 Volunteers



**This summer, 10 returning teens and 31 new teens joined our 2018 Volunteer Program.**

This program allowed the teens the opportunity to explore health- and research-related careers, provide fun-filled activities for patients and families, and the opportunity to gain an understanding of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Here is what one Volunteer had to say about the experience:

"St. Jude is a very humbling and motivating environment. It's totally different than how I imagined it. My thought process going into the program was that St. Jude would be just like a normal hospital, but it's not. St. Jude provides the best for its patients and tries to make the best of their patients' time there."



You can read all about their summer and view the photo albums from both Volunteer sessions below:

[Recap of 2018 Volunteer Program](#)

## POE Events

The Family, Guest and Volunteer Services Department once again



partnered with the Pediatric Oncology Education (POE) program to host five themed events for St. Jude patients and families at Tri Delta Place, Ronald McDonald House, Target House and in the Kay Research and Care Center's Imagine Room.

The POE program offers an opportunity for students preparing for careers in biomedical sciences, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, psychology or public health to gain biomedical and oncology research experience.

Through these specifically designed events, the 2018 POE class helped provide fun for our families.



[View Photo Album](#)

## 2018 Summer Volunteer Program



This summer, we were happy to welcome **36** volunteers who were selected to participate in the St. Jude Summer Volunteer Program. Summer volunteers delivered toys in the Happy Cart to inpatients, greeted guests as Ambassadors in the Chili's Care Center Lobby, created crafts with inpatients in the Imagine Room, and delivered clean wagons and wheelchairs as Ready Runners. They also had an optional opportunity to serve at Tri Delta Place and in the St. Jude Garden. The summer volunteers' dedication and hard work contributed to improving our patient and family experience.

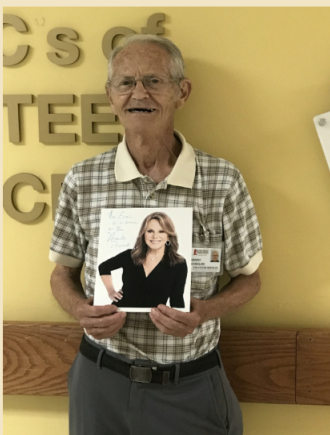


## PFCC Summer Highlights

The Parent Mentor Program has seen tremendous growth this summer. Since June, 14 parents have been matched with mentors through the Parent Mentor Program. Currently, the program has 72 active mentor-mentee partnerships. We are looking forward to training five additional mentors this fall.

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### A Special Volunteer Moment: Ernie Costilow



One of our dedicated volunteers at St. Jude, Ernie Costilow, who serves every week as a Kay Kafe Bakery volunteer, recently received a signed photograph and special letter from Marlo Thomas, St. Jude National Outreach director. Thomas heard from staff about how Ernie expressed appreciation for all the cards he has received from her over the years, thanking him for his support. In response, Thomas sent him the photograph and letter to thank him for his dedication to our patients and families.