

## **CHILDHELP'S VOLUNTEER CHAPTERS**

Childhelp Chapters play a crucial role in raising awareness about child abuse. Dedicated members of these chapters help raise awareness about the widespread issue of child abuse in the country. They achieve this through participating in a wide range of community events, business and social gatherings, and media opportunities. Childhelp Chapters are currently active in six states, with greater opportunity for their involvement.

Volunteers are instrumental in opening doors in local school systems for our prevention education program, Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe. They also provide material support by donating clothing, personal items, household goods, and furnishings for the children in our care. Moreover, they fulfill the demand for school supplies, toys, library books, and recreational equipment through creative fundraising efforts. Their efforts in creating memorable events for holidays and birthdays are invaluable, leaving a lasting impact on the children.

A set of bylaws governs our Chapters; each Chapter is led by officers who play a crucial role in planning and implementing fundraising events and overseeing chapter activities. The strong leadership, committed volunteers, and growing membership have positioned Childhelp as one of the nation's leading non-profit organizations dedicated to preventing and treating child abuse. Many volunteers have been with us for over 45 years and find immense satisfaction in their work with Childhelp.

Learn more at [childhelp.org/chapters](http://childhelp.org/chapters)

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Chapters/Auxiliaries**

#### **Basics**

##### **What does being a part of a Childhelp Chapter or Auxiliary mean?**

Chapters are made up of committed members (volunteers) who are dedicated to supporting the abused and at-risk children helped by Childhelp through fundraising and service projects. Each Chapter/Auxiliary, while operating under Childhelp's bylaws, has its own unique personality and special projects and events that reflect its community.

##### **How often does the membership meet?**

Chapters and Auxiliaries usually meet monthly or as often as needed to achieve their program and fundraising goals. Each meeting is conducted with an agenda created by the Chapter/Auxiliary President to ensure productive and effective use of your valuable time.

Attendance at meetings is strongly encouraged, but optional, to help carry out the group's goals. Volunteers are welcome at any level of support they can offer.

##### **How is the Chapter governed?**

Each Chapter/Auxiliary operates under a set of bylaws provided by Childhelp, ensuring a transparent and accountable governance structure. These bylaws are readily available in the Chapter Resources on the Childhelp website, providing you with the information you need to understand and participate in the governance of your Chapter/Auxiliary.

A leadership team of Chapter officers is selected/elected for each group, typically annually. Job descriptions for the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chair, Fundraising Chair, and others are available in the Chapter Resources. Other roles and subcommittees may be added on a short-term (event/project specific) or long-term basis as needed, formed and reporting to the Chairs.

##### **Do I pay dues?**

Dues are Chapter/Auxiliary dependent and are assessed annually. Memberships for individuals, families, and corporations may be available.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Chapters/Auxiliaries**

#### **Your Role in a Chapter**

##### **Will I be working directly with abused children?**

In most cases, no. Because of the unique needs of the children served by Childhelp, there are very few opportunities to work directly with them. If any opportunities exist, your local Chapter can assist you in beginning the screening process.

However, Chapters are dedicated to making a real difference in children's lives through service projects, collections of needed items and gifts, and fundraising for direct-benefit causes. These efforts have a profound and positive impact on the children Childhelp serves.

##### **Does a Chapter/Auxiliary fundraise?**

Yes! The Chapters and Auxiliaries organize various special events to raise funds for Childhelp. From elegant black-tie galas with silent auctions to exciting motorcycle rides, golf tournaments, fashion shows, wine festivals, and holiday boutiques, as well as fun casino nights and art and antique auctions, these events are not only about fundraising but also about coming together to support Childhelp's essential programs and facilities while spreading awareness of its impactful mission. Chapters host two fundraising events per year, and Auxiliaries host one. Watch the [Childhelp events webpage](#) to see what is coming up next!

##### **I don't have any experience in fundraising. Will I get support?**

Yes. Our Regional Chapter Director will provide each Chapter and Auxiliary with a Resource Manual that gives detailed instructions for each step involved in planning a special event and is available for support during the planning process. Childhelp may have software, materials, or other useful tools available to you to ensure event success. Childhelp can also connect you with other volunteers with extensive experience with special events and corporate fundraising.

##### **How much money is a Chapter/Auxiliary required to raise annually, and will the funds stay in my community or state?**

Childhelp will work with each Chapter or Auxiliary to set an attainable monetary goal based on their needs. Except in special cases, funds raised by the Chapter/Auxiliary will be unrestricted and used to support existing Childhelp programs and services nationwide, including our National Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-4-A-CHILD and Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe.

**Learn more at [childhelp.org/chapters](http://childhelp.org/chapters)**

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Chapters/Auxiliaries**

#### **Your Role in a Chapter continued**

**What percentage of the funds raised for Childhelp go directly to help abused children?**

Over 74%

**Corporate donors want their contributions to be used in this community. What can I tell them to satisfy this requirement?**

Childhelp is a renowned organization that operates both at the national level and within local communities nationwide. Their extensive care programs cater to the needs of individual communities, making a profound impact on a national scale.

Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline, 1-800-4-A-CHILD (text, call, and chat) serves the United States, its territories, and Canada; the hotline is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week with professional crisis counselors who can provide assistance in over 170 languages.

When introduced into the schools in your community, our prevention program, Childhelp Speak Up Be Safe, helps kids prevent, interrupt, and speak up about child abuse. It is the only comprehensive, evidence-based child abuse prevention education curriculum that covers physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, bullying, and cyberabuse with age-appropriate lessons for kids pre-kindergarten through 12th grade will identify and help children currently in abusive situations and prevent others from suffering abuse by teaching them how to speak out.

**What is the difference between a Chapter and an Auxiliary?**

Chapters are required to hold two fundraising events per fiscal year. Fundraising Auxiliaries are required to hold one. Fundraising Auxiliaries were created for individuals who would like to commit but, because of time or personal commitments, cannot afford to dedicate themselves to putting on two fundraising events per year.

**What is my Chapter's Tax ID number?**

All Chapters and Auxiliaries operate under Childhelp's Tax ID Number 95-2884608.

**Learn more at [childhelp.org/chapters](https://childhelp.org/chapters)**

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Chapters/Auxiliaries**

#### **Outside of the Chapter**

##### **What if there is no Chapter/Auxiliary in my area?**

If there is no Chapter or Auxiliary in your area, you can still help! Here's how:

- Spread the word about Childhelp on social media.
- Encourage your local school system or community organizations to adopt Childhelp's prevention education program, Speak Up Be Safe.
- Donate or individually fundraise for Childhelp.
- Become a corporate sponsor of Childhelp.
- Form a new regional Chapter or Auxiliary, following Childhelp guidelines.

Thank you for your commitment to making a difference in the life of a child!

##### **I want to become a foster parent for abused children. What steps do I take?**

Childhelp foster parent opportunities are currently only available in California and Tennessee. You can find out more about the training and requirements [on our website](#).

**Learn more at [childhelp.org/chapters](http://childhelp.org/chapters)**