

## **An Appeal to Devotees**

Chinmaya Mission Chicago has been serving the needs of our community for nearly thirty years. From its humble beginning by a handful of devoted families, today it has grown to serve more than five hundred families and thousands of children each year through Badri center in Willowbrook and Yamunotri center in Grayslake.

It is Pujya Swami Chinmayananda's vision to provide to humanity the wisdom of Vedanta and the practical means for spiritual growth and happiness, thus enabling the individual to become a positive contributor to society. Chinmaya Mission has become a model for teaching children and adults about India's rich spiritual heritage and fundamentals of Vedanta, a vital need of our community.

Today, the mission functions because of the countless hours of dedicated service provided by **hundreds of Karma Yogis**. Due to the phenomenal growth of mission, the need for volunteers has also grown. We are asking each of you to join this worthy cause and help carry on this fulfilling work to the next level.

Through Chinmaya Mission, Gurudev has provided the means of learning gyana yoga, karma yoga, and bhakti yoga. Karma yoga allows us to put our spiritual knowledge to practical use and also allows us to develop our bhakti by devotion to people, which is a devotion to the Supreme Self.

Be an architect of our children's future. Learn the wisdom of Vedanta. **Give the most precious thing you have, your time. Join the Yamunotri Seva team.** You will get back much more than you give, that is Gurudev's promise.

**Please fill out the volunteer profile and return to the bookstore or class sevaka/sevika. Thank you.**

## Volunteer Form

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member Since \_\_\_\_\_

2. Address \_\_\_\_\_

3. Phone \_\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (preferred)  
email \_\_\_\_\_

4. I am currently involved in the mission (check all that applies)

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Study Group Sevaka \_\_\_\_\_ Study Group Member \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

5. My occupation is \_\_\_\_\_

6. I have interest, talent, and special skills in \_\_\_\_\_  
(E.g. photography, singing, organization, handyman, etc)

7. I am willing to help by using my professional skills \_\_\_\_\_  
Special skills \_\_\_\_\_

8. I would like to volunteer my help weekly \_\_\_\_\_ monthly \_\_\_\_\_

Special events \_\_\_\_\_ hours/week or hours/month \_\_\_\_\_

9. We currently need help in the following areas of our operations. Please check one or many where you can make a difference.

Administrative and office work \_\_\_\_\_ web site and information technology \_\_\_\_\_

Reception and welcome group \_\_\_\_\_ public relations, publicity \_\_\_\_\_

Facilities maintenance \_\_\_\_\_ parking and traffic control \_\_\_\_\_ lawn and garden \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet and fund raising \_\_\_\_\_ bookstore \_\_\_\_\_ kitchen \_\_\_\_\_ audio/video \_\_\_\_\_

Bala Vihar program assistance \_\_\_\_\_ special events \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_ (please specify)

Suggestions/Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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