

I'm a VOLUNTEER

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SET THEME:

I Am a Responsible Community Member

Build Social and Emotional Intelligence

To help children learn about
volunteering:

- Help them understand what a volunteer is and what they do.
- Talk about the benefits of volunteering.
- Brainstorm different ways they can volunteer in their communities.

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How to Read This Book with Children

- 1 Read aloud the title. Explain what a volunteer is and talk about a time you volunteered.
- 2 Read aloud the book with children.
- 3 How does the girl feel about volunteering?
- 4 Ask children to describe some of the volunteer activities described in the story.
- 5 After reading, use the Real-World Wrap-Up prompts to discuss the photograph.
- 6 Guide children to connect the story to their own experiences.



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Today is going to be a great day.
Dad has a surprise planned.



I ask my dad what we are going to do?
He tells me we're going to spend
the day volunteering.

Luckily, I know what that means.



I know because my friend Emily is a volunteer.
On Saturdays, she spends one hour writing
letters to older people in her community.
She calls them her penpals.



She writes about her week and they write about theirs. She loves it and so do her penpals. They both feel happy when they receive letters.



A penpal is a fun way to volunteer. But Dad and I want to do something together. There are so many opportunities.



I know! Our after-school program needs sports equipment. We could make and sell cookies at the bake sale to help raise money. Or we could help decorate the school.

