



## Thinking About Volunteering in the BRC Rehab Hospital?

### Requirements:

- 13 years of age or older
- Attend a free orientation session
- Current BRC paid membership
- Maintain health insurance coverage
- Current tetanus shot
- Complete four 4-hour training sessions
- Rehab volunteers **must** commit to work at least one 4-hour shift per week during Baby Bird Season (May – August)
- 2 hours of continued education each year

### What do rehab hospital volunteers do?

- Prepare food for the birds
- Feed, feed, feed the birds! (nestlings are fed every 30 minutes for 12 hours a day)
- Wash dishes
- Clean up LOTS of bird crap

### When is the next orientation?

- If you have put your name and contact information on our volunteer sign-up list, we will contact you when the dates/times are set.
- You can also check our website for posted information about upcoming orientation sessions.

### It's not for everyone:

- People with a compromised immune system should NOT volunteer in wildlife rehabilitation.
- It can be physically demanding: you will be on your feet for four hours during the busy season and there is a lot of bending down, carrying, and cleaning involved.
- If the idea of handling live mealworms and dead mice creeps you out, then the rehab hospital is probably not the best job for you.
- **There are MANY other volunteer opportunities at BRC; just ask!**

### Can you make a serious commitment?

More than 90% of the work at BRC's hospital is done by volunteers. We ask you to seriously evaluate your schedule and other commitments before joining our volunteer team.

During Baby Bird Season, we have three shifts (8am – noon, noon-4pm, 4-8pm) every day (**there are no holidays at BRC!**). At any given time, some shifts may be full and not taking new volunteers.

In 2018, BRC admitted **2642** birds!  
(70% were admitted between **April** and **Sept**)

**We need YOUR help to feed all those hungry mouths!!**

Check out our Facebook page and website:  
[www.BirdRescueCenter.org](http://www.BirdRescueCenter.org)  
707-523-BIRD (2473)

