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Get a Summer GIG with UCP of Greater Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Birmingham is now accepting applications for its teen volunteer program. “GIG: Giving is Good,” formerly known as the “Jean Teens,” is hosted each summer by UCP.

GIG is an eight-week program for eighth graders and high school students that was started by The Civiettes Club of Birmingham. For over 35 years, the program has given young adults an opportunity to work with children and adults with disabilities.

Throughout the summer, students will learn about challenges faced by individuals with special needs and make a positive difference in their lives. GIG is an impactful way for students to make a difference in their community.

This year, approximately 50 local teens will dedicate their time and skills to UCP. Volunteers will serve in various capacities across the UCP campus, including: assisting teachers; preparing lessons; participating in arts and crafts; cleaning and organizing in UCP’s Hand in Hand classrooms. The volunteers will also assist with water play days and spend time with the adult day program participants at LINCPoint.

Each teen volunteer dedicates at least 32 hours of their time to serve people with disabilities, and some will serve over 150 hours over the duration of the summer. Only responsible, positive role models will be accepted into the GIG program, and two letters of recommendation are required for admittance.

For more information on GIG or to receive a GIG application, please contact Crystal Reno at creno@ucpbham.com or 205-944-3909

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