

Samantha with Evening Childcare

WV: What brought you to Warren Village?

Samantha: It's been 4 year now, and I cannot remember the exact reason I began going to Warren Village to volunteer. I do know that I began going when I was serving in AmeriCorps and most likely we did some brief volunteer work with WV and then I stuck with it!

WV: Tell us a bit about your volunteer work.

Samantha: I have been volunteering for Evening Child Care for about 4 years now. I like ECC because I can do it every month, at least once a month. I get to see the same kids sometimes (depending on the day of the week) and over the years I've seen the kids grow up. In my position at Colorado Ballet, I also spend almost every Tuesday with the Learning Center's pre-K 1 & 2 classes. I have seen kids from ECC come into those classes and become beautiful dancers in my class! Additionally, because of my time getting to know the WV crew, I tried expanding my volunteer time to the Holiday Shop as well. I coordinated a gift drive at my office and I volunteered on the day of with two friends. It was a blast!

WV: What do you enjoy about evening childcare?

Samantha: As previously stated, ECC is so nice because it can fit right into your schedule and you can go as often as you'd like. I love going on a specific day of the week from month to month and seeing the same kids. I also really like that I can spend time with school age kids or toddlers and babies, depending on the needs of the evening. I think another real reason that I love ECC is knowing that the moms are getting some time to themselves and getting the opportunity to engage in a class. They always come to pick-up in such a good mood and it is really rewarding to know that we can help in that small way.



WV: Tell us about specific story or moment you found impactful.

Samantha: I will always remember a particular family from ECC. I was volunteering more often at this point and I met a mom who had twins and two other kids, all under the age of 5. They were such a positive family and the kids had so much energy. I really loved playing outside with all of them - the littlest boy trying to keep up with his older siblings. All 4 of the kids were the best huggers and always spread love throughout the group. I think this family had a huge impact on how I view family and community - they taught me how to be more positive and loving, and I'm really grateful for that.

WV: Why do you continue to volunteer at Warren Village?

Samantha: I continue because these families are fantastic! They are always smiling no matter what challenges they're going through. I think that Warren Village is an incredible non-profit. I know that growing up in a single-parent household, if we didn't have additional family support, we'd have needed a place like WV. I'm so glad that Warren Village can keep doing this kind of work! I look forward to continuing volunteering in ECC and helping in different ways as years go on.