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The International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (ISAAC), formed in 1983, is a membership organization working to improve the lives of children and adults with complex communication needs. ISAAC's goal is to create worldwide awareness about how Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) can help individuals without speech. ISAAC accomplishes this by sharing information and promoting innovative approaches to research, technology and literacy through AAC. Activities include hosting the ISAAC biennial conference, sponsoring projects, and offering awards and scholarships.

We are very fortunate to be hosting the 2016 biennial conference in Toronto from August 6 to 13, 2016. The ISAAC conference happens every two years (alternating between North American and European locations). The conference has never been hosted in Toronto even though ISAAC originated here. This is very exciting. More details of the conference can be found on our conference website - www.isaaconline.org/english/conference-2016/

The 2016 ISAAC Volunteer Committee is currently recruiting volunteers. We are looking for volunteers for the following conference dates:

- Pre-Conference & AAC Camp: August 6 – 7, 2016
- Main Conference: August 8 – 11, 2016
- Research Symposium: August 12-13, 2016

Why Volunteer?
This is a valuable opportunity to gain knowledge and experience in the area of Augmentative and Alternative Communication, attending an international conference, and understanding the impact AAC has on clients, families and the international community. You will be provided a T-Shirt, a certificate of recognition for your resume, and you will receive meals/snacks while volunteering. Best of all, you will receive free registration for one day if you volunteer for a minimum of 3 days.

What is Expected of a Volunteer?
Volunteers will receive training, and are requested to commit to 4.5 hour shifts at a time. Volunteers may be asked to assist with the following areas:

- Registration desk (assisting with conference attendee registrations/program questions)
- Conference room facilitators (assisting with room counts, facilitating entering/exiting conference rooms)
- Information support (directions between conference locations, runners, greeters, and 'go-to' for questions)
- Blender bar (supporting blending of foods)
- Town hall meeting (communication assistants, microphone holders, dicta-typing)
- Language assistance (assisting with sharing of information/answering questions in native languages)

Should you wish to volunteer, please complete the online volunteer registration at the following link by May 31, 2016:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ISAACVolunteer

Sincerely,
The 2016 ISAAC Volunteer Committee
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