



## **Project Sunshine College Program**

### **Project Sunshine Mission**

Project Sunshine empowers a dynamic and dedicated core of over 15,000 volunteers to bring programming – recreational (arts), educational (tutoring and mentoring) and social service (HIV and nutritional counseling) – to 100,000 children facing medical challenges and their families in 175 major cities across the United States, and in four international satellite sites: Canada, China, Israel, and Kenya.

### **What is Project Sunshine's College Program?**

Project Sunshine has 52 active college chapters in 18 states across the nation. Our college chapters follow the chapter leader model where volunteer chapter leaders adhere to Project Sunshine's standards by attending special leadership trainings, utilizing management resources, and maintaining regular contact with Project Sunshine staff members.

### **Who can get involved?**

Undergraduate and medical students across America can get involved with Project Sunshine. If you're interested in joining or founding a chapter at your school, please email Tara Pokras, Program Coordinator at [tara@projectsunshine.org](mailto:tara@projectsunshine.org)

### **How can you participate?**

#### Direct Service Programming

Volunteers plan and coordinate free programming for children facing medical challenges and their families in local medical facilities. Project Sunshine has a variety of Direct Service programs, including Sunshine Chefs (a program in which volunteers cook nutritious foods with children facing medical challenges), Arts & Crafts (arts and crafts activities offer children the opportunity to express their feelings about being hospitalized), and Book Buddies (reading with children in hospitals).

#### Sending Sunshine Programming

Volunteers make craft kits (an individualized arts and crafts activity that contains everything a child needs to make a specific craft), sew surgi dolls (a tool to help children prepare for surgery and other medical procedures.), and decorate Sunny Grams (Sunny Grams are cards made with our special template that include uplifting words and pictures), which are then sent to our 250 partner medical facilities.

#### Fundraising Events

Volunteers are also encouraged to host two fundraisers during the school year to help raise awareness about their chapter on campus. Fundraising events range from bake sales to dodge ball tournaments.

For more information, please visit our website at:

[www.projectsunshine.org](http://www.projectsunshine.org)

