Freedom School Partners

# VOLUNTEER AT SHALOM PARK FREEDOM SCHOOL

## Join the Shalom Park Freedom School Steering Committee!

The Shalom Park Freedom School is a literacy-based summer program that works to prevent summer learning loss for students from Sterling and Huntingtowne Farms Elementary schools.

Sponsored by a coalition of Shalom Park agencies, we are entering our eighth year of giving children three resources needed to develop their potential and inspire a love of reading and learning - literacy skills, character strengths and a community that believes in them.

Interested in getting involved? We're looking for Steering Committee members to help coordinate volunteers, manage supply drives and shopping, oversee site set-up and clean up, write articles for Shalom Park publications, or update the Shalom Park Freedom School website and Facebook page.

Your volunteerism can make a meaningful difference in these children's lives. By the end of third grade, lower income children are typically two years behind in reading. Without significant intervention, three fourths of students who are not reading on grade level by third grade will never catch up. Lower income students typically lose two to three months' reading ability over the course of the summer, but 90 percent of our Shalom Park Freedom Scholars suffer no summer learning loss, and most gain one or more levels of reading ability.

If you are interested in volunteering with the Shalom Park Freedom School, please contact Margaret Musa at mmusa@carolina.rr.com or 704-651-5076.