

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the City Harvest Church co-op! We want every parent and child to be able to experience God at our weekend services in a way that is meaningful to them. For many parents, that means being able to entrust your children to children's workers during the service and having peace of mind, knowing that your children will have fun, learn about God, and be engaged in a safe environment.

We are glad to be able to provide this ministry in order to bless the parents and the children that come into our building. We accomplish this in two ways:

- 1) Through volunteers that have been screened and trained to work with children. Our goal is for every class to have Head Teachers that are committed to CHC and the children's ministry and can pour into the kids in their class on a weekly basis. Having the same Head Teachers in a class every week is of great benefit to the teachers, the kids, and the parents. Volunteers can also serve on a once-a-month basis. We strongly believe that youth play a vital role in the children's ministry and we allow responsible, screened teens (12 and up) to assist Head Teachers.
- 2) Through YOU! The parents, grandparents and guardians of the children in the classes are what keep this ministry going strong. We have a co-op policy at CHC, where if you're **using** this ministry and placing your kids in class, that you also **serve** this ministry. We require you to serve one service a month, as long as your children are participating in this ministry, and to be screened and trained as well. It is a great chance for you to see our children's ministry close up and to bless others the way you have been blessed!

The co-op is from birth through kindergarten and, initially, you will fill out an application for the class you would prefer to serve in. After that, you must fill out a form if you would like to change classes. However, we ask that all parents be flexible and willing to serve wherever there is a need. In order to maintain consistency throughout the ministry, to update everyone on new policies and procedures, and to get across the vision and heart of our children's ministry, we have 3 training times a year that are for ALL children's ministry workers, including co-op parents and teenage assistants.

We value children at City Harvest Church and we want to do more than just provide "baby-sitting". We aim to help children find their destiny in Christ and to make sure that we all take on the great responsibility of transferring what we know and believe to be true on to the next generation.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Sincerely,
Pete and Tamar Schrater,
Kids Church Pastors