

# There are hundreds of children on the waitlist...

We need more  
volunteers like you!

Attend one of the upcoming  
information sessions to learn all  
about Project Uplift and how  
you can start changing a child's  
life.

## Upcoming sessions:

- Jan. 15, 4 p.m. in 128 Cary Hall
- Jan. 31, 4 p.m. in 107 Haley Center
- Feb. 8, 4 p.m. in 128 Cary Hall
- Feb. 17, 4 p.m. in 235 Beard-Eaves Memorial Coliseum

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## Mentor Testimonial:

"The most beneficial part has been to get to know the kids. They bring so much joy into our lives, and it makes my day just to see them smile. For the kids, the most beneficial thing has been the companionship. They really look up to us and truly desire to grow through this experience."

### Who we are

Project Uplift is an agency operating to help give children constructive, happy lives and therefore reduce and prevent delinquency rates in the Auburn-Opelika community. Founded in 1973, Project Uplift is a program of the Lee County Youth Development Center, Inc. and is funded by Auburn University, the cities of Auburn and Opelika, the United Way of Lee County, Inc. and other individuals and organizations.

### The Children

The program serves children ages 5-12 who are referred by community professionals due to life problems that may lead to delinquency. Common situations that lead to a referral include: disrupted homes, low achievement in school, financial hardship, limited participation in extracurricular activities, limited home supervision, limited or nonexistent affection. Children of Lee County are admitted to the program with no cost to the families.

### Our Mentors

More than 200 individuals serve through Project Uplift. Auburn University students comprise 99% of volunteers and contribute more than 4,000 hours of service each month.

Volunteers must be at least 19 years old and able to dedicate at least three to four hours per week with the child and a year in the program.

With a \$5 budget per month, mentors build relationships with the children that develop self-esteem, establish a caring relationship, provide enriching experiences and improve the child's school behavior, grades and attendance.