Baptcare seeks volunteers to help mentor families

Baptcare's Home-Start Program, providing families with volunteer mentors, is expanding into the Macedon Ranges Shire and is seeking new volunteers to support local families. Baptcare's Home-Start program provides emotional and practical support for parents with at least one pre-school aged child. The program has been successfully offered in the Greater Bendigo area for 13 years.

This free program works with all cultures, religions and backgrounds and assists parents seeking support for post-natal depression, disability and social isolation. Volunteers are matched with a family to offer emotional support, link them into their local community and build parent confidence.

Volunteers complete a preparation course before working with a family and have ongoing support in their role from the Home-Start team. Jenny, an existing volunteer, says, "What a great choice I made when I decided to volunteer for the Baptcare Home-Start program. I was looking to do something meaningful, that involved new learning that would be rewarding, sometimes challenging and fun. Top score for all of the above!"

Home-Start is now looking for new volunteers to join this remarkable group of dedicated people. Jane Worthington, Home-Start Team Leader, says, "We have been so proud to continue service throughout the challenges of the COVID Pandemic. We need more people who can offer 1-2 hours a week to provide much-needed support to families in the Macedon Ranges and Bendigo. For parents, this one-to-one companionship means so very much."

To register your interest to volunteer, contact Jane on 0439 038 140.

Baptcare requires volunteers in the Macedon Ranges. (Supplied)

Volunteers needed

Mentor support

Baptcare's Home-Start program is in need of Volunteers in the Macedon Ranges region to work with young families. This service matches Volunteers who have parenting experience with families needing a little extra support to raise pre-school aged children.

Volunteers role

- Share life experiences and skills
- Mentor, friend and support person
- Weekly contact for 1- 2 hours
- Parenting support
- Encouragement around a range of practical family needs.

To register your interest call Harriet, Bendigo's Home-Start Program Coordinator on 0439 038 140

For more information contact home-start@baptcare.org.au

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