



St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home



"I have never worked with a more appreciative group of children. Not only did I have fun but I actually felt that the short amount of time and small amount of attention I gave them actually made an impact. I haven't felt that accomplished after volunteering in a long time."

St. Ann's, located in Hyattsville was established in 1860 to help needy women and children of all backgrounds within the DC Metropolitan area. Offering a safe home for pregnant mothers with no where else to turn, a home for mistreated or neglected children awaiting foster placement or adoption, and a day care preschool program, St. Ann's is invaluable in the local community.

Volunteers are welcomed warmly by both St. Ann's staff and the children residing or attending preschool there. Rotaract's commitment to local as well as international community service led us to St. Ann's. Last year, our volunteers had a great time preparing for and conducting an afternoon of activities for the children once each semester. We have high hopes to visit several more times this year!



The University of Maryland College Park Rotaract regularly volunteers at the St. Ann's Maternity home; last year, Rotaract also held a Halloween Party for the kids at the center. The kids had a blast. They came in wearing their fantastic Halloween costumes and were eager to participate in the numerous activities Rotaract had planned for them.

Rotaract had fun games, Halloween arts and crafts, tattoos, lots of candy and we played the movie Casper. Volunteering at St. Ann's has become a regular event and Rotaract tires to participate at least once every semester.

"It's great to come and interact with these kids. I see it as more efficient than just sending money to an organization; I would rather send my time."

-Crystal, Rotaract Professional Development Chair