

VOLUNTEER PROJECT DESCRIPTION

For questions about this project or to learn more about volunteering contact Nikki McDougald, Community Outreach Coordinator, at (919) 723-9292 or nmcdougald@wakesmartstart.org.

Little Builder Bags

String bags provide storage and easy transport for a child's set of Duplo or wooden blocks that encourage learning at home. Along with the blocks, the set includes a children's book such as "Dreaming Up" to inspire a little builder's imaginations.

How this Project Helps with Learning

Playing with blocks encourages development in a number of key areas: motor and eye-hand coordination, creative thinking, social and language skills. There is evidence that block-play is linked with higher math skills in later years.

Project Materials

- String bags
- Duplo or wooden blocks
- Building themed preschool book

Size of Volunteer Team

Small (10 or fewer) Large (11 + or more)

Minimum Number of Bags

• We'll help you determine a site and the number of bags needed

Volunteer Team's Responsibilities

This project has three components:

- Gather/purchase materials
- Assemble bags
- Distribute bags

Wake County SmartStart's Support of the Project:

- Provide a sample budget
- Answering questions to support the planning process
- Assist with locating a child care center or program for the donation and help coordinating delivery
- Sharing the story of your support to the community to inspire others







