



## York America's Promise Adopt-A-Class for 2016-2017

**Scope:** The York America's Promise Adopt-A-Class is a mentoring program with an adult business/professional volunteer adopting an elementary class and visiting the class for about 45 minutes a minimum of 4 times during the school year.

**Goal:** The program goals are to fulfill the America's Promises of CARING ADULTS and MARKETABLE SKILLS and reduce drop-out rates in the School District of the City of York by getting students involved in thinking about their future and the importance of staying in school.

**Description:** This program focuses on 2<sup>nd</sup> grade elementary classes. Volunteers are assigned an elementary class by the committee based on participating teachers as provided by the School District of the City of York. To help develop a relationship with the teacher, each volunteer continues with the same teacher from year to year when possible and desirable.

Volunteers prepare their own classroom curriculum. The curriculum focus is to enlighten the students as to types of jobs that await them by staying in school and working toward their dream. Hands-on activities to engage the students should be used whenever possible. The committee can help with ideas and has a book on jobs that can be borrowed from the Club's Rotary office to read to the students for one of the visits.

Volunteers arrange class visits with their assigned teacher. The first visit should be scheduled in the fall when possible with the rest of the visits scheduled after the first of the year.

Volunteers may work together so that a volunteer visits another volunteer's class for one of the four visits. This would reduce curriculum preparation as the curriculum for one of the visits could be used for the other teacher's class.

When possible, the committee chair will arrange a local field trip for each school. Volunteers who choose to arrange their own field trip are responsible for paying all expenses as they are incurred and understand that there is no guarantee that any of the costs will be reimbursed. Amount of reimbursement, if any, will depend upon any remaining budget with all invoices needing to be submitted to the chair before May 31st of the current fiscal year. The School District of the City of York requires all bus transportation be made through a District approved transportation company.

**Important Note:** Volunteers do not need to be Rotary Club members. All volunteers are required to have a *PA Criminal Record Check* and *PA Child Abuse History Clearance*. These are at no cost to volunteers. Volunteers who have not been a resident of PA consistently for at least 10 years are also required to obtain a *Federal Criminal Record Check* at their own cost. Information will be provided for you to obtain the proper background checks.

For program questions or to volunteer, contact this program's coordinator, Dave Hoffman at [dhoffmandds@comcast.net](mailto:dhoffmandds@comcast.net) or phone 717-873-9224. Or you may contact Karen Hansen, Rotary Club of York America's Promise Chair at [KHansen@HansenPS.com](mailto:KHansen@HansenPS.com) or phone 717-855-4258 (cell).