



Developing Young Lives

### **A guideline to being a LSC grand-parent/ general camp assistant**

The role of Sponsored Camp grand-parent is not easily defined. “Job roles” noted below are not intended to be exhaustive but more illustrative of the type of things you might be doing on camp, expectations and some specific details of the type of things you might get asked to do.

All first time volunteers, including grand-parents and first aiders are required to attend a Volunteers Training Day prior to Camp attendance as well as be flexible in their attitude to children and tasks required of them whilst at Camp. Grand-parents are not required or expected to be seated in the first aid facility on a long term basis. It is natural that many children may come to this area when they just need some “time out” and so grand-parents will naturally gravitate to the first aid room from time to time to lend a helping hand.

The job list below is not exhaustive and is in no particular order;

- Primarily to be a caring and loving person that children can rely on,
- A supportive and positive adult role model,
- When a child has messed their sheets it is hoped that a leader will be able to approach a grand-parent to get the sheets/ sleeping gear cleaned with as much subtlety as possible to prevent further possible embarrassment for the individual child,
- Helping in the first aid area when children present with nits/ other,
- Helping at meal times either or both of serving and scullery if and when required,
- Be available,
- Sitting with children at meal times, listening to their stories and enjoying their company,
- Being required to drive a child to hospital or other place (2 adults required),
- Visiting activity areas and be supportive to children, particularly those who are anxious for any reason,
- If a child has over exerted and vomits to clean this if cleaning staff are not readily available.