



Please Return Application to:

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Program: _____
School: _____
Training Date: _____
Clearance Date: _____
Coordinator: _____

Volunteer Information

Name (Mr./Ms./Mrs.) **Circle one** _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-Mail _____

Phone-Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

2008-09 Placement(s): Not Applicable Reading Intervention MORE Ready 2 Read

**Volunteer Information & Commitment to Serve Form
2009-2010**

Please consider volunteering with Better Basics for the upcoming school year. In addition, we would love for you to consider volunteering for more than one program. Program volunteer descriptions are on the back of this form. In many cases, you can volunteer at the same school and at a back-to-back time, so no additional trips to the school would be required. **Please mark below all that apply.**

____ Reading Intervention

____ MORE

____ Ready 2 Read

____ Place me where I am needed

____ I will be an Office Volunteer

____ I will **NOT** be able to volunteer next year

____ Contact me to discuss volunteer options

If you are willing to take more than one child/classroom, write in the number rather than an "X"

School/Area Preference

(List three school or area choices in order of preference. If nothing is listed, we will place you where you are most needed)

1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

3rd Choice _____

Additional Notes

What else would you like us to consider about your placement next year?

In Case of Emergency, Contact:

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Home/Cell/Work Phone _____

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School		School		School
RI Teacher/Student	Day/Time	MORE Teacher	Day/Time	R2R Teacher

Additional Information

How did you initially hear about Better Basics? _____

Current Employer _____

Does your employer match donations or volunteer hours? (circle one) Yes No Not sure

Contact person and number _____

List any other church or civic groups to which you belong. _____

Would it be appropriate for Better Basics to speak to your church/group? (circle one) Yes No

Contact person and number _____

Important Information – Please Read Carefully

To protect both our organization and the children we serve, all volunteers must be approved through an appropriate background check. Better Basics reserves the right to conduct these and other background checks at other times as circumstances require. **Background checks expire every five years. We will contact you if a new background check is required.** Background checks are NOT required for Ready 2 Read Volunteers.

Better Basics abides by all state, federal and local laws in providing services and does not discriminate against anyone with regard to employment or participation in its program based on race, color, national origin, ancestry or ethnicity, religion, sex, pregnancy, marital status, sexual preference, age, handicap or disability, or veteran status.

I acknowledge receipt of Better Basics, Inc.'s Equal Employment Opportunity Policy and agree to submit to a background check if applicable. I understand I will be contacted by a representative of Better Basics, Inc. if a background check is necessary. Thank you for completing this information form and for your willingness to volunteer with us.

Signature _____

Date _____

Volunteer Programs of Better Basics

The Reading Intervention volunteer tutors an elementary age child once a week in the school for forty-five minutes with materials provided by Better Basics. The volunteer encourages the child by promoting better reading skills and self-esteem. The program requires a **once a week** commitment from October through March (20 weeks) and completion of an hour training session.

The MORE (Motivators of Reading Enrichment) volunteer motivates and rewards students for reading books. Fourth grade students read books from a library placed in the classroom and complete book reports, which the volunteer grades from a key. The volunteer visits the classroom **once a week**, picks up the reports to be graded, and rewards the children with prize books for each book read successfully the previous week. Other prizes are given as incentives such as t-shirts, wrist bands, blue ribbons, etc. The program requires a once a week commitment from October through March (20 weeks) and completion of an hour training session.

The Ready 2 Read volunteer encourages second grade students to read for pleasure. A library of books provided by the Rotaract Club of Birmingham will be made available for each second grade classroom in the Birmingham city school system. **Once a month**, for approximately 30 minutes, volunteers visit their assigned classroom(s) to read a book and encourage children to read from the Ready 2 Read library. The program runs from September – April. Volunteers take the Ready 2 Read library to their classroom on their first visit to kick-off the program and return the library to Better Basics' office in April after the last visit to the school.