



MONONA TERRACE COMMUNITY AND CONVENTION CENTER

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Monona Terrace Seeking Volunteers to Serve As TERRACE TOWN 2026 MENTORS



Program description: Terrace Town brings architecture, design and city planning curriculum to Dane County elementary classrooms. Over several weeks, students learn how cities are planned, what makes a quality and green city, and how citizens can participate in the improvement of their community. Classrooms then design and construct scale model “box cities” and install them in Monona Terrace’s Exhibition

Hall for public display.

We are recruiting volunteer mentors to partner with schools and visit classrooms in the months of January-early March. Culminating events occur at Monona Terrace March 13-14.

Mentor service entails:

- Attend a training meeting on November 18 at noon **or** December 3 at 4pm to learn presentation techniques and activities for an elementary classroom.
- Attend a January kick-off workshop (date TBD) with teachers to begin discussion on working together.
- Commit to a minimum of three visits to a classroom, where you will lead or support activities with the students.
- Assist in box city installation at Monona Terrace on March 13 (“School Build Day”).
- Arrange your own transportation to the schools for visits.

What makes a great mentor?

City planners, architects, landscape architects, engineers and transportation planners are invited to participate. A great mentor has the right mix of enthusiasm and a willingness to learn delivery styles appropriate for an elementary classroom. Mentors must be able to schedule their visits during school time (typically within the hours of 9-2:30) in advance and keep commitments. A background check will be conducted.

For more information, please contact:

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“I have participated with the Terrace Town program for over fifteen years and always look forward to joining the team of dedicated mentors, talented teachers and budding architects and planners. Seeing these young, creative minds is not only a joy for me but it gives me hope for the future and reignites my own imagination. My only complaint is that it isn't held every year!”

-Todd Barnett, Architect