



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & ELIGIBILITY

Hospital Outreach Volunteers

Hospital Outreach Volunteers provide immediate 24-hour outreach, crisis counseling, information, advocacy, and companion services to survivors of rape, sexual assault, domestic violence, and their families at Montgomery County hospitals and police stations. The outreach volunteer may be present during the police interview and the medical examination at the survivor's request.

Eligibility:

- Must be 21 years of age or older and possess a valid driver's license;
- Must be a Montgomery County Resident;
- Must commit to one (1) year service;
- Must commit to being on-call one 12-hour shift per week or two 6-hour shifts per week;
- Must have reliable transportation;
- Must be available by phone and able to respond to locations within 30 minutes;
- Must successfully complete the Volunteer Training;
- Must complete and pass a criminal background check.

Court Advocate Volunteers

Court Advocate Volunteers provide information, advocacy, accompaniment, and support through the criminal justice process to survivor of rape, sexual assault, domestic violence and general crimes at the Rockville or Silver Spring District Court and Rockville Circuit Court. The court volunteer may assist with educating survivors of their rights in the criminal justice system, providing information on Victim Notification (VINE), assisting with victim impact statements, completing necessary paperwork for Peace and Protective Orders, providing accompaniment and support during criminal justice proceedings, serving as a liaison with Police, State's Attorney's Office, and other county agencies, and provide referrals to other resources for specific support.

Eligibility:

- Must be 21 years of age or older and possess a valid driver's license;
- Must be a Montgomery County Resident;
- Must commit to one (1) year service;
- Must commit to a minimum of 16 hours per week; either two 8-hour shifts or four 4-hour shifts in the morning or afternoon at the Rockville or Silver Spring District Court or Rockville Circuit Court per week;
- Must have reliable transportation;
- Must have knowledge of the criminal justice system;
- Must successfully complete the Volunteer Training;
- Must complete and pass a criminal background check.

In-Office Volunteers

In-Office Volunteers will provide assistance in a number of capacities including assisting with phone and/or walk-in intakes, projects, and other supports at the Trauma Services office. In-Office volunteers will be offered the opportunity to assist in criminal justice court advocacy, hospital outreach, in-house crisis response and community outreach and presentations.

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