



Spring 2012

Dear Potential Volunteer,

Thank you for your interest in volunteering for the DC Rape Crisis Center (DCRCC)! Our volunteers are a great asset to the community as well as the operation of our programs. We could not provide services to survivors of sexual assault if it weren't for the dedication and commitment of our volunteers.

The majority of the DCRCC volunteer corps consists of crisis counselors who help with our 24-hour crisis hotline and hospital advocacy programs. Volunteers also help activities during Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April, and fundraising activities.

In order to become a crisis counselor, volunteers participate in an eight-week training course. The next volunteer training for hotline counselors and hospital advocates will begin in May 2012. We will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00-9:00 PM for eight weeks. In addition to the Tuesday and Thursday sessions, there are 2 mandatory, all-day, Saturday trainings, dates TBD.

After completion of the training, we ask that the volunteers commit to one year of service, covering at least three hotline and two hospital advocacy shifts per month.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please complete the enclosed application. You may return the application, along with a copy of your resume, by mail, fax (202.742.1731) or email at dcrcc.volunteers@gmail.com. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 34125, Washington, DC 20043. Upon receipt of your application, you will be contacted prior to the training to schedule an interview.

We look forward to meeting with you. And thank you again for your interest in DCRCC!

Sincerely,

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DC Rape Crisis Center
202-232-0789 (Business line)
202-742-1741 (Fax line)
202-333-7273 (Crisis Hotline)

D.C. Rape Crisis Center
Volunteer Application

Date _____

Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zipcode _____

E-Mail Address _____

Phone(work) _____

(home) _____

(cell) _____

Occupation _____

Month & Day of Birth

(Optional) _____

Please tell us where you found out that we need volunteers.

What are your interests? (Check as many as you like)

___ **Hotline/Companion Counselor (training required)**

___ **Peer Counselor (training required)**

___ **Fundraising Efforts**

___ **Educational Events (Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April)**

___ **Office Support**

___ **Desktop publishing/layout design**

Why would you like to volunteer for the D.C. Rape Crisis Center?

Have you utilized DCRCC services in the past? If yes, in what context and what was your experience like as a DCRCC Client (this includes utilizing our hotline and counseling services)?

What are your expectations of the DC Rape Crisis Center, as a volunteer?

Do you have any special skills (e.g. languages, graphics, legal) or contacts (e.g., local businesses, funding organizations) that you feel would be beneficial to the DC Rape Crisis Center?

Please tell us any additional information about yourself that you think we should have.

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