

MISSION

The Mission of The Crisis Center is to create an environment where violence and abuse are not tolerated in the communities we serve by providing crisis intervention services to victims of family violence, sexual assault and child abuse, including providing awareness and prevention services to the community.

PURPOSE

Our Purpose is to encourage victims to seek crisis intervention services, promote awareness thereof, and to educate our communities regarding the dynamics of family violence, sexual assault, and child abuse.

VISION

The Vision of The Crisis Center is that victims of family violence, sexual assault and child abuse can achieve a life free from violence, to become self-sufficient, and that our community would actively participate and assist the Center in obtaining our goal of zero tolerance for family violence, sexual assault, and child abuse in our community, which includes holding perpetrators accountable for their acts of violence.

The Crisis Center is funded by Federal and state grants, city and county, foundations, businesses, United Way, and many generous supporting individuals.

THE CRISIS CENTER IS A COMMUNITY BASED, VOLUNTEER SUPPORTED PROGRAM. THE HIGH LEVEL OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CRISIS CENTER'S GROWTH SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1984.

WHY VOLUNTEER?

- Contribute skills, gain experience & perspectives
- Build self-esteem and self-confidence
- Contribute to a cause that you care about
- Meet a diverse range of people
- Make important networking contacts
- Experience the type of work you might want to pursue
- Strengthen your resume
- Looks good on college and scholarship applications
- Give back to the communities in which you live & work
- Receive a personal satisfaction of knowing you made a difference in someone's life

Individual and Organization Volunteer Opportunities available.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers have the opportunity to contribute to many aspects of the mission. Whether you choose to join us on a monthly, weekly or just a one time basis, volunteers may choose from many options to support our programs.

- **Resale Store**- help in our store, which raises vital funds for our mission and supply essential clothing, housewares and furniture for our clients.
- **Direct victim services**-volunteer opportunities require training to allow you to work directly with our survivors and/or their children.
- **Public Speaking**-Empower others by sharing your story. Advocate for others.
- **Special Events**-Volunteer to assist with our fundraising events and mission-focused events throughout the year. If you don't have time to give regularly, this is a great way to stay involved.
- **Child care**-Children in our care need special attention, and need to have their unique needs treated with compassion.
- **Counselors**-Abuse always has a mental health component. Help victims get through the trauma of abuse.
- **Lawyers**-We need people on the side of victims of abuse and their children in court.
- **Clerical**- make copies, packets, brochures etc.

SERVICES

Safe House - A home where victims can live in safety, have confidentiality and support while making plans for the future.

24 Hour Crisis Hotline - For people in crisis needing help or information on family violence, sexual assault, suicide, substance abuse, etc. **1.800.451.9235**

Advocacy - Trained persons who serve as nonjudgmental friends and help victims identify their options and help with safety planning.

Support Groups - "Women Helping Women"; a support group that provides a caring, healing environment for victims of abuse.

Legal Advocacy - Advocates can assist with a broad range of legal needs such as protective orders, civil representation referrals, landlord/tenant issues, divorce etc.

Resources and Referrals - An advocate can provide information and written referrals to assist you in accessing other social services in the area.

Accompaniment - The Crisis Center provides personal accompaniment services : law enforcement departments, court hearings, district/county attorney's office, and the hospital.

Counseling - A master level service provider will provide counseling services to clients.

Services are confidential and are provided at no cost.

THE CRISIS CENTER COULD NOT PERFORM ALL OF ITS WORK WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF ITS VOLUNTEERS. OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP IN A NUMBER OF WAYS. WE ARE ALSO OPEN TO NEW IDEAS ON HOW YOU CAN HELP OR CONTRIBUTE.

CONTACT US TODAY

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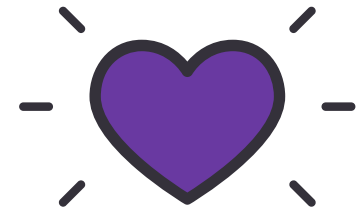
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