

Partnership for Families, Children and Adults

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND RAPE

Chattanooga, TN – Local nonprofit agency, Partnership for Families, Children and Adults, is recruiting volunteers to assist victims of domestic violence and rape. A free training series for volunteers will be held September 14 – 25 in Chattanooga and will prepare volunteers to answer calls to the agency's 24/7 Crisis Hotline and work as victim advocates. Volunteers may register for the training series by contacting Volunteer Coordinator Rosemary Miller at (423) 697-3830 or rmiller@partnershipfca.com. The volunteer efforts will support the work of the Partnership's Crisis Resource Center, which serves victims of domestic violence and rape in the Greater Chattanooga area.

Volunteers who wish to support these programs are required to successfully complete the six-day training series, agree to a background check and provide personal references before they are admitted. The Partnership currently has over 30 volunteers directly supporting the Crisis Resource Center efforts to serve victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, but more are still needed. "Without the tireless and committed efforts of our volunteers, assault victims in this community would have fewer services available to them. Volunteers assist staff in so many areas and save the Crisis Resource Center money that is then used to offer even more services. We could not do this so successfully without volunteers", says Crisis Resource Center Director, Regina McDevitt.

Pre-registration is required to participate in the training series. Training dates are as follows:

- Tuesdays, September 14 and 21 5:30 – 8 p.m.
- Thursdays, September 16 and 23 5:30 – 8 p.m.
- Saturdays, September 18 and 25 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Each year, the Partnership provides crisis intervention services, an emergency hotline, counseling, shelter, advocacy and referral services to more than 3,000 individuals and families in our community. These services include the Family Violence Shelter and Sexual Assault Center. These services are staffed 24-hours-a-day and are prepared to assist a client or victim in a moment's notice. Nearly 300 individuals were served at the Sexual Assault Center last year alone.

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About the Partnership: The Partnership for Families, Children and Adults is a nonprofit social-service agency that has been empowering people to build better lives through counseling, crisis intervention, prevention and education programs for 134 years. Last year, our services touched the lives of nearly 50,000 people in Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama. The Partnership for Families, Children and Adults is a United Way Member Agency and is accredited by the National Council on Accreditation.