



## Volunteer Opportunities

### **Annual Events:**

- Julie Valentine Luncheon: **February 14th** - This is a fundraiser for the Julie Valentine Center where volunteers are needed the day of the event for set-up, registration, greeting guests, and tear-down.
- Have a Heart JVC: **April is is Child abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness month**. We are in need of volunteers to assist with fundraising with different events throughout the month as well as assisting with our Restaurant Have a Heart Campaign.
- Run2Overcome: **First Saturday in August** This is a 5/10K race held to educate the community about sexual violence as well as a fundraiser for Julie Valentine Center and our clients. Volunteers can be used to help plan the event as well as to help the day of the event with set up, registration, cheering the runners on as they cross the finish line, and tear down. This is a great event for families and large groups.

### **Group/Organization Projects:**

*Julie Valentine welcomes business, social, or church organizations that have group project ideas. In the past we have hosted groups that have completed grounds beautification, interior and exterior painting, gift bags for clients, art projects, and yard sales on JVC's behalf.*

- Clothing Drives: Julie Valentine Center provides new, unused clothing (sizes XS to 3X) to victims of sexual assault at the ER. We always need flip flops, closed-toe shoes, socks, underwear, bras/sports bras, sweat suits, t-shirts, and lounge pants. In addition, bus passes, gas cards, and gift cards are greatly needed.

## Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities:

### Volunteer Victim Advocate Program:

- Our Victim Advocates work directly with our clients. Volunteers will assist victims and be their support system through working our 24/7 hotline and responding to various Hospitals in the area ( Greenville Memorial, Hillcrest, St. Francis Eastside, St. Francis Downtown, St. Francis Simpsonville, North Greenville, and Greer Memorial).
- As an advocate you will help empower victims/survivors of sexual assault and/or incest in re-establishing control of their lives. Volunteers also offer support and education to secondary victims (family members, significant others, etc..). Advocates must attend a 27 hour Basic VSP Requirements through the office of Victim Services Education and Certification.
- Volunteers must be willing to be on call at least 48 hours a month. This can be split up between 12 hour shifts or 6 hour shifts ranging from 6pm-6am, 6am-12pm, or 12pm - 6pm Monday through Friday and either 6am-6pm or 6pm-6am Saturday and Sunday  
\*\*Commitment: 48 hours per month for 1 year

### Internships:

- JVC works with schools and colleges in the Upstate to provide internship opportunities for Bachelor and Master level students. Internships are available for people interested in Human Services, Psychology, Counseling, Marketing, Accounting, Business Administration, Journalism, Education, Computer Engineering, Database Technology, Social Work, State and National Legislature and many more. Hours and commitment are determined by the college or university

### Office Help:

- Volunteers can help with general tasks around the office such as organizing, inputting data (volunteer hours, grant information, update documents in the office, trainings, etc..) and helping us with organizing, collecting inventory, and preparing items for our events from our storage unit. Volunteers can also assist with making various phone calls and send out mail for the center.

### Agency Representative:

- Volunteers will represent Julie Valentine Center at health fairs, community fairs, volunteer fairs, and other venues. These events come and go throughout the year. This position requires speaking directly to community members.

### Education Program Assistance:

- Volunteers are needed to assist our education team in working with the Greenville County School system. Volunteers will drop off educational materials to Greenville County Schools prior to the educational program beginning. After the program is complete, volunteers are need to pick up the materials and deliver them to JVC.

Commitment – Various times during the Greenville County Academic School Year

- Bar Outreach Program: Volunteers are needed to assist with going out to the community to various bars/ restaurants and promote our Bar Outreach Program where we educate the community on drug facilitated sexual assault and how to help those in need.

All volunteers and interns providing *direct services* to clients are required to successfully complete the Volunteer Advocacy Training Program, be at least 18 years of age, pass a screening and criminal background check, and receive an invitation to volunteer with the center. Contact Maria Chulkas at (864) 331-0560 ext. 234 or [Mchulkas@julievalentinecenter.org](mailto:Mchulkas@julievalentinecenter.org) for more information on volunteer opportunities.