



## Volunteer Opportunities

### ONE TIME/GROUP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

#### Clothing Drives:

Julie Valentine Center provides new, unused clothing (sizes Extra-Small 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.

#### Annual Events:

**Run 2 Overcome:** 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. This is a great event for families and large groups. The Event is held in August.

**Toy Run:** Each December the ABATE Motorcycle Club (AMC) has a toy drive for our Holiday Assistance Program. We use volunteers on the day of the event to pass out refreshments and load/unload the donated toys.

**Holiday Assistance Program:** Each year Julie Valentine works to provide Christmas presents to each of our clients and their families. We have several days and times that we will need the help of our volunteers to make this event a success. We need volunteers to contact our families and assist them in completing their wish list. We also need volunteers to help sort and bag these toys for us to give to our clients and members of our community.

**Julie Valentine Luncheon:** This is a fundraiser for the Julie Valentine Center that takes place each February. Volunteers are needed the day of the event for set-up and tear-down, as well as with registration.

#### 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, birthday boxes for children, art projects, and yard sales on JVC's behalf.

### ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

#### ★Victim Advocacy:

Our volunteer advocates work directly with our clients. Volunteers will assist victims at Greenville Memorial Hospital, Hillcrest Hospital, St. Francis Eastside, St. Francis Downtown, Village at Pelham and Greer Memorial and through calls to the hotline. Volunteers must be willing to be on call at least four shifts per month from their home. On-Call shifts are from 6:00pm - 6:00am Monday - Friday and

either 6:00am - 6:00pm or 6:00pm – 6:00am Saturday and Sunday. As an advocate you will help to 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 29.5 hour training course provided by JVC prior to taking on call shifts. This training also fulfills Basic VSP Requirements through the Office of Victim Services Education and Certification.

**\*\*Commitment: 4 shifts per month for 1 year**

### **Child Care:**

Child Care is offered in the evenings to our support group members and members of our parenting classes. These classes are offered twice a week in multiple week series. Child Care volunteers will supervise children during activities and make sure that after each class the play room is in order. Childcare Volunteers must complete a 2 hour Darkness to Light/Stewards of Light training.

**\*\*Commitment – 2 - 4 times a month for 3-6 months.**

### **★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.

**\*\*Commitment - Determined by the college or university.**

### **Office Help:**

**Phone calls/mailings:** Volunteers can help with phone calls and mailings, including newsletters and volunteer applications.

**Projects:** Volunteers can assist with various office projects as well as event planning.

**Data Entry:** Volunteers can help with inputting data (volunteer hours, grant information, training evaluations etc).

**General:** Volunteers can help with general office needs as well as warehouse needs. Warehouse needs include but are not limited to inventory, organization, and preparation of supplies for events. The warehouse is located on JVC property.

**\*\*Commitment - Varies according to project.**

### **Agency Representative/Speaker Bureau:**

Volunteers will represent the Julie Valentine Center at health fairs, community fairs, volunteer fairs, and other venues. These events require a 2-4 hour shift commitment. This position requires speaking directly with community members. Volunteers must complete a JVC training that includes but is not limited to agency information, active listening, and good speaking points.

**\*\*Commitment - 6 months or 10 presentations**

### **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**

★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 Jenna Toney at (864) 331-0560 ext. 234 or [Jtoney@julievalentinecenter.org](mailto:Jtoney@julievalentinecenter.org) for more information on volunteer opportunities.