

# ***Become a Hotline Volunteer!***

**Domestic violence is a leading cause of homelessness. Help save a life.**

*The Domestic Violence Program (DVP) is primarily an emergency shelter program with a focus on safety and housing. The shelter provides safety for domestic violence survivors and their children in a confidential location separate from other Crossroads properties.*

*The domestic violence program also includes transitional housing and a 24-hour helpline. Clients have access to Crossroads Rhode Island's range of services, including basic needs assistance, education and employment services, and intensive case management, while they work to find a secure and stable home.*

**Position:**

## **Hotline/Front Desk Volunteer**

- Help our office run smoothly by volunteering at our front desk, welcoming clients and guests into the office.
- Answer calls on our 24-Hour Hotline, offer supportive listening, guide callers through safety planning, give community referrals, information, and keep a call log.
- Answer business calls and transfer to appropriate extensions and voicemail.
- Supporting and helping our residential clients with referrals and information.
- Additional opportunities may include assistance with domestic violence support groups.

**Time Commitment:** Minimum 4 hours per week between the hours of 8:30 AM and 8:30 PM seven days per week. Six months - One year commitment.

**Skills Needed:** Sensitivity to and concern for women and children in crisis; maturity and good judgment; strong interpersonal skills; ability to listen without judging or advising; dependability; ability to handle more than one task at a time; and bilingual ability very helpful, especially in English/Spanish and English/Portuguese.

**Training Required:** All direct service volunteers are required to complete our comprehensive domestic violence training. BCI & DCYF check required.

For more information or to apply, please contact:

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