



VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Sojourner Family Peace Center has several programs that depend on both long-term volunteer commitments as well as short-term volunteer projects to serve our clients.

Long-term volunteer opportunities would require the volunteer to participate in a training session, and would involve the volunteer being able to commit to a schedule on a weekly, biweekly or monthly basis over the course of a year or longer. Long-term volunteer opportunities include:

Courthouse Advocacy Program: This program is the “front door” to the civil legal system and justice. Staff provide legal advocacy, safety planning, and assistance with the process of obtaining civil orders of protection. Volunteers would be trained to assist with ongoing clinic operations and administrative duties such as answering phones and providing advocacy to clients seeking legal restraining orders.

Family Advocacy & Support Services (FASS): Advocates in this program provides one-on-one advocacy and support, helping more than 800 victims and their children find safe shelter/housing, emergency food, child care, counseling, health care, and referrals for legal services. Volunteers in this program would be asked to partner with staff and assist with ongoing case load duties, help with providing follow up phone calls, assisting with referrals and help with providing support to clients.

Children’s Programming & Advocacy: Our children’s advocates provides specialized case management and legal assistance services to more than 700 protective parents whose children have been victims of physical or sexual abuse or who were exposed to violence. Volunteers would be asked to partner with staff and assist with ongoing case load duties, help with providing follow up phone calls, assisting with referrals and help with providing support to clients.

We also provide programming to the children residing in our emergency shelter. Services offered include child care, a grade specific support tutoring program, and advocacy and support groups that center on education, health, legal and other issues that benefit program participants. Volunteers would assist in the implementation of group and individual activities to stimulate growth in language, social and motor skills, playing with others and using play equipment. They also would assist in presenting basic skill groups and redirecting inappropriate behavior.

24-Hour Domestic Violence Crisis Hotline: Volunteers would handle crisis calls from victims of domestic violence, reports from the Milwaukee and suburban Police Departments regarding domestic violence incidents, calls from the Milwaukee County Sheriff’s Department regarding defendant releases, and many information and referral calls. Because the office is located in the emergency domestic violence shelter, volunteers answering the Hotline also attend to residents’ needs.

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Beyond Abuse: This program equips participants with the ability to identify controlling and abusive behavior in their lives and replace these actions with non-controlling and non-abusive alternatives. Volunteers could provide information to mandated and voluntary clients and assist with client intakes.

Domestic Abuse Victim Advocates in the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office: Volunteers are needed to staff the victim witness waiting room in the courthouse to provide support, comfort, answer questions, answer telephones and provide child care when needed.

Special Events: Volunteers are needed to serve on each event's planning committee. Events include the Fashion Show in March, the Brewers Wives Major League Event in August, and Evening of Hope in November.

Public Relations & Marketing: The agency is currently undergoing an entire re-branding, and professionals in the areas of public relations and marketing who can provide assistance with these efforts, including developing a marketing plan, are greatly needed.

Also, we have volunteer opportunities for those who would like to donate their time on a less continual basis. **Short-term or one-day only** volunteer opportunities include:

Domestic Violence Emergency Shelter: Volunteer groups are needed for housekeeping-related projects, such as cleaning, organizing donations, yard work and gardening, painting, etc.

Children's Programming & Advocacy: Volunteers are needed for one-day projects working with the children, such as a special art project or story time.

Special Events: Day-of volunteers are needed for all the agencies' special events.

Fashion Show

- Help the day of the event with auction set-up, registration, being a greeter, an auction monitor and help with auction check-out.

Brewers Wives Tailgate:

- Help the day of the event with auction set-up, registration, auction monitor, food line monitor and auction check-out.

Evening of Hope Dinner and Gala

- Help the day of the event with auction set-up, registration, being a greeter, an auction monitor and help with auction check-out.

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