

WHO WE ARE

Victim Services of York Region is a not for profit, charitable agency that works in partnership with York Region Police, Ontario Provincial Police, Fire Services and the community.

We provide 24/7 emotional support and practical assistance to persons victimized by crime or tragic circumstance.

Our crisis intervention support services are available to individuals across the entire region of York.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

VSY offers a number of exciting volunteer opportunities including:

- Crisis Response Volunteer – offer emotional support and crisis intervention on scene (face to face) and by phone
- Team Leader – dispatch and support volunteer response teams as they are required by police, fire service etc.
- Board Membership – provide oversight and governance of organization
- Community and Administrative Volunteer – provide administrative support, participate in fundraising initiatives and represent VSY in community education events

To ensure that we can effectively serve our entire community, we are particularly interested in strengthening the diversity and language capacity of our volunteers. We are specifically looking for volunteers who speak Mandarin , Cantonese, Farsi, Tamil , Punjabi or Russian!

BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING

- Great way to get involved and help your community
- Gain Canadian experience that can assist in access to higher education and finding employment
- Acquire transferable skills in:
 1. crisis intervention
 2. the community referral process
 3. knowledge of the criminal justice system
 4. increased self-awareness
 5. working as part of a team
- Receive comprehensive and valuable training
- Enrich your life through the positive contribution to the lives of others

CRITERIA FOR VOLUNTEERS

- 21 years of age or older
- Reside in York Region
- Possess a valid G license
- Commit to 2 twelve hour shifts per month and monthly professional development training
- Provide references, criminal record check and vulnerable sector screening letter



opening doors for people in crisis

“our community is better place because of all the people who volunteer within it” [LG]