

■ Volunteer Program

- We train approximately 40 new volunteers a year to respond to those in need in this community
- Volunteers are screened by application, interview process, criminal record check and reference checks
- Volunteers commit to two twelve hour shifts per month and monthly professional development training

Volunteers Must:

- Be 21 years of age or older
- Reside in York Region
- Possess a valid "G" driver's license
- Have access to a reliable vehicle
- Have \$1,000,000.00 auto insurance
- Have not been victimized within the last 2 years
- Provide Vulnerable Sector Screening Letter
- Provide three personal references
- Attend a minimum 40 hour training program
- Be prepared to volunteer a minimum of 2 -12 hour shifts per month
- Be prepared to attend monthly professional development training
- Must have access to internet and an email address

If interested in becoming a volunteer, please see our website at www.victimservices-york.org or call the office at (905) 474-2955.



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**Rebuilding A Community
By Meeting The Needs
Of Those In Crisis**

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the Ontario Provincial Police



■ Rebuilding A Community:

No one is immune to the effects of crime or tragedy. For many of us, it is one of our deepest fears to have a police officer knock on our door in the late hours delivering bad news about a loved one. We all need someone to stand at our side and support us during such times.

This is where Victim Services of York Region comes in. Victim Services of York Region is a non-profit, charitable agency that works in partnership with York Regional Police and the O.P.P to provide 24 hour emotional support and practical assistance to persons victimized by crime or tragic circumstance.

■ Victim Services Programs:

1. On-Scene Response

- Victim Response Teams are on call 24/7 to York Regional Police and Ontario Provincial Police in York Region for on-scene interventions
- Attendance at a crime scene, police station, hospital or home for interventions

2. Telephone Crisis Response

- Staff provide follow-up telephone assistance and community referrals to victims of crime
- 24 hour telephone assistance to persons victimized by crime or tragic circumstance

3. Community Collaboration

- Victim Services participates on various community committees addressing the needs of victims of crime
- Victim Services attends schools, community forums, and public presentations to educate

the community on prevention, safety, signs and the effects of crime.

4. Support Link

This program is designed to offer assistance to persons at high risk of experiencing violence from an intimate ex-partner. Persons at risk of sexual assault, domestic violence and/ or criminal harassment may apply to receive a mobile phone that is pre-programmed to dial 911 only.

This program has three components

- A personal safety plan is developed for the client
- The client is provided with a mobile phone that is pre-programmed to dial 911
- The client receives ongoing support, updates and reviews to the Personal Safety Plan.

■ We Respond to Cases of:

- Domestic violence
- Sexual assault
- Robbery
- Break & enter
- Sudden death
- Property crimes/ damage
- Criminal Harassment
- Family occurrences
- Assault
- Fire
- Homicide
- Traffic accidents

■ Our Value to the Community We Serve:

- To help victims cope with the impact of a crime and/or tragedy
- To assist victims with accessing appropriate support services in the community
- To reduce trauma to victims and their families
- To provide an opportunity for the community to become more involved in dealing with the effects of crime
- To educate about and promote victim assistance in the community

- To work towards prevention through education

I/We are pleased to support the Victim Services of York Region Program with a total gift of \$_____.

Please make cheques payable to Victim Services of York Region Inc.

Mail tax receipts to (please print):

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Province _____

Postal Code _____

Home Phone _____

Business Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Date _____

Thank you for supporting Victim Services of York Region and the Community we serve.

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