

## **Volunteer for HOPE Center**

### **Work with Survivors of Sexual and Domestic Violence and Child Abuse**

#### **As a volunteer for HOPE Center, you will:**

- ❖ Put your beliefs into action.
- ❖ Help battered women, abused children, and survivors of sexual assault — some of the most vulnerable people in our society.
- ❖ Get the kind of real-world, face-to-face (or ear to phone ☺) experience employers look for.
- ❖ Connect with a lively and committed group of advocates.
- ❖ Undergo training according to state guidelines that will leave you certified, prepared, and empowered.
- ❖ Participate in diverse life experiences that foster real personal growth.
- ❖ Know that you are doing something that really matters!

***You will make a difference!***  
***You can contribute to social change!***



## **Volunteer opportunities at HOPE Center:**

- ❖ **Safeline volunteer:** Answer the crisis phone on nights and weekends. Provide understanding, support, empathy, and information to callers in varying degrees of danger and distress.
- ❖ **Outreach volunteer:** Help in our effort to provide services to underserved communities. Give aid and comfort to people of color, people with disabilities, and people rejected by society.
- ❖ **Support Group Facilitator:** Help survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and child abuse work toward emotional healing and living full lives.
- ❖ **Public Speaking:** Assist in systems change by educating and enlightening society about violence against women and children.
- ❖ **Projects and Office Support:** Help with fundraising events, data entry, development of materials, answering phones, and other tasks.
- ❖ **Community Advocacy:** Become involved with projects such as Domestic Violence, Child Abuse, and Sexual Assault Awareness months.
- ❖ **Community Awareness:** Improve awareness of intimate violence issues and our services so everyone recognizes the dynamics and knows where to go if they have been victimized.
- ❖ **Anything else!** We value your ideas.

## **It's easy to volunteer:**

1. Call HOPE Center at 507-332-0882.
2. Fill out an application, come to HOPE Center and take a tour.
3. Go through our training. It's thorough, and it's free!
4. Tell us how you want to use your new expertise.

## **We support you all the way!**

- ❖ Monthly meetings and mailings keep you current and give support.
- ❖ A staff member is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- ❖ As advocates, we all advocate for and support each other.
- ❖ Many county agencies collaborate with us, including law enforcement, prosecutors, social services, businesses, and local service organizations.