



## WE NEED YOUR HELP...

*Join* the talented, skilled and selfless individuals who offer their gift of time to become involved in our work. Their dedication and contribution creates a positive impact within our service to strengthen our ability to reach out into the community.

Dealing with a crisis is something we may all face at some point in our lives. Sudden death, physical, sexual or emotional abuse, suicide, theft or disaster and tragedy can strike anyone at any time. In addition to shock, fear, rage, isolation, confusion and grief, victims may experience intense mental and physical distress. They may need assistance in coping with the crisis.

Victim Services is a non-profit, charitable organization that provides immediate emotional support, practical assistance and referral information to victims of crime and tragic circumstance. Our mandate is to provide coverage 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Crisis assistance is given by staff and specially trained **Crisis Support Volunteer Advocates** to those in need and these services are offered free of charge.

### Requirements:

- 18 years of age or older
- Ability to commit to a minimum of two years of volunteering
- Strong verbal and non-verbal communication skills
- Ability to provide confidential, non-judgmental, sensitive, emotionally safe service related to victims' needs
- Willing to submit to a RCMP Enhanced security check. (no criminal record)
- Attend monthly volunteer meetings
- Crisis response volunteers must have use of a car and possess a valid driver's license
- Complete Solicitor General & Public Safety Basic Training (offered on line, approx 40 hours)

### Volunteer Benefits:

- Make a difference in our community by assisting victims of crime and tragedy
- Receive continuing training opportunities such as training on community support services, reducing the impacts of trauma and enhancing communication skills
- Enjoy flexible volunteer scheduling adaptable to your personal and work schedules
- Meet and socialize with other caring volunteers

This is a flexible volunteer opportunity, with on-call shifts available days, evenings and weekends.

Online Advocate applications are available at [www.victimsupport.ca](http://www.victimsupport.ca) or email us your name/ mailing address and a package will be sent to you. Contact Gloria Derksen at 403-885-3355 for more information.