

Resource and Crisis Center Volunteer Opportunities

Call Common Ground at 248-451-2613 to discuss the programs and services below to begin your experience in serving the community.

<u>Resource and Crisis Hub: —</u> This position includes working on the telephone lines to help empower people in crisis, navigating the agency referral resource database, assisting individuals in the community by providing education and referrals in regards to Common Ground's services, providing non-judgmental listening to callers, and talking with the community to increase awareness of the services available throughout Oakland County.

Front Lobby Liaison: This position consists of helping individuals waiting to be served in the front lobby of the RCC. These duties may consist of providing crisis intervention to individuals seeking services from Common Ground, providing crisis intervention for loved ones who have accompanied persons served, assistance filling out paperwork needed for Common Ground services, as well as assisting getting individuals snacks and drinks in the lobby.

VAP Volunteer Advocate: Options for this position include providing emotional support and appropriate referrals to individuals with victimizations, assistance with criminal justice system and provide court accompaniment, assisting victims in person at community sites (hospitals, police stations), provide assistance with Personal Protection Orders, provide assistance with applying for Crime Victim Compensation, and provide referrals to other needed community resources and supports.

<u>Leader of Support Group:</u> Lead a support group of one of the following topics: domestic violence, sexual assault, growth and healing (sexual assault support for young girls ages 10-17).

<u>Community Outreach:</u> Participating in various events throughout the community to raise awareness about mental health, suicide prevention, as well as services Common Ground provides for the community. This can assist of Common Ground events (the Birmingham Art Fair, Survivors of Suicide Loss Day) or setting up a booth or helping assist at events where CG is represented.

Note - If you have a special skill that you would like to offer in support of the work of the agency that you did not see on the list above, do not rule out your opportunity to help. Talk with us. We are open to engaging community members in supporting our efforts in ways that we have not thought of.