



Maternity Home “Volunteer of Presence”

4 hours a week; minimum of a 1-year commitment & completion of Advocate Training Program

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PROGRAM AREA(S): Maternity Home

SUPERVISOR / TEAM: Andrew Davies (Executive Director), Family Advocate, Resident Assistant, Steering Team.

DESCRIPTION IN BRIEF: Maternity Home “Volunteers of Presence” (VOPs) spend at least 1 shift a week at the Maternity Home to be a helpful and positive presence there amongst the Residents. Most days/shifts they will simply be a resource for any needs which might arise amongst the Residents and their children. VOPs are trained in Heartbeat International’s “L.O.V.E Approach” which teaches volunteers how to listen and learn, observe, and offer open options, introduce vision and values, and extend a hand to help empower Residents in healthy choices. There is also training in boundary setting, de-escalation, conflict resolution, current cultural shifts, and house security procedures. A VOP’s influence is effective because of who they are, their relationship with Jesus, and their relationship with the Residents, not because of any professional standing.

NEED:

Within the greater Loveland area there are many unintended pregnancies each year. There is a need in our community to reach out to those women and couples and give them a message of hope, relationships with which to walk through their decision-making process and early parenting years, and material goods which they will need along the way. Birthline provides those things, and our volunteers help meet these needs in various ways – direct client help, facilities, operations.

This position serves to understand and meet the needs of Residents.

RESPONSIBILITIES / DELIVERABLES:

- A warm, friendly, and helpful presence to Residents of the Maternity Home.
- Lay counseling, support, and communication with Residents.
- Supervision and security of the MHome while on duty.
- Loving and caring heart for women and men in difficult circumstances.

QUALIFICATIONS / SKILLS:

- Committed Christian and prolife supporter.
- Character traits of integrity, kindness, patience, love of neighbor.
- Skills in conflict resolution, communication, and supervision (training given).

WORK ENVIRONMENT:

- Friendly staff and volunteer team; fun and collegial environment.

TRAINING / SUPPORT:

- General volunteer training of expectations, logistics, organizational representation, and facilities.
- Standard Background Check required.
- Specific training in Birthline Advocacy – The L.O.V.E. Approach
- Quarterly VOP support meetings

TIME REQUIREMENTS:

- **Minimum Time Commitment** – 1 year.
- **Hours/Week** – Approximately 4 hours a week.