



Safe Passage, INC.

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**MEDICAL ON-CALL ADVOCATE
VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION**

Reports to: Volunteer Coordinator

Summary:

Provide direct support for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault who are treated at Northwestern Medicine Kishwaukee Hospital. This volunteer must be within a 1 hour driving distance from the hospital during their shift.

Responsibilities:

- Must be available to commit to two 24-hour shifts a month.
- Maintain confidentiality and respect with our client
- Provide emotional support for the patient at Northwestern Medicine Kishwaukee Hospital, Valley West hospital and police departments in DeKalb County.
- Ability to maintain a calm and compassionate support when seeing effects of domestic violence and sexual assault on the patient
- Demonstrate professionalism through reliability, punctuality, personal integrity and a respectful attitude when dealing with the client

How this opportunity benefits you:

You will be one of the first supporters after our client has experienced a traumatic event. Volunteers will obtain an increased understanding of domestic violence and sexual assault, and will expand his or her knowledge of diverse cultures and socio-economic backgrounds. Most importantly, volunteers will be a proactive agent in preventing domestic abuse and sexual assault in DeKalb County.

Time Commitment and Attendance:

Volunteers are required to commit to 2 24-hour shifts a month, for 6 months. Safe Passage values the time and talents that the volunteers provide to our clients and organization. We require that volunteers provide a 2-week advance notice if they will be unavailable to attend their shift. We are a client based agency, in which we require all staff and volunteers to be on-time in order to best serve our clients.

Training Required:

Volunteers at Safe Passage who are interested in working directly with our clients are required to complete our 65+ hour Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault training. During our training, you'll gain extensive knowledge on issues like cultural competency, diversity, legal issues, women's complex issues, privilege and oppression, self-care, activism and more as they relate to domestic violence and sexual assault.

Additional Requirements:

At Safe Passage we require all staff, volunteers and interns to have an understanding of domestic violence and sexual assault. When dealing with our clients, we require: reliability, compassion, and ability to handle challenging situations with calmness, adaptability and professionalism.