



## **Volunteer to Assist Victims of Domestic Violence - You Can Make a Difference! Applications Being Accepted**

Domestic violence is never a victim's fault and 180 Turning Lives Around (180) stands with all victims. Join 180's life changing mission today and help victims of domestic violence find the courage and strength to turn their lives around. Domestic violence does not just stop because of the many crises we have been facing. In fact, when stressors increase, violence and abuse can quickly escalate. For many victims, staying at or working from home means being isolated with someone who is harming them. It is in these very trying times victims need 180 even more and we are here for anyone who needs our services.

180's Domestic Violence Response Team (DVRT) Volunteer Advocates are civilian members of the community who work collaboratively with law enforcement to provide confidential support, information, and resources to victims of domestic violence at police headquarters. Advocates also discuss with victims safety planning and their legal rights in regard to obtaining a Temporary Restraining Order. By providing support and crucial perspective of the situation, specially-trained advocates help to empower victims to make informed decisions for themselves and their families. The identities of the DVRT volunteers are kept anonymous. Prior knowledge of domestic violence is not required. 180 and the police departments are committed to culturally and socially diverse teams to better serve the community. Bi-lingual capability is helpful. Training will be provided free of charge to successful applicants. *Deadline to apply is April 14<sup>th</sup>.*

### **Spring 2023 Training Dates:**

April 25<sup>th</sup>–May 18<sup>th</sup> 6:00p-9:30p, in-person and via Zoom on Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Thursdays

Week 1 is in-person at the Holmdel Community Center, Weeks 2 & 3 are via Zoom, and Week 4 is in-person in at Ocean Township Police Headquarters. We will be able to distance at the in-person sessions. Masks are not required, but will be available for those who wish to wear one. We will advise if there are any changes to our policy and will shift to Zoom, if necessary.

**Basic requirements for volunteers to apply:** Must be eighteen-years of age or older, have access to transportation, possess a valid driver's license, be willing to serve on an on-call shift basis, participate in an interview process, submit to background investigations and fingerprinting, successfully complete the mandatory 40-hour training, and attend monthly supervisory meetings.

**To obtain an application or for more information, please contact:** Tina Morgan, Assistant Victim Support Program Coordinator, at [tinam@180nj.org](mailto:tinam@180nj.org) or 732-264-4360, Ext. 4272. Please mention the town you reside in. You can obtain an application at <https://180nj.org/give-help/volunteer/volunteer-advocate-for-victims-of-domestic-violence/>

*For forty-seven years, 180 Turning Lives Around, a private non-profit organization, is dedicated to providing, free of charge, emergency safe housing, counseling, support, prevention, education, and advocacy for individuals and families affected by domestic violence, sexual violence, and human trafficking.*

**180's Domestic Violence 24/7 Confidential Hotline: 732 264-4111 or 888 843-9262**

***In an Emergency: Call 911***