Volunteer with the YWCA Silicon Valley!

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Why Volunteer?
There are as many different reasons for volunteering as there are Volunteers. Volunteering with the YWCA Silicon Valley provides you with the opportunity to empower, to heal, and make it possible for women, children, and families to flourish. Launched in 1905, YWCA Silicon Valley is the first and only multi-service agency for women in Santa Clara County. Our interconnected programs serve over 18,000 people annually.

Who are our Volunteers?
Our Volunteers are diverse. They are youth, teens, adults, and older adults. They are community members, activists, and philanthropists. They are corporate employees, students, and social and faith group members.

What can Volunteers do?
Volunteers are engaged throughout the YWCA Silicon Valley. Our Board of Directors are Volunteers. Volunteers provide direct assistance to individuals participating in YWCA services and/or are engaged in outreach and education, fundraising, administration, Volunteer coordination, and more.

How often do individuals Volunteer?
Volunteering varies by Volunteer Opportunity. Volunteer Opportunities may be ongoing; the work is continuous. Opportunities may be short-term because the work is project-based. Opportunities may be a one-time experience for a Fundraiser/Special Event. Some Volunteer Opportunities require daytime availability; others night-time or weekend availability. Many individuals volunteer 2 to 3 hours once a week, or several times a month.

What is the first step to Volunteering?
Let us know of your interest in volunteering. When you share your contact information with us (e-mail and telephone number) we’ll forward to you announcements for current Volunteer Opportunities, and a Volunteer Application Form. At your earliest opportunity, return your completed Volunteer Application Form. In the meantime, you’ll continue receiving announcements about new, open, and upcoming Volunteer Opportunities.

What are the next steps to Volunteering?
Our Volunteer Opportunities are diverse. For Fundraiser, Special Event and Small Project Volunteer experiences you simply sign-up to participate. Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities have a selection process that includes a completed Volunteer Application Form and an interview. Volunteering to provide direct assistance to individuals participating in YWCA Silicon Valley services may also require the completion of a CA State-mandated 40hr Counselor Training in Sexual Assault and/or Domestic Violence (hosted by the YWCA Silicon Valley).

We look forward to hearing from you and exploring how you can share your talents, time, energy and heart as a YWCA Silicon Valley Volunteer!

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To assist in exploring which YWCA Silicon Valley Volunteer Opportunities best complement your interests and availability, please return your completed Application Form (handwritten, typed, or scanned) by e-mail, postal mail, or in-person, to:

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Full Name ........................................................................................................... Today's Date ..........................................................................................................

E-mail .................................................................................................................. Address ..................................................................................................................

Home Phone ........................................................................................................ Address ..........................................................................................................

Cell Phone .......................................................................................................... Address ..........................................................................................................

Work Phone ........................................................................................................ Date of Birth .....................................................................................................

Emergency Contact Person ............................................................................... Relationship to You .....................................................................................

Home Phone ................................................................................................. Cell Phone ................................................................................................. Work Phone .....................................................................................................

Primary Transportation Used ........................................................................

Valid California Driver's License?  Yes  No  (Please circle)

Valid California Car Insurance?  Yes  No  (Please circle)

How did you hear about the YWCA Silicon Valley? ..................................................

What work would you like to participate in as a Volunteer? .....................................

What days of the week, and what hours of the day are you available to volunteer? ..........................................................

How many hours per week can you commit to volunteering? ....................................

How long are you available to volunteer? ..................................................................

What language(s) can you speak and read/write? ....................................................... 

Do you have any other commitments that you would like us to know about? (Example: family, work, school) ..........................

Are you, or is anyone you know, participating in any services offered by the YWCA Silicon Valley?  Yes  No  (Please circle)

If Yes, please provide details .................................................................................
Professional Reference (Paid/Unpaid)

Organization Name .................................................................

Supervisor's Name ..................................................................................

E-mail ..................................................................................................

Phone .................................................................................................

Additional Reference (Please, no family members)

Name .................................................................................................

Relationship ..........................................................................................

E-mail ..................................................................................................

Phone .................................................................................................

Please tell us more about you by answering the following questions.
1. Why do you want to volunteer with the YWCA Silicon Valley?
2. What personal/professional experience, education, training and/or skills do you have?
3. What are your experiences with people whose backgrounds and lifestyles are different from your own?
4. Is there anything else you would like us to know? Please include information on the following, if relevant:
   - Current/past volunteer experiences; community service/educational internship requirements; Employer Giving Program; any faith/social group, or professional association membership, and/or any personal needs/challenges.

In submitting this Volunteer Application Form, I understand the following: (Please initial each statement)

Background Check: To comply with legal requirements, and YWCA Silicon Valley policies and procedures, the YWCA Silicon Valley is obligated to conduct a background check on all Volunteers whose work involves interaction with children and adults participating in services, and/or requires access to confidential information. Felony or misdemeanor convictions may disqualify an individual from volunteering.

Are you willing to submit to a fingerprinting process and a background check?   Yes  No   (Please circle)

Health Screening: To comply with legal requirements, and YWCA Silicon Valley policies and procedures, Volunteers who regularly interact with children/minors must be screened for Tuberculosis (TB) and provide documentation from the examining physician to confirm that they are free from active TB disease.

Are you willing to be screened for Tuberculosis?   Yes  No   (Please circle)

Drug and Alcohol Abuse: The YWCA Silicon Valley strictly prohibits the following while volunteering: (1) The possession or use of alcohol, or being under the use of alcohol. (2) Driving an agency vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. (3) Distribution, sale or purchase of an illegal or controlled substance. (4) Possession or use of an illegal or controlled substance, or being under the influence of an illegal or controlled substance. Violation of these rules can result in termination.

Confidentiality: To comply with legal requirements, and YWCA Silicon Valley policies and procedures, Volunteers must safeguard any and all confidential information obtained during the performance of their work. Any breach of confidentiality can result in termination.

The YWCA Silicon Valley is an equal opportunity provider and does not discriminate against Volunteer applicants on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender/gender identity/gender expression, age, sexual orientation, religion, creed, immigration status, socio-economic status, familial/marital status, veteran status, medical status, being differently-able, or any other basis prohibited by law.
Note: Not all Volunteer Opportunities are open at all times.

PARENTAL CONSENT. Required for all individuals under the age of 18 years.

Name of Parent/Guardian .............................................................................. Relationship .................................................................

As the Parent/Guardian of the minor submitting this Volunteer Application Form, I give my permission for them to become a Volunteer with the YWCA Silicon Valley. I agree to support their Volunteer commitment. I am aware that I can contact the Director of Volunteer Engagement now, and in the future, for information on their Volunteer experience.

Parent/Guardian Signature .............................................................................. Date .........................................................................................

Note: The Director of Volunteer Engagement contacts Parents/Guardians to verify their signature on this form.

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Volunteer as a Counselor with the YWCA Silicon Valley!

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Every day, dedicated YWCA Counselor-trained Volunteers help empower victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Our Counselors are caring, passionate, and talented. They answer telephone calls to our hotlines; accompany individuals to hospitals, courts, and other community locations, and provide information, advocacy and referral services. They conduct in-person counseling, co-facilitate groups for adults and children, and host workshops. Their participation helps make it possible for women, children, and families to flourish.

Can you volunteer to help serve and support some of the 18,000+ people who annually seek our services?

If you are a caring, passionate, and talented individual with a desire to make a difference in the lives of adults and children in our diverse community, please apply to join our team of dedicated Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Counselors.

Serve and learn. Give and gain.

YWCA Silicon Valley Counselor-trained Volunteer Opportunities are diverse. After reading and reviewing your completed Volunteer Application, we share with you Position Descriptions for each of the Volunteer Opportunities we have open. The responsibilities, the scope and hours of work, and the talents required are different for each Volunteer Opportunity. The process to becoming a Counselor-trained Volunteer includes an interview, the completion of a CA State legally-mandated 40hr Training, a background check, and other role-orientation activities.

For a Volunteer Application Form and additional information, please contact:
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YWCA Silicon Valley
Sexual Assault Counselor 40hr Training

• Friday, Jan 29, 2016; 9:00am – 3:30pm
• Friday, Feb 5, 2016; 9:00am – 3:30pm
• Friday, Feb 12, 2016; 9:00am – 3:30pm
• Friday, Feb 19, 2016; 9:00am – 3:15pm
• Friday, Feb 26, 2016; 9:00am – 4:45pm
• Friday, March 4, 2016; 9:00am – 3:30pm
• Friday, Mar 11, 2016; 9:00am – 2:00pm

Training & Orientation Fee: $75.

We begin scheduling interviews on Friday, December 10, 2015.
Volunteer Positions are open until filled.
Last date for interviews is Friday, January 22, 2016.

Develop new skills and talents.
Empower others. Get involved.
Make your community safer.
Take action now.