

RHART Volunteers

Hospital Accompaniment Program



We are seeking volunteers to join our hospital advocacy program for survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

Volunteers will provide trauma-informed crisis support to survivors in Richmond City and Chesterfield emergency departments. Volunteers will share and make connections to available resources and provide crisis support and safety planning to survivors and their families.

Volunteers will receive up to 40 hours of training, including topics on understanding the dynamic needs of survivors in our community, active listening, how to respond when a survivor discloses, safety planning, and developing a self and community care plan for crisis response volunteers.

To learn more, read the next page.

To sign up, please create a volunteer profile on **ywcarichmond.org/getinvolved**

If you have any questions about volunteering at YWCA Richmond, reach out to Nadia Gooray at ngooray@ywcarichmond.org

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Volunteers for the hospital advocacy program will:

- Provide accompaniment services as needed to survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence, and human trafficking and their family/friends who are with them.
- Hand out a folder with community resources for further services and support.
- Have the opportunity to debrief and process after each call with YWCA Richmond's RHART Coordinator

This volunteer role is a minimum 6-month commitment with 2 8-hour shifts per month.

Volunteer Requirements:

- Must be at least 18 years old.
- Must have a driver's license or reliable transportation to arrive at the emergency room within 30 mins.
- Ability to remain patient, calm, and professional when working in high stress and/or crisis situations.
- Proactive communication.
- Demonstrate active listening skills and empathy.
- Must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19, screened for TB, and receive the Flu vaccine prior to Flu season.
- Must complete a background check.