



MUTUAL GROUND, INC.

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Volunteer Application

Please submit this application to:
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All prospective volunteers who wish to do direct service for Mutual Ground (MGI) must submit a completed application. Selection as a volunteer is based on participation in a screening interview, a successful background check, recommendations by references, and successful completion of our training program.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Email Address _____

Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

Please respond to the following questions.

1. How did you learn about Mutual Ground?
Radio/Newspaper/TV _____ Website _____ Friend _____ Other _____
2. What do you hope to gain from this volunteer experience?
3. Which of your personal strengths will you draw on if working with adults or children in crisis?
4. Which of the following opportunities interest you? (You can rank in order of preference)

_____ Providing support for victims at area hospitals	_____ Working the Front desk (hot-line calls)
_____ Working with children	_____ Fundraising and development
_____ Shelter programs	_____ Administrative support
_____ Helping with Community Events	_____ Other: _____
_____ Latina Outreach/support	_____

5. What special concerns, if any, do you have about working with survivors of domestic violence and/or sexual assault and their loved ones?

6. What training do you feel would be most helpful to you in preparing for the challenges of volunteering at MGI?

7. Tell us about any previous community service experience you have.

8. What did you like most and least about your previous volunteer experiences?

9. Tell us about your special interests, hobbies groups you belong to, activities you enjoy, etc.

10. Do you speak any languages other than English? Yes___ No___
 If yes, language(s) is:
 Describe the level of your competence:

11. Describe your level of computer literacy.

12. Have you ever received services from a Domestic Violence or Sexual Assault/Rape Crisis agency (i.e. counseling, shelter etc.)? If yes, please state what services were rendered and when?

13. Are you currently under treatment for any kind of chemical dependency? If yes, please explain.

14. Have you ever been arrested, charged with or convicted of any crime? If yes, please explain.

15. Do you have customer service experience? Yes ___ No ___

16. Please respond to the following questions:

a. How do you define intimate partner violence?

b. Please discuss why battering and abuse occurs.

c. What factors influence one's ability to stay or leave an abusive partner?



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References

Please submit the names and contact information of three individuals who know you from different perspectives; such as a peer, community leader or employer (not a family member).

References

Please list three references. Do not include relatives. Include name and a mailing or email address for each. *See last page of this application for more information on references.*

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Your references will be asked to respond to the specific questions listed below by mail or email.

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
2. What are the applicant's major strengths and abilities? Please cite one specific situation in which these qualities were displayed.
3. What are the applicant's areas for improvement or growth? How might this volunteer experience help the applicant in such areas?
4. Please describe the applicant's leadership potential. What are her/his distinguishing characteristics? Please cite examples (e.g. evidence of involvement in community, integrity, motivation and initiative, ability to relate to others, role in a group setting, etc.)
5. Much of the work of Mutual Ground centers directly around crisis. While we maintain a highly supportive work environment that encourages self-care, it can be, nevertheless, very difficult work. Keeping this in mind, please describe the applicant's ability to:
 - a. Work in a high-pressure environment
 - b. Diffuse crisis
 - c. Set professional boundaries
 - d. Care for her/his emotional well-being