

## **Wings Volunteer Position Description**

**Title:** Kid's Group Assistant

**Staff Partner:** Safe House Family Advocate

**Location:** WINGS Domestic Violence Safe House, which is in an undisclosed location in Northwest Suburban Area

**Time:** **Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday** evenings from approximately **6:00pm to 8:00pm**

**Commitment:** Requires a 12 month commitment to volunteer weekly (with a "substitute" list available for occasional schedule changes). Occasionally there are opportunities for a commitment of every other week.

### **Additional Requirements:**

- ***Completion of the 40 Hour Domestic Violence Training*** (WINGS will provide this training and the certificate will be provided after completion of 75 hours of volunteering. The class is usually offered 2 times a year.)
- Any personal experience with domestic violence should be more than 2 year prior to applying for this volunteer opportunity.
- A willingness to keep the location confidential.

### **Description:**

- For families staying at our Domestic Violence Safe House, WINGS provides three weekly groups for the kids in the evenings. The evenings have different themes – one night is just about fun – one night is focused on learning a skill ("cooperation," for example). The group sessions and activities are planned and run by a staff member or intern and the volunteer assists with the facilitation of the group activities and giving extra attention to children who will benefit from it.

- We try for a very high ratio of adults to kids, partly so that the children can benefit from the individual attention, and partly because the age ranges of the kids varies widely. However, ratios sometimes vary due to the sometimes unpredictable nature of families in this situation.

### **This may be a good fit for you if:**

- You enjoy being with children.
- You have strong personal boundaries, and are able to demonstrate those to the children.
- You are fun loving and enjoy participating in games and crafts.
- You are interested in being a role model and teacher to the children in the areas of social skills, conflict resolution, and respecting boundaries.
- You feel good when you are helping others.
- You feel comfortable working with people in a diverse environment in regards to social-economic status, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and religion.
- You are non-judgmental about why women are in a situation where they are in need of help.