



Volunteering at Ginnie's House

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at Ginnie's House. Although we do not have many volunteer positions available working directly with the child victims, we do have plenty of opportunities to help our program run smoothly. We have need for assistance in community outreach and education, staffing booths at public functions, participating in fundraising, clerical duties and occasional manual labor, etc. Perhaps you have an idea of how you could help us that is not listed. Please share your ideas with us. Volunteers are required to pass a background and reference check.

The mission of Ginnie's House is to create a refuge of comfort, healing, hope and justice for abused children, while providing community education and advocacy to prevent child abuse. We are the Sussex County Children's Advocacy Center. Our advocacy center has a fourfold approach to serving child victims of sexual and physical abuse, and their non-offending family members. It is designed especially for children, and it provides convenience for families who need contact with several agencies.

- Our advocacy center is the initial interview facility for the child victim. There are comfortable, cheerful rooms in which the Sussex County Prosecutor's Office, local police offices and the Division of Youth and Family Services can conduct a single joint interview to get the facts of the allegation.
- A child can receive a medical examination in a well-equipped examination room, by doctors and nurses specially trained in their field.
- We have counselors who provide on-going therapy for the young victim and their family. We not only provide therapy for abuse, but any form of trauma.
- The staff and Board of Directors of Ginnie's House are committed to community education, to prevent and break the cycle of child abuse.

The concept of a children's advocacy center began in Alabama almost fifteen years ago. Ideally, every county in the nation should have an advocacy center. The Sussex County Children's Advocacy Center Board of Directors was founded in October of 1995 with the inspiration, leadership and commitment of then Prosecutor Dennis O'Leary and Virginia "Ginnie" Littell, whose work as Chairperson of the Board of Directors at Saint Clare's in Sussex made her aware of the needs of child victims of sexual and physical abuse.

We are indebted to the County of Sussex for making the Park Building in the center of Newton available for the center. After extensive renovations of the Park Building, Ginnie's House opened in November of 1997. The first child was interviewed in the spring of 1998, and since that time hundreds of children have been interviewed. Our clients range in age from 2 to 17 and include both girls and boys. The different agencies at Ginnie's House have provided medical forensic examinations, individual and group therapy, Court School, and a multi-disciplinary team which oversees the cases.

All of this meaningful work is coordinated by a small staff at Ginnie's House. We value the work of our volunteers and would love to have you on our team!





APPLICATION FOR VOLUNTEER

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Telephone Number: Home: _____ Work: _____

Email address: _____

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

High School Some College College Degree Graduate Degree Professional School

EMPLOYMENT - If you are not currently employed, please list your past work history, the school you currently attend, or tell us how you spend your free time.

Position (or year in school): _____ Employer (or school): _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

VOLUNTEER HISTORY (within past five years)

Agency/Group: _____ Position: _____

Contact Name and Phone Number: _____

REFERENCE CHECK - Please supply the names and telephone numbers of two individuals who can act as a reference for you: (Church, Civic Group, Employer, Personal)

Contact Name: _____ Day Telephone: _____

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COMMITMENT AVAILABILITY:

Beginning Date: _____ Days of Week _____ Hours of Day: _____

VOLUNTEER INTERESTS - Check areas which interest you.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> Education Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Item and Donation Soliciting | <input type="checkbox"/> Office Work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Anything! I'm Awesome |

By signing below, I understand that my information will be used for a background check. I understand I will receive an email with instructions for processing the check. There may be a fee in which I am personally responsible for. I understand it is my responsibility to ensure the email instructions are completed in a timely manner.

Volunteer Applicant's Signature

Date

*** If applicant is under 18: ***

I give permission for _____ to serve as a volunteer for Ginnie's House.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Feel free to use the back side of this paper for any further information you'd like us to know!