

# Relief After Violent Encounter – Ionia/Montcalm, Inc. (RAVE-I/M, Inc.)

## VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTIONS

### **DIRECT SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:** (providing services that directly involve clients)

Long-term, direct service opportunities can require up to 40 hours of training. Depending on the level of interaction with clients will determine the length of training required. Most direct service opportunities will range around 4-5 hours of training.

### **RAVE CHILDREN'S VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

#### *Afterschool Volunteer Program*

**Kid's Club Volunteers** – Coming to the shelter is scary for an adult; just imagine what it is like for a kid! RAVE's children's program offers a weekly Kid's Club where kids staying with us can get to know one another, learn some new things, and have a great time! The children's counselor runs the program, and needs help setting up for kids club, working with the kids on activities, and cleaning up. If you are interested in this position, we are asking for a commitment of a few months since transitioning people in and out is hard for our kids!

**Tutoring Tuesday Volunteers** – Domestic violence is so hurtful, especially to children. Having to leave home and come to a new place is very scary and can cause kids to struggle in school. We are in need of a volunteer to come and provide tutoring to kids in the shelter. We are asking that anyone interested in this position be able to make a commitment for a minimum of three months since transitioning people in and out is hard for our kids!

#### *Mommy Respite Volunteer Program*

**Share The Care Volunteers** – This individual will provide respite time for the hardworking and brave moms who stay with us. It can be hard to manage children in a “perfect” family setting – we all know ‘kids can be kids’. Imagine how hard it is for mom's to take care of their children in a communal living, new and scary environment that is not their own home. Behaviors of children who stay in our shelter can change due to the unfamiliar, new and scary environment. Share the Care Volunteers provide respite to these mothers, so they can participate in support groups. This opportunity is flexible and could look different depending on the volunteer's interest/skill. Activities could include arts and crafts, sports, story time, games, group exercise, baking, stress relief/management activities, etc. Activities can be provided by our Children's Counselor or volunteers can coordinate their own ideas. We are asking that anyone interested in this position be able to make a commitment for a minimum of three months since transitioning people in and out is hard for our kids! This position is also limited to the times are support groups are offered (see below).

**Tuesday's 3/4-4/5pm**  **Tuesday's 6-7pm**  **Wednesday's 5-6pm**

**Drop In Play Time Volunteers (Children)** – This position's description is the same as Share the Care Volunteers; however, Drop In Play Time Volunteers have a more flexible schedule and is based on your availability to “drop in” for a children's activity. This opportunity is flexible and could look different depending on the volunteer's interest/skill. Activities could include arts and crafts, sports, story time, games, group exercise, baking, stress relief/management activities, etc. Activities can be provided by our Children's Counselor or volunteers can coordinate their own ideas. We are asking that anyone interested in this position be able to commit 1-2 hours a month since transitioning people in and out is hard for our kids!

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## **RAVE SURVIVOR SUPPORT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

- Drop In Life Skill Volunteers (Women)** – This person may provide the women some needed life skill information such as budgeting, nutrition, health, taxes, house-keeping, mindfulness, childbearing, yoga/fitness classes etc. This opportunity is also flexible and can accommodate those individuals looking to drop in and spend quality time with the survivors. It is so refreshing for our residents to have someone to spend time with outside of other residents and staff members. This may look like taking a walk, having a picnic, prepping a meal together or simply playing cards or sipping coffee on our deck.
- Domestic Assault Response Advocate (DARA)** – This volunteer will provide crisis response to domestic and sexual assault victims immediately following an assault. A DARA volunteer would respond to a secure crime scene, hospital or the local police department. This commitment level is long term.
- Residential Service Advocate** – Assist women and children in our residential facility by providing emotional support and advocacy, responding to needs. This individual would also answer the crisis line in the shelter. This commitment level is long term.
- Meal Assistance** – This individual will assist with menu planning and meal prep for the shelter. RAVE receives many food donations such as canned and boxed goods. Ideally, this individual would utilize the items RAVE currently has and assist women with meal planning around these items. This volunteer would create recipes and prepare meals with them women. This volunteer is welcomed and encouraged to eat their prepared meals with the women and children.
- Transportation Advocate** – This volunteer would provide transportation to clients who may not have their own form of transportation or be able to afford public transportation. This individual would provide transportation for clients to appointments, housing/apartment tours, job interviews, court hearings, etc. within the Ionia and Montcalm counties. This commitment level could range from short to long term.
- Internships and Field Experiences** – Internships and field experiences are available for both undergraduate and graduate degrees. Depending on the interest and needs of the person and RAVE-I/M, Inc. would determine the placement and focus of their experience. This commitment level would be long term.

### **INDIRECT SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:** (providing services that do not involve direct client care)

- Community Collaboration** – This opportunity may vary between business' and services provided. Many of our women are not familiar with what services are available in the Ionia/Montcalm County. This could look like coming in to give a presentation on your services such as, day care, counseling, mindfulness, budgeting, shopping, etc. This could also look like an opportunity for a business to donate to RAVE from decorative/housing items to volunteering your services in our shelter – i.e. providing hair care, manicures/pedicures, yoga, family photos etc. Please list your business/company name and how you would like to serve RAVE: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Donation Coordinator** – This individual would care for our donation room. This individual would assist with putting together welcome and exit bags for our residents as well as set up and run our Professional Boutique created for residents preparing for interviews. This individual may organize, pickup/drop off donations and track inventory.

**Skilled Labor Volunteer** – RAVE-I/M, Inc. is always in need of people who have a skilled trade. From roofing to remodeling bathrooms, whatever it is chances are we could use the help. This commitment level can vary depending on the task, but generally it is short term.

**Home Preservation Inside/Outside** – This individual may have a passion for cleanliness, lawn care and upkeep, gardening, and house organization. This commitment level could range from short to long term.

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Print Name

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Date

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Volunteer Signature

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Administrative Signature