



The Victim Center is a source for safety and comfort for all victims of violent and sexual crimes, empowering them to find hope and healing.

## Are you passionate about helping others?

As a Volunteer Victim Advocate, you provide victims with support, comfort, and resources during the aftermath of a crime.

The Victim Center provides crisis intervention 24-hours a day, 365 days a year. As a Volunteer Victim Advocate your role would be to help provide support to victims during the evenings, overnight, on weekends and holidays.

*The Victim Center is an amazing organization. If you want to give back, know that you are truly making a difference, then this is the place for you.  
~ Crissy Carsten, Volunteer Victim Advocate*

For more information on how you can become a Volunteer Victim Advocate and help victims of crime, please call Paula Tindell, Volunteer Coordinator at 417-863-7273.

*"Victims of violent crimes have often had something taken from them; a sense of security and safety, that they will struggle for years to regain. To be alone, in a hospital, with no one to call, is something many of us might never imagine. To have the support of that Advocate, the information they share, and the hope they can give, is invaluable to the beginning of their healing process."*

*~Andrea Brady, Volunteer Victim Advocate*

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Office Hours: Monday–Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**24-hour hotline 417-864-7233**

[www.thevictimcenter.org](http://www.thevictimcenter.org)

All services are confidential, free-of-charge, and available to all victims of violent and sexual crimes

## FAQ's

### What is the time commitment?

You will be on call, from home two or three times a month, during nights or weekends and holidays.

### What type of calls can I expect?

Most calls require only a telephone response, however, you may have to travel to local hospitals, law enforcement agencies, and crime scenes to help victims.

### Do I have to have a background check?

Yes.

### What are the requirements to be a Volunteer Victim Advocate?

You must be 21 years or older, be able to pass a criminal background check, participate in an interview, and have use of a car and phone.

### Will I receive training?

Yes. New advocates are required to attend a two day training. In addition, advocate meetings are held monthly. You will also be paired with a seasoned volunteer to serve as a mentor.