Dear Group Project Coordinator,

Thank you and your sponsoring organization for your interest in volunteering with HopeWorks of Howard County. Group Volunteer Projects play a vital role in helping us accomplish large scale strategies for education, prevention and engagement. Due to HopeWorks confidentiality program new group volunteers are not permitted to work directly with clients. Examples of Group Volunteer Projects include pantry drives, youth and adult awareness programing, and engagement workshops. The mission of the Group Volunteer Program is to both give volunteers the opportunity to support our clients as well as gain a more nuanced understanding of sexual and intimate partner violence. As HopeWorks partners, we want each volunteer to walk away with more education and awareness of how gender and sexual violence is perpetuated and supported within communities.

To begin the process of coordinating a group project, you should first consult with Maya Carey, HopeWorks’ Volunteer Program Coordinator, at 410-997-0304. Maya will assist you in planning a project that will match your interests/talents and serve the needs of our clients.

Next you will need to complete the **Group** **Volunteer Project Application.** The application materials include:

* Group Project Volunteer Application for the Coordinator
* Group Project Volunteer Application for Team Members *(to be completed by the team member)*

Please return your completed application to me via email, fax or regular mail. After a review of your completed applications and the processing of background check forms you will be contacted to schedule the Project.

All Group Members are invited to participate in HopeWorks’ Step 1 Training. This can be done before or after the completion of the Project. Interested team members may contact Maya at mcarey@wearehopeworks.org to reserve a space at the next available training.

Thanks again for your interest in volunteering at HopeWorks. We look forward to partnering with you!

Sincerely,

Vanita Leatherwood

Director of Community Engagement

**Group Project Title/ Description**

Option One: “I Can We Can” [ ]

* *“I Can We Can” Workshop and presentation. This workshop and presentation will go over the general basics of Intimate Partner Violence (commonly known as Domestic Violence) and Sexual Violence and how it pertains to the work we do here at HopeWorks. We will go over our services and programs and then go into the actual workshop entitled “I Can We Can”: During the workshop, participants are invited to take a moment to reflect on their personal threshold between what they feel they can and can’t do to help end abuse and take action to move that threshold. Then using their hand as a canvas, they will create an empowering violence prevention message. This interactive activity gives voice and power to the individual actions every person can take to help end violence.* *This workshop includes the awareness activity along with an educational discussion. Program requires at least 2.5 hours for adult groups, 2.5 hours for teen groups, and 1.5-2 hours for middle and elementary school groups.*

Option Two: “In Her Shoes” [ ]

* *“In Her Shoes” workshop and presentation—this workshop and presentation will also go over the basic of Intimate Partner Violence, Sexual Violence, and how it pertains to the work done at HopeWorks. We will also gov over our services and programs prior to going into the actual workshop. This workshop is a highly interactive workshop in which participants will walk in the shoes of a different women experiencing gender and sexual violence. This activity acts as a choose-you-own-adventure activity and allows for multiple different outcomes. We suggest that in addition to this workshop volunteers organize a pantry drive for HopeWorks. This workshop includes the awareness activity along with an educational discussion. This program runs for 3- 3.5 hours and requires at least 10 participants per workshop.*

Option Three: Pantry Drive [ ]

* *Pantry Drives: Groups are invited to run a pantry drive in their organization, community or group following the current pantry needs list. Groups will collect goods either at their location or on site at HopeWorks during a set amount of time. After donations are accepted, volunteers will help to organize the pantry and attend a 45-minute presentation/ mini-workshop on sexual and intimate partner violence. All volunteers and/or participants of the pantry drive should attend the education aspect of their volunteer experience.*

Option four: Proposed volunteer opportunity [ ]

* *All additional proposed volunteer opportunity may require additional meeting time and processing time to coordinate with outside departments. Unfortunately, due to HopeWorks confidentiality policy, only official partner organizations and long-term group volunteer partners are allowed to work directly with clients. Please email Maya Carey at mcarey@wearehopeworks or call 410-997-0304 for more information about a specialized group volunteer opportunity.*

**HopeWorks Group Project Coordination Form**

**(To be completed by Project Coordinator)**

**Organization Information**

**Date Sponsoring Organization Name**

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**Would the organization like to receive a free awareness or training for staff workshop(s)?**

 **□** Yes □ No

**Coordinator’s Information**

**Project Coordinator’s Name** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**List the Names of all Project Members: (include coordinator’s name if applicable - please print)**

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