

Volunteer Photographer for “I Am More Than My Criminal Record”

The Agency

The Calgary John Howard Society (CJHS) is a community-based charitable organization dedicated to reducing the incidence of crime and increasing community safety through preventative and restorative justice practices. To accomplish these ends, we provide direct services to individuals at risk, advocacy for effective responses to crime with the individuals involved and education for youth and adults in the community.

The Program

“I Am More Than My Criminal Record” is a storytelling initiative developed by CJHS. The project is a public education initiative aimed at: reducing the stigma associated with a criminal record; raising awareness of the discrimination faced by those with a record; and showing how this can impact reintegration. Through “I Am More Than My Criminal Record”, individuals with a criminal record share their personal experiences to explain who they really are and to help readers connect in a personal way to the individual’s story through stories and photographs.

The Position - Photographer

CJHS is seeking a Photographer to provide support for the 'I Am More Than My Criminal Record' initiative. Through storytelling, we explore an aspect of our participants’ lives to help the reader gain an understanding and a connection to the individual sharing their story, while providing a platform for those living with a criminal record to share their experiences and voice who they truly are. Each story will be shared in conjunction with a picture that seeks to capture the subject’s character and essence. This initiative will be shared through a website (MoreThanARecord.com) and social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram.

The Photographer will be the visual storyteller capturing individual stories through digital photography. Working in collaboration with the Communications Advisor, this individual will:

- Photograph, edit and present images of individuals whose stories will be shared
- Process photographs in an expedient manner (within 24 to 48 hours)
- Obtain studio time, when required
- Contribute photographs to the website
- Have knowledge of portrait photography and photo-editing software.

Time Commitment

- Any day Monday to Friday, between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (exceptions are made for clients who are unavailable during those times)
- Approximately two hours bi-weekly
- A one-year-plus commitment to the program

Training

- Orientation and initial training are offered in addition to access to ongoing agency training sessions and events with the purpose of allowing the volunteer the opportunity to gain a better understanding of the issues impacting the people we serve.

Applications will be accepted until a suitable candidate is found.

**Please submit your cover letter and resume to:
Gail McDougall – Volunteer Program Coordinator
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The Calgary John Howard Society thanks all applicants; however, only those considered for an interview will be contacted

