

M2 Community Volunteer

The Agency

The Calgary John Howard Society (CJHS) is a charity that reduces crime and makes Calgary communities safer by helping youth and adults make positive changes and move away from criminal behaviour. We do this by addressing the root causes of crime through housing, education, employment programs and support so that individuals have alternatives to breaking the law. CJHS is committed to restorative justice and an organizational environment that recognizes the dignity and worth of each person. CJHS values diversity and inclusion and welcomes qualified applicants from all walks of life.

The Program

The M2 Community (M2-C) works with adult men while incarcerated and in the community. The program provides professional and non-judgemental relationships, pro-social involvement, social skills development and cultivating meaning and purpose in the lives of the participants. The program seeks to create meaningful connections and bonds between volunteers and participants.

The Position

The M2-C volunteer will be connected directly to an individual in the M2 community, offering regular support and guiding them into making healthy social connections. The support offered depends on the needs of the client. It is oriented around pro-social behavior and can consist of going to the grocery store together, doing leisurely activities, practical and emotional support.

The volunteer will be supported by the M2-C Coordinator and time will be committed to the volunteer's personal development including supervision, support, appraisal and training plans.

M2-C has weekly social gatherings where the volunteer will be welcome and can offer additional support to the community members in cultivating healthy relationships. Volunteers are welcome to be involved in the development of the program and social activities.

Qualifications/Expectations

The candidate is expected to:

- Have a non-judgemental attitude.
- Have strong personal boundaries.
- Practice trauma-informed care with participants.
- Have a strong belief in the community role in restorative justice.

Time Commitment

The time commitment is to be agreed upon by the volunteer and the participant. The program recommends having weekly contact with each other.

A minimal commitment of one year is required.

Training

Orientation and initial training will be provided in addition to ongoing training as needed. All volunteers are provided an opportunity to join in an agency tour to learn about the various programs and services the agency offers. They will also be invited to participate in agency events and relevant meetings where additional training opportunities may be provided.

Applications will be accepted until we find a suitable candidate.

Please submit your cover letter and resume to:

Lauren Collier, M2C Coordinator at

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Please cite: 'Application M2C' in the subject line

The Calgary John Howard Society thanks all applicants; however, only those considered for an interview will be contacted.