

**Life Line (Client Advocate) Application and Job Description
NEXT STEP VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM**

Name: _____ Cell # _____
TEXT messaging? Yes No

Address: _____ Home # _____

State, Zip: _____ Email _____

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? ___ Yes ___ No
If yes, explain: _____

TRAINING/GIFTS

1. This organization is a pro-life Christian ministry. Our mission statement is: *Next Step advocates for individuals and families in Clarion County and surrounding areas with free Christ - centered consultation services and educational programs related to unplanned pregnancy, healthy choices and personal wholeness reflecting values that uphold sexual integrity and the sanctity of life.* We believe that our faith in Jesus Christ empowers us, enables us and motivates us to provide unplanned pregnancy services and other support in the community. **Please write a brief statement about how your faith would affect your volunteer work in this ministry.**

2. What special gifts, talents, or personality traits do you bring to this ministry?

3. What is your educational background? List any special training, Biblical studies, or educational experience.

4. What do you consider to be possible areas of weakness?

5. What personality types do you have difficulty working with?

6. How do you feel about a single woman parenting her baby?

7. How do you feel about a woman placing her baby for adoption?

8. Are you currently seeking to adopt a child?

9. When do you believe sexual intercourse is morally permissible?

10. What are your feelings regarding birth control and teenagers or adults who are single and sexually active?

11. Have you had a personal experience related to abortion?
 Yes No Explanation:
 (If you prefer, you can choose not to answer this question here and discuss your response confidentially with the director instead.)

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. How does your spouse/family feel about you getting involved with the pregnancy center?

2. Have you ever counseled a woman who was considering an abortion?
 Yes No If yes, please explain.

3. Have you ever known a single mother? Yes No
 What were your feelings about her particular situation?

4. Under what circumstances, if any, would you consider abortion as an alternative for a woman with a crisis pregnancy?

_____ Never an option _____ Life of the mother _____ In cases of rape/incest
_____ In cases of extreme psychological stress _____ Other (please explain)

5. Knowledge of abortion risks:

_____ Excellent _____ Good _____ Fair _____ Poor

Knowledge of existing laws regulating abortion:

_____ Excellent _____ Good _____ Fair _____ Poor

Knowledge of what the Bible teaches (directly or indirectly) about abortion:

_____ Excellent _____ Good _____ Fair _____ Poor

CHRISTIAN WALK

1. Do you consider yourself a Christian? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please explain what it means to be a Christian:

2. How long have you been a Christian?

Please give a brief statement (testimony) about how you came to Christ as your personal Lord and Savior.

3. What church do you attend? _____

Address _____

Pastor's Name _____

Telephone No. _____

4. How long have you been involved at your church?

Are you currently involved in a Bible study? _____ Yes _____ No

5. Do you have a daily devotional time? _____ Yes _____ No
Briefly describe:

6. Volunteering at the pregnancy center is spiritual warfare. How do you believe you will deal with this?

Please provide 2 references:

Name: _____ Phone: _____ FULL mailing address	Name: _____ Phone: _____ FULL mailing address
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❖ Please list other skills that you wish to utilize as a volunteer of this Center:

❖ When are you available to volunteer? (e.g., day of the week, daytime/evening)?

❖ Would you like to come in on a regular schedule, or be contacted as needed?

Regular schedule

As needed

Applicant's Certification and Agreement

I certify that the facts set forth in this volunteer application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge, and I authorize Next Step Pregnancy Solutions & Services to verify their accuracy and to obtain reference information concerning my character and capabilities. I release the pregnancy center and any person or entity providing such reference information from any and all liability relating to the provision of such information or relating to any decisions made based upon such information. If I become a volunteer at the pregnancy center, I agree to fully adhere to its policies and rules, including those rules relating to maintaining client confidentiality. I recognize that, as a volunteer, I will serve in a different role than the employees of the center, and I am not seeking nor expecting to receive any compensation or other benefits in return for any volunteer services which I may provide for this ministry.

I further certify that I have read and that I am in full agreement with the Mission Statement, Statement of Faith and Commitment of Care. I understand that a condition of volunteering where I would have client contact is to successfully obtain the Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance, PA Criminal Record Check, and Federal Criminal Record Check.

Signature of Applicant _____ **Date** _____

Life Line Job Description

Objective of the Position: To provide ongoing support and services to Next Step in relation to the needs of the center. This position is intended to allow volunteers the opportunity to serve with gifts that they feel have been given to them, thus allowing them to serve the community through the work of Next Step.

Life Line (Client Advocate) Volunteers are those that desire to serve by working directly with clients in the Client Advocate Role. Next Step is a Heartbeat International Affiliate and follows that LOVE approach when working with clients.

One reason we call the method the LOVE approach is that love, or charity, whose ultimate source is God, should be our deepest motive for helping. We are ministering to Christ in His creation. "Whatever you do for one of these, the least of my brothers and sisters, you do it unto Me." Matthew 25:40. We should not be helping because it meets our own need to be loved or to make up for past mistakes.

Specifically, an ideal helper is a person who is already on the path to physical, emotional, psychological, and spiritual well being, or a person who is growing in that direction. The helper is not providing help because of personal need, such as to be loved or to make up for an abortion. The helper is one whose needs are being met primarily because his or her relationship with the Lord is strong and growing even stronger.

Ideally, Client Advocates are those who:

- Serve as a role model
- Are good problem solvers
- Are humble
- Are willing to put energy into helping others

This volunteer position requires an application to be completed - see our website for full application or stop in the office for an application. In addition, there is training that is required. This training consists of a 4 hour independent study through Heartbeat International, along with a 3 day in-office orientation. During this training, all required forms will be completed and a personnel file will be started for you.

There is no set time commitment, you just need to have a desire to serve.

For more information, please call Next Step at (814) 226-7007.