

Today's Date: _____



a center for grieving children & families

Volunteer Facilitator Application

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____ Gender (optional): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email address _____

Current Employer: _____ Occupation: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

If you join us as a volunteer and there happens to be an emergency, who should we contact?

Name: _____ Relation: _____ Phone: _____

What physical or medical conditions do you have that could affect your participation in this program? _____

Are you on public record as a sex offender or physical abuser? _____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? _____

Are you abusing drugs or alcohol? _____

How did you hear about Mary's Place? _____

Are you willing to make a one-year commitment to Mary's Place? _____

When are you available? Please list the times you are available in the boxes below:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning							
Afternoon							
Evenings							

What reservations might you have about working with grieving children or adults? _____

What kind of activities do you like to do which you might anticipate doing with participants at Mary's Place? (e.g. music, arts & crafts, story telling, etc.) _____

What reasons do you have for becoming a facilitator? _____

What losses through death have you experienced and how have you dealt with them? _____

What are your expectations of participation in this program?

Is there anything likely to prevent you from keeping your one-year commitment?

Is there anything else you would like to share about yourself?

Which participants would you feel most comfortable spending time with? Please indicate your first, second and third choices.

Children _____ Adults _____ Teens _____ Either _____

Reason for preference

List three people you have known at least a year who might serve as references.

	Reference Name	Address	Daytime Phone
1)	_____	_____	_____
2)	_____	_____	_____
3)	_____	_____	_____

Due to the nature of the program, we reserve the right to accept or reject potential volunteers.
I acknowledge that a background check will be done prior to my acceptance into this program.

I certify that the answers given on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I authorize Mary's Place staff to contact references I have listed to verify any information I have provided.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Read below to learn more about our process.

Volunteer Facilitator Training & Selection Process

Thank you for your interest in becoming a volunteer facilitator with Mary's Place. Our facilitators play a vital role in supporting grieving children, teens, and families, and we take great care in selecting and preparing individuals for this meaningful work.

Because our programs operate with a limited number of facilitation opportunities, we onboard new volunteers based on anticipated program needs within the next 6–12 months. This allows us to ensure each volunteer receives the training, support, and supervision necessary to serve families well.

Application Review

Within 10 business days of receiving your completed application, a staff member will review your submission. If your experience and interests appear to align with our current or anticipated needs, we will contact you to schedule a brief telephone conversation to learn more about you and answer any initial questions.

Interview Process

Following the telephone conversation, selected applicants may be invited to participate in an in-person interview with our program director.

Please note that submission of an application does not guarantee placement in the training program. Our goal is to onboard facilitators when we can meaningfully engage and support them in their volunteer role.

Facilitator Training

Individuals invited to move forward will begin the first portion of our 35-hour bereavement facilitator training through a self-paced hybrid online learning model.

The training includes:

- **Online Training (approximately 25 hours)**

Self-paced coursework that must be completed within four weeks.

- **In-Person Training / In-Service Day**

An in-person training day with the Mary's Place facilitation team, typically offered twice per year.

- **Group Observation / Shadowing**

A supervised observation or shadowing experience within one of our programs.

Upon successful completion of all training components, volunteers may be invited to begin facilitating groups with the guidance and support of Mary's Place staff.

Volunteer Expectations

Volunteer facilitators are expected to demonstrate emotional readiness, maintain appropriate boundaries, and commit to ongoing learning and supervision as part of their service to grieving families.

Additional Considerations

Because our facilitators work closely with grieving children, teens, and families, Mary's Place carefully evaluates each applicant to ensure alignment with the needs of our programs and community.

Participation in the training program and placement as a volunteer facilitator is by invitation only and based on program needs, availability of supervision, and overall fit with the role.

Mary's Place reserves the right to pause, defer, or decline applications at any stage of the process.

All volunteer facilitators are required to complete applicable background checks and screening procedures prior to working with participants.

We are deeply grateful for your interest in sharing your time, compassion, and skills with the Mary's Place community.