

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon

Russian Oregon Social Services

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Volunteer Description

TITLE: Volunteer Mentor for Russian-Speaking Victims of Domestic Violence

PURPOSE: To provide support for Russian-speaking survivors of domestic violence in order to ease their transition to a new country, to teach them English language and daily life skills, to introduce to American culture, traditions and laws; to decrease their isolation and anxiety. The mentor should develop a friendly relationship that will continue for at least six months.

DUTIES:

- Work within the guidelines outlined in EMO Volunteer Handbook
- Introduce a woman to American culture, traditions and laws
- Actively listen in person and on the phone and provide emotional support to a woman
- Maintain confidentiality
- Teach English language and daily life skills
- Provide updates and monthly reports to the Domestic Violence Client Advocate

TIME REQUIRED: Meet with a woman face-to-face at least once a week and provide mentorship services for at least six months.

SKILLS:

- Russian language skills are not necessary but very helpful
- An interest in Russian culture and language
- A mentor is not expected to be an expert on domestic violence
- Ability to listen, empathize and help

BENEFITS:

- Immense satisfaction by helping and supporting the Russian-speaking battered women
- Wonderful opportunity to make new friends
- English-speaking volunteer will have an opportunity to learn more about Russian culture and traditions

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