

The Calgary John Howard Society's Victim/Offender Reconciliation Program needs

# Volunteer Co-Facilitators for Mediation

At the Calgary John Howard Society we endeavour to provide services to persons in conflict with the law, as well as services and education in the community, towards our mission: *"Our community active in crime prevention"*.

The Victim/Offender Reconciliation Program (VORP) endeavours to repair harm for individuals, families, and communities; offer emotional, practical, and educational support; offer opportunity to express needs and attain closure; and help participants regain a sense of belonging within a positive community environment.

## **Are you... :**

- Interested in a challenging and rewarding volunteer opportunity?

**AND**

- Believe in restorative justice?
- Empathetic to victims and offenders without prejudice or bias?
- Encouraging, easy going, open, easy to talk to, non-judgemental?
- Interested in youth and crime, with a respect for youth?

During face-to-face meetings, volunteer mediators act as impartial facilitators; their role is to guide the parties towards mutually satisfactory resolution and agreement. Volunteers must have excellent communication skills, a commitment to restorative justice, and the ability to allow others to reach their own solutions. Training is provided.

For an application package and more information on our program, please contact: Lynn at 543-7823 or [lynm@johnhoward.calgary.ab.ca](mailto:lynm@johnhoward.calgary.ab.ca) (email preferred).