



## Assisting Women in New Beginnings

[www.basketeteers.org](http://www.basketeteers.org)

Dear Prospective Volunteer,

Thank you for your interest in the Basketeteers. Since 2000, we have been providing a helping hand to mothers and single women that have been victims of domestic abuse. Basketeteers provide laundry baskets or storage containers of personal use and household items to these courageous women as they transition from area shelters back into the community. We truly value the contributions of our volunteers and understand that we would not be able to do this work without them.

Our greatest need is for individuals, groups and/or business to Give a Basket. Giving a basket means that the group purchases the laundry basket or storage container, purchase the contents, wrap the basket, adds a list of contents to the outside and then delivers the basket to the annual drop-off day (typically in November). If you would like to give a basket, please register on the website [www.basketeteers.org](http://www.basketeteers.org).

If your preference is to volunteer your skills and time in a support capacity with one of the Basketeteers' chapters, we invite you to attend a Basketeteers drop-off in your area to meet with the chapter organizer and see first-hand what's involved.

You are also invited to fill out the attached Volunteer Application. After we receive your completed application, you will be contacted by phone. Volunteer positions vary from chapter to chapter and are filled on an "as needed" basis.

It is important that you have some idea of how you wish to contribute (ie. Administrative support, charitable giving connections, social or print media skills, special events experience, general volunteer, etc) and indicate the amount of time you are interested in committing to (ie 1-2 hour per week, 1-2 hour per month, 2 hours once a year, etc). Each chapter is run by one or two individuals whose year-long efforts culminate in the annual drop-off. Volunteers may be required to work independently throughout the year, while others may only be required to assist on the annual drop-off days.

We accept volunteers based on their ability to perform specific job requirements. In order to have the best volunteer experience, we rely on you to be open and honest about your volunteering expectations.

If you have any further questions after reviewing the attached materials, please feel free to contact me. From all of us at the Basketeteers, we thank you for supporting our mission of assisting women in new beginnings and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Corinne Lavric

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Basketeteers

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### **Volunteer Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Prov/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about the Basketeteers? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your employment for the last three years:

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Organizations in which you currently volunteer or are active: \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have any previous volunteer or work experience? If so, please describe:

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Please list any skills, interests and/or training that you would bring to the Basketeteers:

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What do you hope to gain from a volunteer experience with the Basketeteers?

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We would you like to add you to our e-newsletter list. If you would not like to receive it, please check here \_\_\_\_\_



**Volunteer opportunities at Basketeteers include:**

Administrative  
 Social Media – Twitter, Facebook, etc  
 Special Events – Basketeteers Drop-Off Days  
 Education and Outreach – Community Events

Please write in the names of the volunteer opportunities and/or programs you are interested in:

1st choice: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Other (provide details): \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter you would like to volunteer for: \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours do you have available: (Indicate number of hours below)

Time	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Saturday	Sunday
# of hours							
Schedule may vary							

Is this weekly, monthly or annually \_\_\_\_\_

Is this weekday or evening \_\_\_\_\_

When are you available to begin?: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the names, email addresses, and telephone numbers of two character references. Please include an employer, teacher or supervisor. Please do not include close friends or relatives.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Phone #</u>	<u>Relationship</u>

Is there anything else you would like us to know? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return your completed application to:** corinne@basketeteers.org  
 Once your application is received, we will contact you directly to discuss further details.



## **Frequently Asked Questions**

Before applying, we recommend that you attend an annual drop-off to see first-hand what's involved. Check the website for the annual drop-off in your area, email the chapter organizer and make plans to go and meet them.

### **I am interested in volunteering. What is the process to apply?**

Complete the application and email it to [corinne@basketeteers.org](mailto:corinne@basketeteers.org). Once we receive your completed application, your application will be forwarded to the appropriate chapter organizer for review and they will contact you to discuss the current opportunities.

### **I'm a high school student, do my volunteer hours count towards the Ontario Government mandatory 40 Hours of Community Service?**

Yes, many high school students have participated in the annual drop-off days and have earned hours towards their 40 hour commitment. Please check with your guidance counselor first, then contact the chapter organizer in your area to confirm volunteers are needed. If accepted as a volunteer, don't forget your volunteer commitment form. You'll need to have it completed by the chapter organizer.

### **Are there any financial costs associated with volunteering?**

There are no costs to volunteer, however if you are adopting a basket then you are considered a donor and you are committing to purchasing a laundry basket and contents (personal and household items), wrapping it, adding a content list to the outside and delivering it on the drop-off day. Please visit the website [www.basketeteers.org](http://www.basketeteers.org) and click on "Give a Basket" to register.

### **Can men volunteer?**

Yes. Men are encouraged to volunteer.

### **What are my rights and responsibilities as a volunteer?**

All volunteers agree to fulfil their commitment of time and/or skill. Providing mothers and single women that have experienced domestic abuse with support as they transition back into the community is the central goal that guides our work.

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