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NOVA Needs Crisis Volunteers

*Fall sessions of Crisis Volunteer Training to begin in
October*

(BUCKS COUNTY, Pa.) NOVA, the leading non-profit organization in Bucks County supporting victims of crime, is looking for volunteers for its 24/7 Phone Helpline, Text/Chat Helpline, and to support sexual assault and other victims of serious crimes during emergency room visits or police interviews.

Volunteers must be at least 18 years-old; have a valid driver's license and reliable transportation (needed for emergency room visits or police interviews); meet all required clearances (child abuse, criminal record check, and FBI fingerprinting, complete a 45-hour training program; and, upon acceptance into the program, sign a confidentiality agreement.

The fall session of crisis volunteer training will start the first week of October, will consist

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of individual sessions on specific topics conducted by NOVA staff members who are experts in these areas. The training is free of charge and will be presented by NOVA professionals in its Jamison office. Days and times will be announced at a later date on the organization's website and social media platforms.

Volunteers will attend sessions to learn how to best respond to Helpline calls and provide victim/survivor-centered and trauma-informed support during emergency room visits or police interviews. Volunteer shifts take place during the evening and weekend hours, with flexible shifts of 2 to 6 hours.

Those interested in volunteering *must* register in advance to allow time for processing. To register for NOVA's Crisis Volunteer Training, or for more information about this or other volunteer opportunities, please contact Julie Dugery, Coordinator of Volunteers and Community Outreach, NOVA, at 215-343-6543, ext. 6604, or by email at JulieD@NOVABucks.org.

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About NOVA

NOVA supports, counsels and empowers victims of sexual assault and other serious crimes in Bucks County and works to prevent and eliminate violence in society through advocacy, training, community education and prevention programs. Founded in 1974, NOVA is a non-profit 501(c)(3), community-based organization operating out of three

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offices in Fairless Hills, Jamison and Perkasie. Services are made possible through the financial support of federal, state and local government grants and contracts, corporations, foundations and private donations. All contributions are tax deductible to the extent provided by law. For more information, visit www.NOVABucks.org.

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