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**PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE NEEDS ADULT VOLUNTEERS  
TO SERVE IN THE JUVENILE VICTIM/WITNESS PROGRAM**

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The Philadelphia District Attorney's office needs adult volunteers to serve in the Juvenile Victim/Witness Program. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old.

The District Attorney's Juvenile Victim/Witness Volunteer Program began in 1991. In 2005 alone, 6019 victims were served by our volunteers.

The program provides comprehensive victim services to adults and children who have been victims of all types of crimes. Victims are provided with court accompaniment, referrals for counseling, crime victim compensation, restitution, court school, and other victim services plus ongoing support throughout the trial process.

The primary role of the volunteer is to accompany the victims and witnesses to court through the trial process and to provide support and information to all victims and witnesses. Within the supportive role, it is important that the volunteer be an accepting, empathic listener. Encouragement, concern, and support for the family are critical.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with the District Attorney's Office's Victim/Witness Unit, Juvenile Division, please contact Angela Massey at (215) 686-4095. This office is located at 1801 Vine St., Philadelphia, PA 19103.

Extensive training will be provided to all volunteers.