

How do I volunteer with the Elizabeth Fry Society?

- Call us at **422-4775** and ask for Volunteer Coordinator. She'll tell you which volunteer opportunities are available.
- Come in for an interview and complete the application form and the security clearance forms. Supply two references.
- Make a commitment for 12 months.
- Attend an orientation and training for your position. Learn more about our clients and the issues.
- Start your new position.



A client writes.....
"I have learned so much about myself and my capabilities. I have met wonderful people. They made the program fun. I'm going to miss coming here. There's a support system. The people at EFry have so much compassion for one another and I feel truly blessed to have been and will continue to be a part of it. I loved learning bead work and sharing with people in confidence. The support I've receive for my singing is unbelievable. The program and the people here mean the world to me."

The Elizabeth Fry Society of Edmonton

is a community based agency that offers support to individuals, particularly women in contact with the legal system, and works with other agencies to increase public awareness about the criminal legal system in Canada.



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Volunteer Program



"One Jabberwocky bought five angst-ridden televisions, but one elephant quite comfortably marries five sheep. Umpteen fountains bought partly silly chrysanthemums, and umpteen quite schizophrenic pawnbrokers drunkenly perused the wart hog." – JOAN

A Client Writes...

"When I started at EFry, I wasn't sure that I had the strength to leave the abusive relationship that I was in. I had no self esteem or self workth. I had no direction and didn't know where my life was going.

With the help of the women fromt heStoplifting program and talking with women in the circle, my life has a new direction. I have my helath and my children and a life without having to feel that I am a bad person or useless. I have learned that a person has to be accountable for their actions and the consequences. Sometimes in life you have to be given no chouces to realize what you have lost.

Never take the small things for granted; the leaves on the trees, the clouds in the sky. Life is good."

Tracey

***Are you interested in women's issues and the criminal justice system?
Check out our volunteer opportunities.***

- Visit women in prison
- Offer compassionate listening skills as women talk about their past experiences and present needs
- Organize a Christmas party at the prison
- Teach basic Internet and letter writing skills in the computer lab
- Accompany people to their coourt appearances
- Mentor a young girl throughout her involvement with the criminal justice system

Gail Volunteers as a mentor for young girls in the Court Advocates For Female Youth program.

"I really enjoy volunteering with Elizabeth Fry Society because of the training, the suport, feedback and opportunity for debriefing. EFry helps volunteers to grow, and allows volunteers to make mistakes! The staff are so non-judgemental and supportive. What I really like is that EFry is so open to feedback. It's a two-way relationship and I see the staff and volunteers learn along together. I always feel appreciated. From volunteering with EFry, I've gained awareness of the issues in my community. It has opened my eyes to what is really going on. I see the crises. I can't ignore the issues and I have to respond."

