



**CHUMS**

**Mental Health &  
Emotional Wellbeing  
Service for Children  
and Young People**

**Volunteer Information and  
Application Form**

## **Introduction**

The purpose of this leaflet is to give you a clearer understanding of our work and the skills needed to become one of our volunteers. Included in this leaflet is an application form for you to complete and return to the address shown if you feel you would like to proceed further with your application. Once this has been received, we will send for references as appropriate and invite you for an informal meeting. All our volunteers have to complete a brief health questionnaire and be police checked.

## **About CHUMS**

CHUMS is a Social Enterprise, which is a community interest company, whose profits are reinvested into the service for the good of those we support. Our services offer a number of voluntary opportunities. Our volunteers are all committed to making a difference to the lives of children and young people and their families. The work is very rewarding and can make a big difference to children, young people and their families. We support our volunteers by offering a regular ongoing training programme and a monthly communications meeting. All volunteers are offered support and supervision at any time. Social activities are also organised throughout the year.

## **Commitment**

We understand that most of our volunteers have many other commitments! We do not ask that you attend regular support sessions and training evenings. You can choose to work in just one area or in several if you feel able. It is desirable that volunteers should have some experience of working with children or young people.

## **Volunteer Opportunities:**

- Training as a Community Support Worker within our bereavement service
- Driving – evenings/weekends.
- Fundraising – variety of events across the year.
- New programmes offering support to children and young people e.g.
  - > Emotional wellbeing workshops
  - > Recreational Service
  - > After-school Clubs
  - > Mentoring programme

*(Please note that some training will need to be undertaken to support these programmes.)*

Name:		
Surname:		Other Names:
Date of Birth:		Ethnicity:
Address:		
Postcode:		

**Telephone Numbers**

Home:		Mobile/Work:	
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E-mail address:

**Occupation or Previous Occupation:**

Do you hold a current driving license?

Do you have use of a car?

**Please give reasons why you are interested in working with children and young people:**

**Which part of our service are you hoping to support:**

**Please give details of any previous work with children and young people:**

**Please describe what experiences have been important to you:**

**Have you had a major personal loss within the last two years (e.g. bereavement, divorce, redundancy)? If yes please give brief details:**

Please give details of relevant training and qualifications:

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What days/ times are you available to offer your services?

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Any other information you think might be helpful:

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Please give the names and addresses of two referees who we can write to:  
(one of whom must be a professional)

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Please complete the attached form and return it to:

**Wrest Park Enterprise Centre**  
**Wrest Park**  
**Silsoe Beds**  
**MK45 4HS**

**Tel: 01525 863924**

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