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Non-profit Volunteer Request Form

Non-Profit Agency Application -- Seeking Volunteers

If your organization is looking for volunteers – other than Board members -- the Institute for Non-Profits may be able to help. Simply complete this form and submit it to Cornell Cooperative Extension. We'll try to find community leaders who meet your needs and will ask them to contact you to determine if this is the best match for you and them. *Please note: Acceptance of this application does not necessarily guarantee a match. Please email completed form to Paul Trader at INPRockland@gmail.com or fax to 845-429-8667.*

GENERAL INFORMATION		DATE: 3/26/2015
Organization Name: Association for the Visually Impaired		
Address: 260 Old Nyack Turnpike Spring Valley NY 10977		
Contact name: Arlene Rusk	Title: Social worker	
Telephone: 845-574-4950	Fax: 845-574-4944	
E-mail: arlener@avi-eyes.org	Is organization a 501c3? yes	
Website address: avi-eyes.org		
Organization's mission statement: Our goal is to enable our consumers to function as independently as possible in their homes or other living situations by providing instruction in adaptive skills and support within the community.		

DESCRIPTION OF VOLUNTEER WORK
<p>Please describe the type of volunteer work your organization has available; be sure to include nature of the work to be done, time commitment, number of volunteers needed, and other pertinent information.</p> <p>We need volunteers to drive and assist consumers to our support group which meets on the first and third Thursdays from 11 to 12:30. Volunteers are also needed to assist consumers with their paperwork in their homes (read and sort mail) and grocery shopping. Some consumers need a friendly visitor. This would be a once a week or every other week commitment, at a time that suits the volunteer and the consumer.</p>
<p>What skills should this volunteer have?</p> <p>Volunteers would need a clean driver's license if they are driving consumers. They would also need to have a caring and friendly personality, and a willingness to listen and communicate with elderly people.</p>
<p>Does your organization have a formal Volunteer Intake Process or Volunteer Application to be completed? Yes. Volunteers need to complete a brief application including references. There is a one hour orientation to the agency and working with individuals who are blind.</p>

<p>Please feel free to add any information that would be helpful for prospective volunteers to know about your organization:</p> <p>Occasionally we have needs such as tutoring a blind college student who is going back to school or other specific needs.</p>
