

# CREATE YOUR IMPACT

*Join the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Volunteer Program!*

## ➤ Why should I volunteer?

The fact is, the majority of the individuals that are incarcerated in North Dakota will become our future neighbors. The ND DOCR relies on volunteers from our communities to be that link between incarceration and their release back to the community. Through an investment from the community and its members, they can become successful and productive citizens.

**YOU** can make a huge and positive difference in their lives.

## ➤ What do the volunteers do?

Volunteers serve a critical role in our correctional facilities. The ND DOCR works with volunteers from multiple educational, cultural, and religious groups.

We have volunteers who facilitate recovery programs, provide religious services, or teach art classes, college courses, and yoga.

Volunteers serve as role models for work ethic, behavior, and effective interpersonal skills. As a volunteer, **YOU** are influencing lifestyle changes and offering a very important link to the community. This allows residents the ability to connect or stay connected to resources in the community upon their release.



*Substance abuse support such as  
Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics  
Anonymous*



*Religious programming such as  
leading services or guiding studies*



*Enrichment classes*



*Mentoring*



*Life skills*



*Donations*



*These are just a few of the opportunities  
available. We welcome new ideas and  
services from our community members.*

**I'm ready to learn more!** ➤

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## ➤ Who's eligible to volunteer?

- You must be at least 18 years of age
- Not on any resident's visiting list
- Not under the supervision of any local, county, state, or federal corrections agency, or under felony indictment
- Willing to undergo a criminal history check
- Provide valid, government-issued photo identification
- Do not have a current or prior relationship with a ND DOCR incarcerated individual or the family of an individual who is incarcerated with the ND DOCR
- Agree to volunteer without compensation
- Willing to complete any training requirements

\* Being previously incarcerated is subject to approval by a Warden or the Director of the DOCR

\* You must agree in writing to abide by all DOCR policies and procedures related to confidentiality and security practices

## ➤ Who do I contact to begin?

If you would like more information on becoming a volunteer for the ND DOCR, or if you have an idea for a new service, please contact:

**North Dakota State Penitentiary**  
**Rachel Bakken**  
**701.328.6377**

**James River Correctional Center**  
**Brandon Stoddart**  
**701.253.3696**

“ I want to help the guys realize that among the many hurdles along the way, more than likely for the rest of their lives, there are people who do care and are willing to help them as long as they are also willing to help themselves. I want to be a part of that. ”

*Michael Tomanek, associate professor of English, Bismarck State College  
Poetry writing class volunteer*

*The mission of the ND DOCR is transforming lives, influencing change, strengthening community.*