



## Welcome from Link One Manager

I am delighted that you are interested in helping Life as a Volunteer. I hope you find our information pack informative and comprehensive.

It is an exciting time for Link One. As the first regional 'hub' for the national charity Life, covering Warwickshire, Northampton, Redditch, Stoke, Birmingham and the West Midlands region, we are working hard to create a local charity for local people that is innovative, working with partner agencies, and having strong volunteer opportunities.

We aim to reduce the number of abortions in the UK through the provision of practical support, housing and counselling services through Pregnancy Matters™ and campaigns, media and education by Life Matters®.

As part of our expansion we are looking to recruit new Volunteers to help Link One provide its Pregnancy Matters™ services to our clients.

Applicants are invited to get in touch with myself - Beckie Reeves, Link One Manager - on [linkone@lifecharity.org.uk](mailto:linkone@lifecharity.org.uk) or 07739 761709 to indicate their interest. Either then or at a later date, there will be an informal interview on the phone or in person. If successful, we will run a DBS and references check and then there will be a short trial period. We have deliberately kept the application process simple and informal.

Further information about Life can be found on our website at [lifecharity.org.uk](http://lifecharity.org.uk), and you can see Link One's webpage at [lifecharity.org.uk/our-locations/link-one/](http://lifecharity.org.uk/our-locations/link-one/)

If, however, you have specific questions, or would like to arrange an informal conversation, please contact me on 07739 761709.

Yours sincerely,



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## Volunteer Recruitment Information

### Background

Life is a national charity with a 47 year track record of successfully offering positive alternatives to those affected by a crisis pregnancy. As a nonreligious Charity, we believe in the worth and dignity of all human life from fertilisation and our services exist to uphold and provide these values.

Our Pregnancy Matters™ service provides practical support, housing and counselling to young women experiencing a crisis pregnancy, and post- abortion counselling for those women who need to speak to someone about the emotional and mental turmoil that some experience after a termination. The housing programme has a network of 23 supported housing projects across the UK, including Walsall where this role is based.

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### Our Vision

*We won't give up until those facing difficult pregnancies can choose life and abortion is a thing of the past.*

### Our Mission

*To create a just society which has the utmost respect for all human life from fertilisation. We believe that opposition to abortion has to go hand-in-hand with the provision of alternatives.*

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### Our Values

The values underpinning our work are:

- **Commitment** – to justice for the unborn
- **Determination** – to uphold the dignity of women
- **Practicality** – we support men, women and families
- **Compassion** – we respect and care
- **Courage** – we challenge inequality

### The Successful Candidate

The successful individuals will have domestic duties skills, be eager to help, and be personable and friendly to our tenants. They will be excited by our work supporting women in difficult pregnancies, even if they are not themselves prolife.



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#### Location

Pregnancy Matters™ Walsall House.

#### Time Commitment

About 2-3 hours per week.

#### Expenses

Out of pocket expenses will be reimbursed including mileage of 45p per mile.

#### Further information and how to apply

To apply, please contact the Link One Manager, Beckie Reeves, either by email to [linkone@lifecharity.org.uk](mailto:linkone@lifecharity.org.uk) or by phone on 07739 761709 prior to the closing date. We will be happy to answer any questions about the role. There will then be an informal interview, either in person or over the phone, followed by a DBS check, completion of references, and then a short trial period in the role.

You can find out more information about Life by visiting our website: [lifecharity.org.uk](http://lifecharity.org.uk)

Life is committed to equality and we value the diversity of our volunteers and staff.

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## The role of Pregnancy Matters™ Domestic Support

Pregnancy Matters™ Walsall House is a six bedded shared accommodation within walking distance of Walsall town centre. The rooms are furnished and each have their own bathroom and kitchenette area. There is also a shared kitchen and living room.

Upon arrival tenants are required to complete all the necessary information to access housing benefits and are encouraged to set up a direct debit to pay their contribution to the rent. By paying rent regularly tenants are able to show housing providers that they are able to maintain a tenancy. Each tenant will set up a support plan with the support worker and will work to achieving goals. All tenants complete a Life Skills package which equips them for independent living and once again shows housing providers that they are able to maintain a tenancy.

There is large garden to the rear of the property. There is a small park a two minute walk from the house and Walsall Arboretum is a mere ten minute walk away.

Walsall train station is close by and takes about ten minutes on the bus.

When tenants are ready to move on they are supported to bid for properties with the local authority or to save up a deposit for a private rented property. Once they have moved they receive two visits from the support worker to ensure that they are managing on their own.

Tenants are supported by a Pregnancy Matters™ Support Worker in the House. The Support Worker in turn is managed by Link One's Pregnancy Matters™ Manager.

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### Job Purpose

To keep the communal areas clean in the Pregnancy Matters™ Walsall House and to help tenants become confident managing their own domestic needs.

### Regular Duties

- Cleaning communal areas – shared kitchen and living room. This will include taking out bins, dusting, floor and surfaces cleaning, and vacuuming. All equipment will be provided



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- Reporting to Walsall House Support Worker, and through them to Link One's Pregnancy Matters™ Manager.
- Safeguarding – if necessary, noting and passing on any concerns about children or vulnerable adults to the Support Worker

#### Further Duties

- Teaching tenants how to manage their own domestic needs

#### Training & support

- Induction into the organisation
- Training on all aspects of the role
- Regular updates on organisational activities
- Support, advice and guidance
- Equipment provided

## The Person

#### General Skills

- Personable and friendly
- Encouraging
- Working under the direction of the Support Worker

#### Specific Experience

- Experience in a similar role is desirable, but not essential
- Willing to be DBS checked



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