

Pathway to Employment Photographer

The Agency

The Calgary John Howard Society (CJHS) is a community-based charitable organization dedicated to reducing the incidence of crime and increasing community safety through preventative and restorative justice practices. To accomplish these ends, we provide direct services to individuals at risk, advocacy for effective responses to crime with the individuals involved and education for youth and adults in the community.

The Program

Our Pathway to Employment program provides individualized employment preparation and skills training to males and females aged 18+ who are experiencing difficulties securing employment; some difficulties being a result of their involvement in the criminal justice system. The program is also designed to support Calgary and area employers by providing them access to an untapped labour pool of qualified and motivated individuals who are ready to work.

Poverty is both a cause and consequence of crime. Meaningful employment is one of the most successful ways for an individual to move out of poverty and avoid becoming involved in criminal activity. When individuals are given an opportunity to gain meaningful and sustainable employment, it contributes to the overall health and safety of our community.

The Position - Photographer

The Pathway to Employment Program is seeking a Photographer to provide support to the 'I Am More Than My Criminal Record' team. 'I Am More Than My Criminal Record' is a public education initiative aimed at reducing the stigma of a criminal record by sharing stories and photographs of individuals who have been in conflict with the law.

Through storytelling, we explore an aspect of our participants' lives to help the reader gain understanding and connection to the individual sharing their story, while providing a platform for those living with a criminal record to share their experiences and voice who they truly are. Each story will be shared in conjunction with a picture that seeks to capture the subject's character and essence. This initiative will be shared through a blog and social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram.

The Photographer will be the visual storyteller capturing individual stories through digital photography. Working in collaboration with the employment team this individual will:

- Photograph, edit and present images of individuals whose stories will be shared
- Process photographs in an expedient manner (within 24 to 48 hours)
- Obtain studio time, when required
- Contribute photographs to the blog

The Photographer will have knowledge of portrait photography and photo editing software.

Time Commitment

- To be able to volunteer any day between Monday to Friday and during the hours between 8:30a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- 2 hours or more each week
- A one year plus commitment to the program

Training

- Orientation and initial training is offered in addition to access to ongoing training sessions and events with the purpose of allowing the volunteers the opportunity to delve deeper into some of the issues impacting on the people serve.

We thank all applicants. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.