LIFELINE APPEALS FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS

Lifeline Hobart is today praising its volunteer Telephone Counsellors for the extra shifts they are undertaking to meet the additional demand to the 24-hour crisis line, 13 11 14, due to the ongoing flood crisis.

“Lifeline has seen a 50% increase in calls over the past two weeks from people right across the country, not just in flood impacted communities. Our volunteers have spoken to people about grief, loss, hardship and pain.” Lifeline CEO, Christopher John said today.

Our volunteers are Australians who care. They have helped ease pain while caring for people through their time of crisis; it’s really a very rewarding way to spend your time. The way they have mobilised to assist in our flood response shows just how great they are.

“It’s been great to have such a wonderful response from our volunteers all across the country over this time. We also know from experience that events like this, affect people for many months, sometimes years. And much more work will need to be done”

Lifeline is calling on the community to consider becoming a volunteer Telephone Counsellor.

“Anyone can apply to be one of our Telephone Counsellors. Just like our latest suicide prevention Local Hero of the Year, Don Richie, our volunteers save lives each and everyday, while also helping all Australians in their time of crisis”

For information about the next round of Telephone Counselling training is beginning in early February. To find out more come along to the information sessions on 8th & 9th of Feb. Please register with the centre on 6224 3450.

“It’s not just Telephone Counsellors we are looking for; people don’t have to go on the phones to help out. People can give generously as part of the Lifeline family by undertaking a range of important roles.”

“Word of mouth is one of Lifeline’s best recruitment methods, so if you also know someone who is a great ‘people person’ and wants to give back in a very special way, ask them to consider becoming a volunteer with us.”

If you or someone you know if is in need of support for an emotional crisis, call Lifeline on 13 11 14.

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