

# **The Bob Rumball Centre for the Deaf**

## **STUDENT/VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTION**

**DEPARTMENT: SENIORS' SERVICES**

**SUPERVISOR: Marinka Kodre**

**VOLUNTEER TITLE: Activation Assistant**

**OBJECTIVE: to assist the activity coordinator**

**RESPONSIBILITIES: assist with planning, organizing and delivering a variety of recreational and social activities, trips and special events**

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- **good communication skills, ability to effectively communicate with a diverse population (ASL is a bonus, not a requirement – however the willingness to learn it - is!)**
- **patience and understanding of all our residents, including those with complex care needs; important when the same well loved games are played frequently, i.e. Dominos & Bingo, over and over again actually; we are here for the residents and their enjoyment of their activity**
- **commitment; dependability; self motivation; flexibility; good time management and the ability to prioritize; enthusiasm and a go-get-them attitude in spades!**
- **an understanding of the aging process; the ability to motivate by example; the patience to encourage resident participation to various activities**
- **most importance the willingness to help where, when and how it is needed, in other words we need volunteers to fill our needs not vice versa**

**Volunteers interested in doing friendly visiting would be eligible to do so after 6 month; provided they have established a rapport with the resident requesting a friendly visitor and they are willing to commit to the relationship**

**MIN. COMMITMENT REQUIRED: 6 months**

## **BENEFITS:**

- opportunity to be part of a deaf environment in which a modality of communication methods can be learned/practiced
- opportunity to give of one's own skills to brighten up someone's day; share the love of a hobby or knowledge of new game to introduce to the residents
- although there are no guarantees of being hired at BRCD, a great percentage of volunteers have been hired in the past and will probably be in the future – this is a great opportunity to showcase your abilities, hone your existing skills, learn new ones, meet many people from various departments, network etc.

## **ORIENTATION/TRAINING PROVIDED:**

- Safety & security procedures
- opportunity to learn/practice sign language & 2Hand
- learn about deaf culture
- learn a new crafts & games
- hear some amazing experience from people who have lived in different times

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**