



## VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AT ROGER NEILSON HOUSE

There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available at Roger Neilson House. You can join our volunteer team in the following capacities:

### **Card Artist**

Create unique hand designed cards, which are sent to families as part of the bereavement follow up. Work from home. Paper and envelopes are provided, if needed. *Pre-requisite: attend a Volunteer Information Session.*

### **Family Support Volunteer**

To assist with the care of children/youth diagnosed with life limiting illnesses, residing at Roger Neilson House for temporary respite care and / or end of life. The role includes: working with a multidisciplinary team, supervising, playing with and entertaining children/youth. Volunteers must have extensive experience and working knowledge of children and youth. Experience with special needs children/youth an asset. Minimum age requirement is 18 yrs. Family support volunteers are graduates of the Palliative Care Training and must commit for a minimum length of one year post training and volunteer a minimum of 8 hours per month. Orientation and training provided.

*Pre-requisite: have attended Palliative Care Training.*

### **Gardening Volunteer**

Work in the gardens during the Spring/Summer/Fall months to maintain the beauty of our outdoor landscaping. Orientation and training provided. *Pre-requisite: attend a Volunteer Information Session.*

### **Grant Writer**

Assist in developing, writing and submitting grant proposals. Collaborate with committee members to develop an annual strategy to increase annual grant income. *Pre-requisite: attend a Volunteer Information Session.*

### **Household Volunteer**

Helping with light housekeeping duties as required. Volunteers must be at least 18 yrs.

*Pre-requisite: attend a Volunteer Information Session.*

### **Kitchen Food Prep Assistant**

Plays an important role in maintaining the feeling of home for the families. Responsibilities include providing assistance to staff and families in the kitchen. Volunteers must be at least 18 yrs.

*Pre-requisite: attend a Volunteer Information Session.*

### **Knitting/Sewing Volunteer**

Making, creating blankets, legacy quilts and other supplies required for the guests and their families to enhance their level of comfort during their stay. Volunteers work from home or off site; projects will be assigned as needed. *Pre-requisite: attend a Volunteer Information Session.*

### **Library Assistant**

Ensure books and other media items, such as DVDs, are properly maintained and organized. Colour code all books, DVDs, VHS and other items in the library. Strong organizational skills are essential.

*Pre-requisite: attend a Volunteer Information Session.*

### **Maintenance/Handy Person**

The main responsibilities consist in repairing toys, equipment and general upkeep of household requirements. One regular shift per week. *Pre-requisite: attend a Volunteer Information Session.*

### **Memory Box Artist**

Important role in assisting with memory building. The volunteer memory box artists create painted memory boxes for the bereavement program. Experience as a painter required. *Pre-requisite: attend a Volunteer Information Session.*

**Office Assistant**

To help with various office duties during regular work hours. Computer skills and office experience essential. *Pre-requisite: attend a Volunteer Information Session.*

**Orientation Facilitator**

Facilitate orientation for new volunteers and new staff with a focus on Health and Safety. Must have a minimum of 1 year experience as a Roger Neilson House volunteer. *Pre-requisite: attend a Volunteer Information Session.*

**Photographer**

Important role in assisting with memory building. The volunteer photographer takes photos, as requested by families. *Pre-requisite: attend a Volunteer Information Session.*

**Play and Learn**

To assist with the care of children/youth diagnosed with life limiting illnesses, residing at Roger Neilson House for temporary respite care. The role includes: working with a multidisciplinary team, supervising, playing and entertaining children/youth. Volunteers must have extensive experience and working knowledge with children and youth. Experience with special needs children/youth an asset. Minimum age requirement is 18 yrs. Training provided. *Pre-requisite: attend a Volunteer Information Session.*

**Reception/Friendly Greeter**

This position involves meeting, greeting and screening visitors to the home. Strong customer services skills are required. The reception volunteer must be at least 18 yrs. Training provided. *Pre-requisite: attend a Volunteer Information Session.*

**Sibling Palliative Group Assistant**

Work with staff to assist with duties related to the Sibling Support Group planning, implementation and facilitation. Duties include preparation of programming, room set up, welcoming participants, etc. *Pre-requisite: must be a Family Support Volunteer.*

**Speaker's Bureau Volunteer**

To speak on behalf of Roger Neilson House at various community events and organization meetings to increase awareness of pediatric hospice palliative care services. To provide tours of Roger Neilson House to visitors who have booked an appointment to visit the house. Speaker's Bureau volunteers have prior knowledge and volunteer experience at Roger Neilson House. Training provided.

**Special Events Volunteer**

To participate and assist in special events organized by Roger Neilson House or on behalf of Roger Neilson House. *Pre-requisite: attend a Volunteer Information Session.*

**Therapeutic Play Assistant**

Assist professional care team with direct/indirect guest care by creating and leading therapeutic play activities to enhance the quality of life for the children and families during their stay at Roger Neilson House. *Pre-requisite: must be a Family Support Volunteer.*

**Training and Workshop Assistant**

To assist staff with duties related to the preparation and delivery of training. Workshops are offered during the day and evenings. *Pre-requisite: attend Volunteer Information Session.*

**Videographer**

Film education sessions for training purposes. Prepare for video sessions and provide the appropriate equipment. Able to edit videos recorded for viewing. *Pre-requisite: attend a Volunteer Information Session.*



### **Virtual Volunteer**

To perform projects for Roger Neilson House, from one's home. Typical projects are electronic and office related. Examples: Proof reading and formatting documents, translation etc. *Pre-requisite: attend a Volunteer Information Session.*

### **Visiting Volunteer**

To visit a child/youth in their home on a regular basis, to offer 2 hours of respite care for parents. *Pre-requisite: Family Support Volunteer credentials and minimum of one year volunteering in the Residence.*