Volunteer with us!



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Posting: Volunteer

Meaningful Activity

Hyland House/Bill Reid Place

Options Community Services Society

We are a non-profit registered charity providing social services primarily in Surrey, Delta, White Rock and Langley. We believe in helping people help themselves. We believe in collaborating with individuals, businesses, community groups and government to create focused, effective and responsive resources for the community.

We envision a healthy community as a safe and clean environment where we all have a sense of belonging. It is a place where each of us has the opportunity to work and learn, and to develop and realize goals that are meaningful and fulfilling.

Volunteer Position: Enhancing the experience of our clients and their environment.

Hyland House and Bill Reid Place are two of Options Community Services adult emergency shelters, providing safety and support to some of our communities most vulnerable individuals.

Our Newton and Cloverdale shelter sites are looking for compassionate volunteers to support our shelters through our clothing and kitchen programs.

Safe, emergency shelters are available to people (19+ years old) who are currently homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless. Two locations are offered: *Hyland House* in Newton and *Bill Reid Place* in Cloverdale. We are looking for volunteers at Bill Reid Place in Cloverdale and Hyland House in Newton to help with:

- Sorting donations- clothing acceptance, sorting and distribution to clients
- Gardening Being responsible for upkeep of gardens. Including planting, weeding, harvesting.

BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING

- Develop and strengthen your interpersonal skills. Contribute in a meaningful way within your community.
- Gain valuable understanding and work experience with our homeless community members.

NOTE: Applicants not selected for an interview will not necessarily be notified.

Options Community Services Society is an equal opportunity employer committed to hiring a diverse workforce.

- Internal employment opportunities a possibility
- Enhance your resume, strengthen your skill set, enhance your college and university applications
- Develop connections with like-minded individuals with similar interests
- Make a positive impact in the lives of others

QUALIFICATIONS

Education, Training, and Experience:

- Previous experience an asset.
- Ability to interact with individuals in a nonjudgmental way.
- A general understanding of the challenges of individuals facing barriers and addictions.
- An ability to conduct oneself in a professional and compassionate manner at all times.
- Strong boundaries with clients, staff and fellow volunteers required at all times.
- Ability to adhere to strict codes of confidentiality at all times.
- A desire to make a difference.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

The successful candidate must have:

- The skills necessary to complete your volunteer task independently
- Ability and willingness to learn and take guidance, as well as work independently.

Successful candidates will be required to provide a current and satisfactory Criminal Reference Check/Vulnerable Sector Search preceding your start date.

Closing Date: none/on-going recruitment

PLEASE APPLY TO: Andrea Dodd, Program Manager

Bill Reid Place, Options Community Services

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Please include a cover letter indicating why you would like to volunteer with us and in what capacity.

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