

Volunteer Opportunity

Between Friends creates opportunities for people with disabilities to connect, grow, and belong through social and recreational activities. As a charitable organization, we rely on the efforts of our volunteers to help provide safe and inclusive programming for our participants.

Between Friends W.E.S.O.A.R! Program Volunteer

Between Friends is currently looking for volunteers for our W.E.S.O.A.R! (Weekend, Evening, Social Opportunities, Activities, and Recreation) Programs. As a volunteer for one of our weekly programs, you will be asked to help with supervision, creating friendships, and assisting our participants to participate in the weekly activity. We offer a variety of age specific programs ranging from recreational, such as yoga or bowling, to social evenings out, such as dinner and a movie.

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Purpose	Implement the mission and values of Between Friends by providing quality social and recreation programs in an accepting environment, through leadership and support to individuals with disabilities.
Duties & Responsibilities	<p>Duties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adhere the policies and procedures of Between Friends • Maintain confidentiality of participants' personal information • Make a concentrated effort to attend any and all relevant workshops or training opportunities <p>Responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrive at program a minimum of 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time • Assist in appropriate implementation of activities • Assist in preparing and maintaining program equipment and supplies • Assist participants with program activities and daily living needs as necessary • Remain with the group until all participants have been picked up or dismissed by the program leader • Familiarize self with the participants and their needs • Communicate with participants in an age-appropriate manner • Assist with managing discipline and behavioral concerns within the policies set by the agency • Assist the Program Leader with the safety, care, and proper support of the participants • Follow the direction of, and support the Program Leader • Follow the direction of, and ensure any concerns are brought to the Volunteer Coordinator's attention



Time Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Programs run Tuesday – Sunday• Tuesday – Friday programs run from 6:00 – 8:00 pm• Saturday and Sunday programs run throughout the day• Must commit to one full program session• Each program session runs 2–3 hours weekly for about 10 weeks
Skills & Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must be 16 years and older• Must have an interest in volunteering• Assist with providing support to participants requiring wheel chair transfers, lifts and transfers and physical support, as needed
Orientation & Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must complete volunteer training evening and orientation process prior to volunteering• Date of training set by Volunteer Coordinator
Supervision/Staff Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• While volunteering at program, the Volunteer will be directly supervised by a Program Leader• Program Leader will complete an End of Session Evaluation at the end of program to evaluate the Volunteer• Volunteer Coordinator is accessible during office hours via phone or email for any concerns and/or questions• On Call phone number is provided for additional support outside of office hours
Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Volunteer shirt provided• After successful completion of a session, a Reference Letter is available upon request. If interested, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator• Volunteer Recognition throughout the program and at the end of session• Invitation to the AGM (Annual General Meeting) and Awards Ceremony
Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Must have an interview conducted by the Volunteer Coordinator or designate• Must pass a Screening Process including a Vulnerable Sector Search completed by the City of Calgary Police and an Intervention Record Check completed by Alberta Human Services

If you are interested in becoming a Volunteer with Between Friends, or have any questions, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Emily Furber at:
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