

## The Glebe Centre Volunteer Update April 17, 2020

We hope that everyone is safe, healthy, and practicing social distancing.

The Glebe Centre cannot accept volunteers at this time until given the all clear by Public Health. We are however, accepting volunteers for our Telephone Assurance Program. Volunteers call individuals to check in and make sure they are safe, complete a health check and ask if they need any services. Please call Lonelle Butler at 613 238-2727 ext. 353 or email [volunteer@glebecentre.ca](mailto:volunteer@glebecentre.ca) if you would like to help with the Telephone Assurance Program.

If you are interested in volunteering during the pandemic, you can go to the **Volunteer Ottawa Home Page** [www.volunteerottawa.ca](http://www.volunteerottawa.ca) and apply on their site directly. There are different areas to consider, including:

- **Covid-19 Virtual Volunteering** refers to volunteering that is performed without any contact, such as telephone outreach to vulnerable individuals.
- **Covid-19 Light Touch Volunteering** refers to volunteering that can be performed with minimal contact such as pick-up and delivery services for vulnerable individuals.
- **Covid-19 High Touch Volunteering** refers to volunteering that must be performed with increased contact such as passenger transportation to appointments and volunteer support essential services.

If you require further information, please contact Lonelle Butler, [volunteer@glebecentre.ca](mailto:volunteer@glebecentre.ca) and let me know if you need any assistance.

**We look forward to connecting with all of our amazing volunteers when we have the all clear. We miss you and our residents and clients miss you, so please stay safe and healthy. Usually in April, we honor our volunteers during National Volunteer Week; we have postponed this celebration until the fall!**

Contact your primary care provider or Telehealth Ontario at 1 866 797 0000 if you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19. Please do not visit an assessment center unless you have been referred by a health care professional.

On the long-term care side of our home, we continue to be free of Covid-19. ***A huge thank you to Abbotsford staff for helping out on the units in resident support.*** Our incredible nursing staff continue to come to work with smiles and a commitment to our residents that is inspiring. Families are not allowed to visit loved ones at this time, staff are the only contact our residents have during the day. Kudos to everyone who provides the support and love our residents and clients need during these difficult circumstances.

Regards,

Lonelle