



Volunteer Job Description

Pastoral Services Volunteer

Serve seniors in your community by assisting with religious services at Emmanuel Home, helping residents with mobility challenges to attend services, visit and engage with them or share your gifts of music and song.

Client Group: Seniors in independent living/supportive living

Risk Level: Low

Time Commitment: One 2-hour shift per week, mornings, afternoons or early evening (based on recreation schedule) for a minimum of six months.

Duties/responsibilities:

- Assist with religious services at Emmanuel Home
- Assist residents with mobility challenges to attend services
- Engage in friendly conversation with residents
- Sharing gifts of music and song

Skills/qualifications:

- Communication and active listening skills, empathy, patience, tact
- Enjoy being with seniors, is respectful and positive
- Has integrity and good judgement
- Is open and supportive, cooperative
- Sensitivity to the needs and challenges of the residents
- Support spiritual health of residents
- Physical ability to assist someone from a sitting to standing position
- Safely assist residents with mobility aids
- Lift light equipment

Boundaries/limitations: See Professional Boundaries Policy

Orientation/training:

- One-hour orientation prior to first shift
- One-hour training prior to first shift

Supervision/evaluation:

- Supervisor: Resident Services Coordinator
- Annual evaluation with supervisor

Benefits:

- Opportunity to meet new people and have fun with residents and staff
- Helping people to maintain their health and independence
- Snacks will be provided