

Volunteer Round Up January 7 2012

Happy New Year! Do your new year's resolutions include volunteering? Volunteer Ottawa will have the volunteer assignment to match your interests and availability. Call this member of the United Way family of agencies at 613-736-5270, or visit us at www.volunteerottawa.ca.

Tax Time in English/French: Entraide Budgetaire helps Ottawa residents with a free service to help file simple income tax returns. This service is also open to low-income self-employed workers. They are looking for new volunteers to help the self-employed workers with their accountability and their income tax forms. They'd love to hear from you if you have experience in accountability and filing income tax returns for self-employed people using software, able to communicate in English and French (speaking French is mandatory), available one evening or one half-day per week and are sensitive to the needs of individuals on a low income. Interview and police check required. Call 613-746-0400

“Sowing for jobs:” EcoEquitable Inc. is a non-profit small scale textile manufacturing social enterprise offering a unique program to train and create work for unemployed immigrant women. This is done through reusing and recycling fabric and various materials. They offer a variety of services including repairs and alterations and an on-site fabric boutique, and the production of promotional items, fashion accessories and fashion bags. Volunteers play a variety of important roles. Needed are a marketing consultant, a volunteer coordinator, a volunteer with graphic design skills, a webmaster/web editor and a seamstress teaching assistant. If you would like to share your skills and experience, contact Tara Templin 613-562-1739 or tara.templin@ecoequitable.ca

Getting settled: Helping With Furniture is a non-profit organization assisting refugee claimants start their life in Ottawa by providing furniture. A team of volunteers is needed to perform various duties. Wednesday night pick-up and delivery volunteers, volunteer coordination team members, fundraising team members and volunteers with grant and proposal writing experience, furniture intake volunteers and bundlers and others can help this organization to help newcomers settle into their new homes. Contact Kim Mattar 613-612-6228 or kmattar@helpingwithfurniture.org

Variety of Volunteers: The Salvation Army Ottawa Grace Manor is a long-term care home that provides a variety of services to those who live there. Volunteers are needed to staff the residence's Tuc Shop and bring the portable trolley around for residents. Volunteers may also help porter residents to church or other activities, provide help at mealtimes and help with BINGO games. Contact Azra Temple 613-722-8025x135 or atemple@gracemanor.ca

Walk for Memories: The Alzheimer Society of Ottawa and Renfrew County supports those with Alzheimer's Disease, their families and the community. Volunteers play key roles in many areas. Education: helping with Speakers Bureau (making presentations and managing booths). Support Services: convening social gatherings for people in the early stages of dementia and their caregivers. Fundraising: help raise awareness and participate in events to secure funds in support of the programs and services. Office Administration, writing articles (Communication) and serving on the Board of Directors. Contact Debbie Abbott 613-523-4004 xt 48 or dabbott@asorc.org

Kick-off: Gloucester Recreation Development Organization is a non-profit organization that provides sport skill development and leadership programs to children who may face barriers to participation in mainstream recreation and sport programs. Volunteer soccer coaches will promote learning through role modeling, positive listening, participation, and safe play. Programs run in 7 different areas; volunteers will be able to choose the locations and times that work best for them. A background in recreation, sports, and/or behaviour management is an asset. On Saturday February 25 they will be holding the 19th Annual Indoor Soccer Tournament. Volunteer coaches and referees are needed to help with this event. Contact Meagan Sheridan 613-748-6813 or meagan.sheridan@grdo.ca