

ABBOTSFORD COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY LIST

Please note that this list has been compiled for information purposes and to assist you in finding an appropriate volunteer placement in the community of Abbotsford. Organizations listed are not affiliated with Abbotsford Community Services and may have specific requirements or screening procedures for volunteers. Please contact the organization directly for further information regarding volunteer positions and availability.

- **Volunteer Abbotsford** 604-850-7161
Match volunteers with current opportunities that suit their interests. volunteerabbotsford.ca

PROGRAMS WITH ANIMALS

- **BC SPCA – Abbotsford** 604-850-1584
Assist with animal care, cleaning cages, dog walking, “pet squad”, animal socialization, special events and fostering. spca.bc.ca/Abbotsford
- **Critter Care Wildlife Society** 604-530-2054
Assist with care of injured or orphaned animals, fundraising, care giving, the schools program, contraction, maintenance, special events. crittercarewildlife.org
- **Elizabeth’s Wildlife Center** Elizabeth Melnick 604-852-9173
Assist with care of injured or orphaned small mammals or birds. elizabethswildlifecenter.org
- **Pacific Assistance Dogs Society (PADS)** 604-527-0556
Volunteer puppy raisers, dog walkers and puppy sitters needed. pads.ca
- **Circle F Horse Rescue** Walter 604-859-5192
Feeding, grooming, handling of the horses, cleaning, facility maintenance, and tool care. www.circlef.ca
- **Fraser Valley Humane Society** 604-820-2977
The FVHS works to eliminate the endless suffering of strays and abandoned cats in our community. Volunteers are needed to help with the cleaning, feeding, grooming, and handling of cats and kittens. fraservalleyhumanesociety.com

ADVOCATE GROUPS

- **Amnesty International** 604-864-4671
Attend monthly meetings amnesty.ca
- **Fraser Valley Pregnancy Centre** Valda 604-856-9151
Volunteer Counseling – Training provided. fvpc.ca
- **UNICEF** Anne Worthington 604-874-3666
Special event support, Campaign support (Fall/Spring specific), Special project, Administration
Apply Online unicef.ca

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

- **Abbotsford Downtown Business Association** Ingrid Epp 604-850-6547
Events include the annual Christmas tree lighting & Abbotsford Berry Festival. downtownabbotsford.ca
- **Fraser Valley Indo-Canadian Association** Andy Sidhu 604-853-9322
fvicba.ca

- **The Reach Gallery and Museum** Donna Dempsey **604-864-8087**
Volunteers are needed to work as gallery attendants, special events support, researchers, program assistants, front of house support, and tour staff. www.thereach.ca

CAMPAIGNS

- **The Rice Raiser** Lorri Sawatsky **604-308-1391**
Yearly campaign in Feb & March. Opportunities include assisting with mail outs, deliver materials to schools, pickup and delivery of items, speaker's bureau, photography, research work, special projects. riceraiser.org

CRISIS SERVICES

- **Abbotsford Victim Services** **604-864-4757**
Adult volunteers age 19+. 4 hour shift per weeks dealing with clients who have been victims of crime, crisis calls, court accompaniment. Training provided, **must commit to at least one year.** abbypd.ca
- **Fraser Health Crisis Line** **604-584-5811**
fraserhealth.ca
- **Salvation Army Family Centre** Lorena Jones **604-852-9305**
Redemption café, food services, drive vans for bread run, office work, thrift stores, community crisis response unit, Christmas projects. careandshare.ca
- **Women's Resource Society of the Fraser Valley** **604-820-8455**
Help with gardening, cleaning, admin support, community development. Training provided. wrsfv.ca

CULTURAL GROUPS

- **Arts Council of Abbotsford** Judy White **604-852-9358**
Special events on a monthly basis, set up, hosting, ushering, working at booths and more. abbotsfordartcouncil.org
- **MSA Museum Society & Tretheway House** Jean McAllister **604-853-0313**
Kids summer camps, Canada Day celebrations, and other events. msamuseum.ca
- **Poets Potpourri Society** Donna Bishop **604-859-2798**
Emceeding events, volunteer board members, event planning, and literacy projects. poetspotpourrisociety.com

EDUCATION

- **Abbotsford School District # 34** **604-859-4891**
Opportunities are available at individual schools; please contact your school to find out more. sd34.bc.ca
- **Toastmasters-Sundown Toastmasters Club** Louis Boughton **604-217-1826**
Join with others to practice public speaking, listen, and offer critiques and feedback.
- **UFV – ESL Program** Dorine Garibay **604-854-4581**
- **Gladwin Language Center** **604.854.8160**
Hosts will assist a newcomer adjust to Canadian culture and learn English. www.gladwinlanguagecentre.com
- **Bakerview Eco Dairy Association** Ingrid Epp **604-557-5481**
Promote agri-tourism and agri-technology, educate visitors on green energy conservation and nutrient management, and provide friendly guided tours of the premises. www.ecodairy.ca

EVENTS

- **Abbotsford Agrifair** Harvey **604-852-6674**

Helping in kid's zone, petting zoo, gate keeping, people movers, cleaning grounds etc.

agrifair.ca

- **Abbotsford Air show** 604-852-8511
Assist with transportation, hosting, security, people moving, on-field deliver/operations, runway seating, or parking.
abbotsfordairshow.com
- **Abbotsford Farm Market** Bruce Fatkin 604-996-1542
Held May to Oct yearly.
abbotsfordfarmandcountrymarket.com
- **Abbotsford Berry Beat Festival** Ingrid Epp 604-850-6547
Set up, take down, grounds keeping.
downtownabbotsford.com
- **Canada Day Celebration – Abbotsford** 604-859-3134
Assisting with "Picnic in the Park" and Canada Day Parade
abbotsford.ca

HEALTH ASSOCIATIONS, SUPPORT AND SERVICES

- **Abbotsford Hospice Society** Joanne Halligan 604-852-2456
Companion with clients, fundraising assistance, special events, gardening, support group facilitation. Training provided.
abbotsfordhospice.org
- **Abby House – Creative Centre Society** Cy Lecuyer 604-850-1235
Assist with recreation and social programs for adults 19+ with persistent mental health issues. Programs include maintenance, food services and communications. Volunteers are also needed for the young adult's program, fundraising, and special events.
creativecentresociety.org
- **B.C. Lung Association** Mina or Sofi 604-731-5864
bc.lung.ca
- **Canadian Cancer Society** Karla Reed 604-533-1668
Fundraising, special events, volunteer development, speakers bureau, office/reception, peer support, volunteer drivers, community leadership, "Mission Possible" School Program.
cancer.ca
- **Canadian Diabetes Association** 1-800-226-8464
diabetes.ca
- **Canadian National Inst. for the Blind** 604-431-2121
Community development, canvassing, volunteer readers, childcare assistant, office support, vision mates, special events, speaker's bureau, and reception.
cnib.ca
- **Canadian Red Cross** 604-859-5960
redcross.ca
- **Fraser Valley Brain Injury** Tammie Langston 604-557-1913
Assist with recreation programs for people who have experienced a brain injury.
fvbia.org
- **Heart and Stroke Foundation** (Surrey) 604-591-1955
Walking club, deliver programs, raise funds.
heartandstroke.ca
- **Abbotsford Regional Hospital** 604-851-4891
Application form is online.
fraserhealth.ca
- **Public Health Unit Baby Clinic – Abbotsford** Amerit Sohi 604-864-3400
Assist with signing in and weighing babies.

- **St. John's Ambulance** Maureen Borsoi **604-853-8700**
Volunteer brigade, first aid attendants, sporting events, community gatherings, therapy dog visitation. First Aid certificate required. sja.ca/bcyukon
- **BC Center for Epilepsy & Seizure Education** Laura Yake **604-853-7399**
Advocacy, youth outreach activities, youth education, distribution of educational materials, and raising awareness in the community of epilepsy and seizure first aid. epilepsy.cc

LONG- TERM CARE FACILITIES FOR SENIORS

- **Bevan Lodge** Suzanna Mohamed **604-850-5416**
Assist with resident activities: bingo, bowling, walking program, crafts, and sing alongs. bevanlodge.ca
- **MSA Manor** Kara Murphy **604-853-5831**
Accompany residents on outings, assist with activities: garden club, baking, visiting.
- **Maplewood Home** Sharon Hildebrandt **604-853-5831**
Accompany residents on outings; assist with leisure activities and visitation maplewood.bc.ca
- **Menno Home** Chris Hall **604-853-2411**
Assist with activities: computers, recreation program, visitation, community outings, library, tuck carts, coffee hour, watering flowers. mennoplace.ca
- **Sherwood Crescent Manor** Loraine Ferraro-Gagnon **604-853-7854**
Assist with outings, meal time, recreational program, and visitation. tcgcare.com
- **Tabor Home** Sandra Love **604-859-8715 ex119**
Assist with arts and crafts, sewing, bus outings, "beautiful hands" nail care, tuck cart, meal time, gardening, games, and one on one visitation. taborhome.org
- **Valhaven Home** **604-856-2812**
Accompany residents on outings, assist with leisure activities, visitation. communitascare.com
- **Pleasant View Housing Society** Valerie Jenks **604-826-2154**
Volunteers meet with a senior and engage in shared activities such as crafts, reading, cooking, baking, and playing games. Companions are also needed for lunch outings with the Seniors. missionseniors.ca

PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

- **MSA Society for Community Living** Laverne Nickel **604-852-6800**
Board of directors, bingo, residential aid. msasociety.com
- **Fraser Valley Child Development Centre** Nicole Misura **604-852 2686 ex246**
Volunteers are paired with children who have special needs to assist with sports and leisure activities. A 10 session commitment is required. Screening process, criminal records check and references are required. fvcdc.org
- **Pacific Riding for Developing Abilities Chilliwack** Daphne Clegg **604-858-2149**
Groom and tack horses. Assist riders with disabilities in horseback riding lessons, barn work, assist with facility maintenance, fundraising, special events, horse shows. 10 week commitment required for riding lesson volunteers – training provided. prda.ca
- **Pacific Riding for Developing Abilities Langley** Donna McNab **604-530-8717**
Groom and tack horses. Assist riders with disabilities in horseback riding lessons, barn work, assist with facility maintenance, fundraising, special events, horse shows. 10 week commitment required for riding lesson volunteers – training provided. prda.ca

- Special Olympics** Marion Evans **604-737-3078**
 Work with people of all ages who have cognitive challenges. Must be age 12+ and submit a criminal records check and application. Days, times, and venues vary, program runs from Oct to June yearly. Activities include swimming, bowling, rhythmic gymnastics, floor hockey, track and field, soccer, softball, curling, and basketball.
specialolympics.bc.ca
- Valley Therapeutic Equestrian Association** Megan Chmiel **604-857-1267**
 Groom and tack horses. Assist riders with disabilities in horseback riding lessons. Training provided, lessons run year-round.
vtea.ca
- Communitas Supportive Care Society** Alisa Young **604-850-6608**
 Assist residential support workers in community group home settings to enhance the life of the residents. Volunteers will encourage residents to participate in activities such as reading, singing and games. Other duties can include assisting residents with eating and grooming as well as accompanying residents and staff on outings.
www.mccscs.com

PUBLIC SAFETY

- RCMP Block Parent Program, Block Watch Program, Child Identification, Citizens Patrol, and Crime-free Housing**
 Kelly Peters **604-864-4814**
abbypd.ca

REHABILITATION AND PENAL SERVICES

- Corrections Canada** Ivy Stanley **604-870-2500**
 Volunteering with CC helps engage the community to bridge the gap for inmates. Volunteers can provide workshops to instruct activities such as visual art, pottery, sandblasting, beading, floral arranging, sewing, drama, music, choir, writing, reading clubs, chess clubs, artistic presentations, yoga, tai chi, tennis, and soccer.
csc-scc.gc.ca
- John Howard Society (Fraser Valley)** Sylvia Griffith **604-852-1226**
 Assist with restorative justice programs.
jhsfv.com
- Abbotsford Restorative Justice and Advocacy Association** **604-864-4844**
 Volunteer Mentors/Mediators work with Youth that are in conflict with the Law.
arjaa.org
- Kinghaven Treatment Centre** Milt Walker **604-864-0039 ex11**
kinghaven.ca
- M2/W2 (Man to Man/Woman to Woman)** Mary Reeves **604-859-3215**
 One on one prison visitation, parent mentoring, working with at risk children, "Offenders Circles of Support and Accountability". Training provided and security clearance required.
m2w2.com
- Teen Challenge** **604-575-3930**
 Faith based residential rehabilitation program for young men and women (ages 19 +)
bcteenchallenge.com
- Warm Zone** Michele **604-746-3301**
 Drop-in facility for street engaged women.
wrsfv.ca

SERVICES FOR SENIORS (See also: Long-term Care Facility)

- Clearbrook Golden Age Society** Shirley Hockin **604-853-5532**
 Branch 69/Sunshine Club, assist in kitchen, work on executive or board of directors, recreational activities.
- Fraser Valley Seniors Resource Centre** **604-859-3134**
- Seniors Help And Awareness Council** Kelly Peters **604-864-4814**
- Widows Helping Others** John Blaney **604-853-1367**

SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

- **Gleaners** Carl Goosen **604-870-9272**
Preparing vegetables and fruits for global relief projects. Group & individual opportunities. fvgleaners.ca
- **Habitat for Humanity** **604-557-1020**
Help with communication, construction, fund development, support. habitatufv.ca
- **Kiwanis Club of Abbotsford** Dave **604-852-4501**
abbotsfordkiwanis.org
- **Kiwanis Club of Clearbrook** Manfred **604-309-2034**
- **MSA Golden Kiwanis** Roy **604-850-2712**
- **Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)** Donna **604-850-6639**
Work in thrift store or warehouse, sort goods, cashier, repairing furniture and household items, packing school kits and relief kits, sewing, stocking shelves. mcc.org
- **Salvation Army** Lorena Jones **604-852-9305**
Help with meal prep and clean up at the meal centre, work at the thrift store, drop-in centre or emergency shelter, grounds keeping, maintenance. careandshare.ca
- **United Way of the Fraser Valley** Joelle Mourre **604-852-1234**
Committee help, office work, special events. uwfv.bc.ca

YOUTH & CHILDREN

- **Big Brothers/Big Sisters** David Sheach **604-852-3331**
Be a positive role model & build a friendship with a young person. mentoringworks.ca
- **Boy Scouts** Jane Riddell **604-855-3846**
Work with boys to participate in program activities, camping, fundraising. scouts-fvr.org
- **Girl Guides** **1-800-565-8111**
Work with boys to participate in program activities, camping, fundraising. bc-girlguides.org
- **Youth Commission** Krista Armstrong **604-854-8785**
Help supervise events and programs for youth in grade 10 and older. abbyouth.com
- **Youth Unlimited Abbotsford** youthunlimited.com
 - **SafeRide Home:** gives youth (ages 10-19) a free van ride out of potentially dangerous situations. Youth call 1-888-500-1579, if they are without a ride late at night; if the driver they planned to go home with is intoxicated; or if bullying or violence is threatening their safety. Contact: Doug McKellan **604.854.0545**
 - **C-21 Youth Center:** Youth have fun and build healthy relationships with caring, mature adults. The center has pool tables, foosball, air hockey, video games, a lounge area, basketball, and road hockey. Contact: Maria Dyck **604.308.4786**
- **Kidsport** **604-859-3134**
Provides financial support to children from low income households so they can be involved in organized sports. Volunteers are needed to assist with fundraising. kidsportabbotsford.ca
- **Athletes in Action: Friday Night Basketball** Frank Thoutenhoofd **604-859-1147**
Faith based sports ministry. Looking for coaches to build into the lives of youth athletes. athletesinaction.com