



## VOLUNTEER RECREATIONAL THERAPIST

### Job Summary:

Under the guidance of the Residential or Respite Manager and through active participation with direct support team members, the Volunteer Recreational Therapist will perform a range of supportive functions for Hopewell to facilitate the overall engagement of clients to meet their personal life goals. The Volunteer Recreational Therapist will directly contribute to increasing Hopewell's capacity to actively engage our clients in meaningful activities and encouraging active participation in groups, programs and development of daily life skills.

### Duties and Responsibilities:

The Volunteer Recreational Therapist will: Work directly with the leadership team and direct support staff to ensure clients have active participation in activities within and outside of the home. Activities include; developing programming, setting up and cleanup of activities, engagement with clients to facilitate active participation, reading, going for walks or sensory play. Volunteers will never be responsible for medication, personal care needs or managing challenging behaviours.

### Qualifications:

Good interpersonal skills. Works well independently and as part of a team. Must enjoy working with individuals with a variety of abilities and skill levels. Positive attitude and willingness to learn. Ability to be creative and think pro-actively. Experience working with individuals with developmental disabilities is an asset.

### Benefits:

This position provides valuable experience for students within the psychology, Autism and Behavioural Sciences, Social Work or education field or anyone with a passion for supporting individuals with developmental disabilities. Volunteers are highly valued members of the Hopewell team and contribute to making a significant difference in lives of people we support. Hopewell will provide reference letters for all volunteers who successfully complete a placement with us.

### Time Commitment:

This position requires a minimum 6-month commitment for 1-2 days per week day or weekend. Shifts are typically 4 hours in length. Flexible schedule to meet the needs of the volunteer.

### Location of work:

Hopewell has various locations within the Guelph and Wellington Community. A driver's license and vehicle is not a requirement, but may be helpful. Work location will depend on the specific interests of the volunteer and availability. Programs are offered in both Ariss or Guelph Ontario.

#### VISION

Hopewell envisions a community where all people can reach their full potential in supportive and caring environments.

#### MISSION

To enrich the lives of individuals with a range of physical and developmental abilities to experience a full life.

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*All Hopewell volunteers must complete a Vulnerable Sector Screen Police Check and orientation session prior to placement.*