



VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME . . .to our new volunteers: *MARIENA JOHNSON...ARU DIGHE...LAURIE FRAYNE...NANCY McCORMICK...ANNIE DEMERS*

St. Clair Secondary: *DEANA RUSTON*

Northern Collegiate: *MALIHA SHAMA. . . NICHOLE JOHNSON...BRI-ANNA RAMSDEN*

St. Christopher: *BEVERLY KEMP*

Lambton College: *ASHLEY MILLS*

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In the last newsletter, I told you about our requirement to meet the Customer Service Training Standard for The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA), by January 1, 2010.

All volunteers who are involved with our clients or who come on a regular basis to volunteer at the Centre are required to take the half-hour course. Thanks to about half of you who have completed this. If you have not as of yet, you can access the course on your home computer or let me know and I will make arrangements to have a group session here at Pathways.



Here is a repeat of the instructions from the last newsletter, if you want to do it at home:

*Google www.AccessON.ca

*Click on the first site: Ministry of Community & Social Services

*Click on "Breaking Barriers Together"

*Click on "Serve-Ability" on the right-hand side

*Click on English Flash

*Watch the video, take the quiz, print off the certificate to hand in to Annette (If you have trouble printing the certificate, just let me know.)

Our Special Event / Fundraising volunteers, who have joined us since the last newsletter, have received the tip sheet, "How to Welcome Customers with Disabilities".

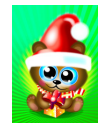
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Wrapping for the Secret Santa Shoppes continues . . .

Wednesday, October 28th, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., and 1-3:30

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**Tentatively Thursday, October 29, 2009, 9:00 a.m. to ??? (All of these wrapping volunteers on this day must be able to lift.)* If you can help with one of these shifts, please let me know.



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Thanks to all the volunteers who have been addressing envelopes for our donation campaign. We will be stuffing all those 2000 envelopes on Monday, November 9th and Tuesday, November 10th, 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-3:30. If you have not already offered and have some time, please let me know.

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Some additions to times and dates that were in the last newsletter for Festival of Trees and the Secret Santa Shoppe, for which help is needed:



The Shoppe is going on the road . . .to Petrolia!

- One more male volunteer is needed to accompany Tracy and volunteer Bob M. in the Centre van on Monday, November 23rd to set up at 11:00.
- Four volunteers are needed each day (Tuesday and Wednesday morning, November 24th and 25th) to help with sales. You will meet Tracy at Pathways 8:30 a.m. and go with her in the Centre van to Petrolia ‘til about 12:00 noon.
- Taking Down of Festival of Trees, Lambton Mall: Monday, December 14th, 10:00 a.m.
- Taking Down of the Secrete Santa Shoppe at Lambton Mall: Monday, November 30th, 9:00 a.m.

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Some of you have notified me about your availability for the Secret Santa Shoppes and Festival of Trees. Thank you! I will be in touch with everyone to fill all the spots!

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Sarnia’s Christmas Parade, Saturday, December 5th: Volunteers are invited to participate by accompanying Pathways’ float down Christina Street. If you are interested, I will give your name to Tracy.

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***Flu Clinic Dates: In my last newsletter, I had included dates when nurses would be here. Since then, we have been told that there *may* be changes to those dates, and we have not heard any more since then.



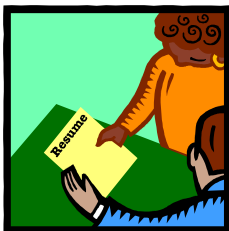
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Sarnia Lambton Olympic Torch Relay, December 24th: Some of you have put your name forward to be Torch Runners. In addition, adult volunteers are needed that day or with promotional activities leading up to it, for the following tasks (approx. 10 hrs.):

1. Control access to backstage area
2. Control access to media area
3. General assistants
4. Production assistants
5. General Security
6. Laying and shifting plywood tracks for trucks

*Please contact me if you are interested

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Check out Pathways website and click on “Just for Volunteers”. I have written an article about including your volunteer work on your resume.

—Annette