

North Canterbury, Christchurch and Selwyn Home Share Programme

Role Description – Home share Volunteer

Purpose of the Role:

To support the Team Leader/Host to bring together persons aged 60 years plus with shared interests in a host's private home or a community facility. To assist with the shared meal, conversations and activities.

Outcomes for a Home share Volunteer:

1. Meet the desire to help others and enhance their own skills in communication with others.
2. Volunteer satisfaction as the volunteers can use their own skills abilities and talents with the clients.
3. Companionship and friendship and being part of a supportive team Volunteers who work together to deliver a varied and interesting programme.

The Volunteer will have the following skills & abilities:

1. An interest and empathy with older people.
2. An ability to relate to and have the patience to understand to older people and their individual needs.
3. The ability to support the clients with activities that provide intellectual stimulation, exercises and fun activities.
4. Good communication skills and the ability to make conversation.
5. A pleasant, respectful and caring manner.

Commitment and location:

1. The ability to commit to volunteering twice a month for the day at the same given location.

Key Tasks will include:

1. Assist with setting up the tables and chairs and activities for the day's programme.
2. Go through the day programme with the Team Leader or Host and agree the tasks for the day.
3. Meet and greet the clients in a friendly manner as they arrive.
4. Provide the client with a beverage and morning tea and assist with the dishes.
5. Assist with running the morning programme.
6. Assist with serving the lunch and doing the dishes.
7. Help with the afternoon activities
8. Farewell the clients after the afternoon tea.

Extra things you will receive:

1. On the job training from the Team Leader or Host.
2. Lunch, morning and afternoon tea.
3. A New Volunteer pack and Volunteer training.
4. You will be offered several times a year relevant workshops and seminars to your work.
5. A mid winter get together and an end of year celebration.
6. A certificate of service once a year.

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