

What Volunteers have said about us

"I came to WoodGreen to help newcomers, but found that I benefited from the program as well."

"I really appreciate how WoodGreen gave me an opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to my community. I met a lot of community members through my involvement, which made me feel more connected to my community than I have in a long time."

"Learning about the diverse backgrounds of my mentees was an opportunity for me to grow too."

"I enjoyed the great cultural events. I always felt very well supported and valued as a volunteer for this program."

Become A Volunteer Today!

If you would like to join or find out more about the community connections program please contact us at:

The Community Connections Program

Tel: 416- 645-6000 ext. 2343

Email: kbarry@woodgreen.org

About WoodGreen

From our beginnings as a small neighbourhood centre in 1937, WoodGreen has grown to 24 locations throughout Toronto's East End. WoodGreen has 500 staff, hundreds of partner organizations and more than a thousand volunteers. A founding United Way member agency, WoodGreen makes opportunities for more than 37,000 individuals and families each year.

We Offer:

- People find safe, affordable housing
- Internationally-trained professionals enter the job market
- Parents access childcare
- Children and youth access after-school programs
- Newcomers settle into Canadian life
- Homeless and marginalized people get off the streets
- Individuals with mental health and developmental disabilities thrive in their communities
- Youth find meaningful employment and training
- Seniors live independently

And much more.

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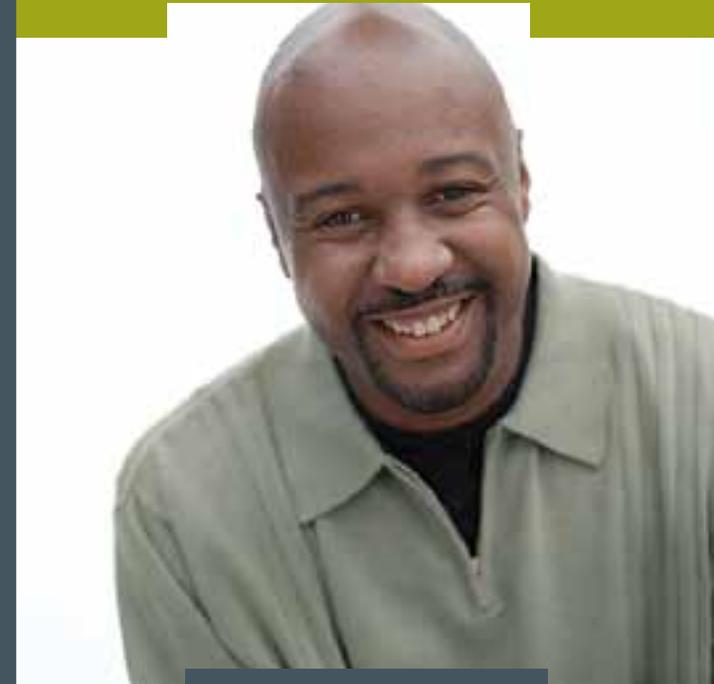
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Volunteer today. Provide opportunities for Newcomers to Canada



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What is the Community Connections Program?

WoodGreen's Community Connections Program is an initiative that assists recent immigrants to integrate into Canadian society through volunteer assistance tuned to their needs.

Community Connections matches newcomers with volunteers who are familiar with Canadian culture, values, workplaces, and everyday life. Volunteers help newcomers adapt to living and working in Canada, guide internationally trained professionals as they enter their field in Canada, practice English, participate in the community and much more.

At the same time, volunteers learn about international cultures, develop new contacts and networks, and strengthen community life.

What Do Volunteers Give?

Volunteers of this Program are established Canadians or permanent residents of Canada who can share their knowledge and experience of their local community, their profession, and life in Canada,

The commitment is easy: we ask for just 24 hours of your time to help improve the lives of those who have chosen to make Canada their new home.

Volunteer Opportunities

Community Connections provides rewarding opportunities for anyone looking for a way to make a real difference in the lives of newcomers to Canada:

- **Mentoring**
Offer support and guidance to an internationally trained professional
- **Networking and Professional Exchange Groups**
Share knowledge and insights within small groups, focusing on topics related to specific professions, workplace culture and more
- **English Conversation Circles**
Engage in conversations and support newcomers as they practice their English
- **Orientation Groups**
Share backgrounds, experiences and cultures with people from around the world while exploring Canada

*All volunteers are required to pass the vulnerable sector police screening and asked to commit 24 hours over up to 16 weeks.

Benefits of the Program

By becoming a volunteer with Community Connections, you will learn about new cultures, different languages and traditions, all while making friends and doing invaluable community work. Volunteering offers you opportunities to:

- Make a difference to an immigrant's life, while learning about their international experience and outlook
- Develop stronger leadership and coaching skills
- Foster cross cultural understanding, diversity, and knowledge of international culture, traditions and business
- Contribute to the economic and social well-being of your community

