**VOLUNTEER PROGRAM REPORT**

**April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022**

The object of the Purpose Volunteer Program is to provide meaningful volunteer opportunities that enhance the mission of the society.

*“The Purpose Society aims to enhance personal well-being, strengthen family functioning and increase personal responsibility, confidence and healthy decision making”.*

Staff and volunteers work together to create healthy environments and positive experiences for clients.

Purpose Society volunteers and practicum students donated 6,471.75 hours in the Purpose School, Family Programs, Youth Hub, Health Van, Stride Program and the Childcare Centres from April 1st, 2021 to March 31st, 2022. This number was up 766.5 hours from the previous year.

Every year a survey is distributed to volunteers to learn what we are doing right and what needs to be improved. Purpose’s goals are to provide volunteers with meaningful positions, to be show them appreciation, and welcome them as part of the team. The surveys help to achieve our goals. This year, 15 surveys were sent to current volunteers, 12 were returned completed.

100% of the volunteers feel welcome, 100% feel like they are making a difference, and 100% feel that they are given enough direction and support from staff. This survey shows that the volunteers want to meet other volunteers and get to know each other.

With this Covid-19 pandemic, it has been a challenge to organize a volunteer appreciation event. We did find another way to show our appreciation for volunteers by giving them Starbucks and other gift cards. .

The 2021 Christmas Hamper Program ran smoothly with staff working alongside volunteers. Thirty-nine volunteers contributed 114.0 hours to help receive, move, organize and deliver over 180 hampers.

**A Few Volunteer Comments from Staff**

**From the Rent Bank:**

We have had three volunteers working with the Purpose Rent Bank Program this year.  All three volunteers have shown adherence to their time commitments with the Purpose Rent Banks.  All three have presented positive attitudes when here and have been open to doing whatever work we needed assistance with from filing, data entry, and document organization to helping with technology use.

The volunteers have helped the Purpose Rent Bank Program to keep our physical files organized and our data records up to date.

All of our volunteers have been wonderful!

**From our Administrative Team:**

I must say that all of the volunteers that come by my window are very friendly!  While I do not work with the volunteers, I know they all contribute in a big way.  I have had more interaction with Haley and Kai and I cannot say enough about their going beyond whatever is asked of them.

I would love to point out that Kai and Haley are both amazing and go beyond every day and always with a positive attitude and a smile. A joy to be around! ☺

The new volunteers that I have worked with directly are so enthusiastic and excited to help the community and become a part of our organization.

**Purpose Volunteers are the best!**